

Alabama Chapter of the Alabama Water Resources Association  
Symposium Planning Conference Call December 8, 2014

Participants: Todd Boatman, Sam Fowler, Amanda Fleming, Eve Brantley, Pat O'Neil

Updates – Amanda Fleming noted that Kenneth Odom would meet with the AWRA accountant, Mike Catt, in May. This early meeting is recommended as it gives the accountant ample time to complete forms by the due date in September. This is Mr. Catt's third year serving as the AWRA accountant and he is familiar with the organization's requirements.

Conference expenses – All invoices from the 2014 Symposium have been paid and the books are current.

Minutes – Eve will send a note to George Marodis requesting that he post the minutes from the September business meeting on the AWRA web page.

Certificates – Eve commented that sending certificates through email to those who requested them worked well. No more than 20 participants requested a certificate. Eve will send the ballot form and certificate template to Pat O'Neil.

Meeting Planning - Amanda thanked everyone for getting an early start on the 2015 Symposium planning. She will be on maternity leave in March 2015.

To give people notice and time to plan their 2015 calendars, Sam will ask Eric Reutebuch to send a 'Save The Date' email to the conference and symposium mailing list. The 2015 dates are September 9 – 11.

Symposium Topics – Potential topics for the symposium include an update on the National Water Center in Tuscaloosa. The AWRA board will plan a meeting and tour of the National Water Center in January 2015 to meet with contacts, discuss feasibility of centering the symposium on their program and partners, and brainstorm other potential topics. Sam noted that he has worked closely with Sam Cantorno from the National Water Center to plan previous meetings. Eve commented that a symposium that explored point and nonpoint source pollution management would be interesting.

Amanda will send Kenneth Odom a request to coordinate a tour of the National Water Center.

Todd encouraged the AWRA board to resubmit for a national AWRA award, highlighting the successful symposium and conference. Amanda reminded the group that Jane Rowan served on the national board and offered to review the application.

Sam, Pat, Eve and others will encourage participation by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management in the 2015 meeting. A good opportunity for this will be at the 2015 Alabama Nonpoint Source Conference that will be held in Montgomery on January 2015.