

SW Section Conference Call 9-12-11

Call to Order- 4:01 PM by Russ Baier

Introduction / Roll Call -

Attendees:

- Russ Baier – Central Texas Chapter (SW Section Chair)
- Anna Childers – Oklahoma Chapter (Chair)
- Malcolm Richards – Gulf Coast Chapter (SW Section Secretary)
- Art Bedrosian – High Plains Chapter (Director)
- Chris Rogers – High Plains Chapter (Chair)
- Juan Gil – High Plains Chapter (Vice-Chair)
- Marla Roberts– Alamo Chapter (Chair)
- Terry Casey – Alamo Chapter (SW Section Treasurer)
- Cindy Smiley – Central Texas Chapter (SW Section Director)
- Kevin Smith – Central Texas Chapter (Chair)

Note: 7 Board members, including Chapter representatives, were present which did constitute a quorum (4 Board members are required for a quorum).

Minutes from Previous Conference Call – Terry Casey stated – p.3 ACE 2012 – goal is \$260,000 and not \$150,000. The minutes are correct, but the amount was miss-stated. Art Bedrosian motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Cindy Smiley seconded. All approved; no objections.

Treasurer Report – Terry Casey Report through August. Expenses were mostly reimbursements for expenses this month.

Restricted Funds:

Scholarship Donation - High Plains	\$2,000.00
Scholarship Donation - Central Texas	\$2,600.00
ACE 2012 Planning Balance	\$1,594.04

TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS AS OF JULY 31, 2011:	\$6,194.04
OPERATING FUNDS AS OF JULY 31, 2011:	\$8,614.73
TOTAL RESOURCES AS OF JULY 31, 2011:	\$14,808.77

See Treasurer report for details.

ACE 2012 Chapter Donation Status

N. Texas - – has not donated to ACE 2012 fund this last round. Since no one from North Texas Chapter was on the call, Russ will contact for update.

Oklahoma – has not donated to ACE 2012 fund this last round. Anna Childers stated that this has not yet been considered by the board. Next board meeting is around mid-October.

Scholarship Restricted Funds

A discussion began regarding how to use the scholarship funds that are sitting in the account. The discussion was generally tabled since it was not on the agenda and it was agreed that Terry Casey will create options to put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Chris Rogers moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Art Bedrosian seconded the motion. All approved; no objections.

Section Activities

ACE 2012 Planning – Terry Casey (Conference Chair) is organizing and on many conference calls with ACE 2012 committees. Call for abstracts now is on the HQ website.

Art Bedrosian (Technical Program Committee) sending many emails to many industries for papers. If we receive multiple papers for one type of industries, plan to have a symposium for a particular industry.

September 26 meeting in San Antonio – the ACE 2012 Local Host Committee, committee chairs, A&WMA HQ staff and others will convene to discuss and plan lay-out, hotels, technical program. Meetings begin at 8 AM at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. The participants will tour the hotel and convention center and other venues and will have monthly meetings thereafter.

Sponsorship – BMW has signed with A&WMA International as a three-year sponsor. Samsung has agreed to sponsor \$15,000 for the internet café. CPS has committed to sponsor for \$5,000. The committee requests 3-4 names of people from each chapter to be sponsorship liaisons for the Chapter to help get sponsors for ACE 2012 and will feed to Patrick Bartosh's Sponsorship committee.

Exhibitor – Space is currently half full. TCEQ has given us their exhibitor list from the Trade Fair.

ACE 2012 Fund – Low, but Terry Casey thinks we have enough for completion of the committee's work if we receive funds from the Oklahoma and North Texas Chapters.

NSR Workshop in Houston in April 13, 14 –Waiting for check from HQ.

Art Bedrosian asked if we had received our profit share from HQ for the NSR Workshop in Houston. Terry reported that no funds have yet been received. Russ will contact HQ regarding status and encourage transfer of funds to the SWS.

Website Update – <http://www.awma-sw.org/index.htm> Russ Baier – site is updated. Need to add a link for call for abstracts for ACE 2012. Anna Childers has not received an invoice for

services for last few months and is looking into what is going on with Web Administrator. Any updated or changes to the website should be sent to Anna so that they can be coordinated with Web Administrator.

2012 SW Section Nominating Committee – Art Bedrosian willing to be on nominating committee. Russ Baier has been unable to find a copy of the current bylaws to verify nominating process but will check with HQ (and others) to obtain a copy. He will follow up with emails based on review of Section by-laws to develop a ballot.

Chapter Reports

Alamo - Marla Roberts – Last meeting well attended (60-70 in attendance) Next meeting next month.

Central Texas - Kevin Smith – Annual Cruise around Lake Austin soon on September 23, 2011. Continue to hold monthly meetings.

Gulf Coast Chapter – Malcolm Richards – Next meeting is tomorrow. Last month the Chapter awarded \$18,000 in scholarships.

High Plains Chapter – Chris Rogers – The chapter had a presentation on the CSAPR at last meeting. Next meeting will be an update on asbestos issues and trends from the local asbestos inspector. Chapter still needs to update the website.

North Texas Chapter – No report.

Oklahoma Chapter – Anna Childers – Tulsa & OK City meeting will be in mid-October by USGS. Upcoming elections are in November. The chapter is planning to give out a \$1,000 scholarship by the end of the year. The Chapter plans to start charging for meetings.

Next Meeting Schedule

Next meeting was set for Monday, November 14 at 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

On Next Agenda

Use of restricted scholarship funds for ACE 2012 attendees

Status of nomination committee/elections

ACE 2012 Status

Adjourned at 5:01PM