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Minnesota Ground Water Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Regular monthly meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Location:

- Meeting was called to order at 11:32 AM. The meeting was held as an online Zoom Meeting

Attendance:

- Julia Steenberg, Past-President; Tony Runkel, President; Jeré Mohr, President-Elect; Vanessa Baratta, Treasurer; Michael Ginsbach, Secretary; Sean Hunt, Management; Sherri Kroening, Newsletter

Agenda:

- No changes to agenda.

Past Minutes:

- All in favor, past minutes approved.

Reports:

Treasurer:

- Barratta reported that as of today the total income is \$47,999.62, net income is \$22,161.46, and total assets are \$110,503.70 as of this morning.
- Baratta worked with Jennie Leete this week to electronically sign and submit the taxes for the year.
- Baratta will also submit the final numbers from last year and will work with Kara Dennis to file the numbers for both the Board and the Foundation.

Management (WRI):

- Hunt said the team has been working on the conference recently - creating the brochure and mailing the brochure and the membership renewals to approximately 500 people. Hunt notes that processing membership renewals, conference registrations, and Foundation donations has been most of their time so far.
- Hunt said that the taxes need to be filed using the 990EZ form for non-profits. He notes that the forms have been changed lately and the IRS only allows for online

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filing of this form instead of downloading and filling out the form. Hunt found a free e-filing group for low income non-profits. The taxes have been filled.

- Hunt notes that in past year non-related business income for things such as selling t-shirts or advertisements in the newsletter would be required on a separate 990T form. Since there are no additional items being sold the 990T does not need to be filed.
- At this point, there are over 250 registrants for the fall conference. Runkel sent the speaker bios to Hunt over the weekend. Hunt asked Runkel to finalize the agenda document. Once finalized, these will be emailed to registrants tomorrow. The conference registration link was mailed on Friday and last night. Hunt said that he will continue to send out invites up to the start of the conference. Hunt needs to set up the survey, post the speaker bios to the website, and post the speaker abstracts to the websites soon.
- Runkel said that he had Steenberg look at the agenda and they did not see any errors; as such, the agenda could be considered final. Runkel will send the missing information to Hunt as soon as he has it.

Newsletter:

- Kroening said that the first email blog without Andrew Streitz has been sent. The Newsletter team will meet tomorrow to finalize the articles for the next morning. Kroening will ask Baratta and others for more information on upcoming events such as retirements.

Foundation/Education Committee:

- Steenberg notes that the foundation has not met since the last meeting. Steenberg is heading up the scholarship committee and will plan to give an update on the meeting on Thursday, mostly about the scholarship committee.
- Steenberg said there was some misunderstanding about the discussion last month related to the Education committee's brochure.
- Steenberg, Mohr, and Runkel will be attending the Education committee meeting in December. This meeting will be about updating the earth science standards.

Practice Webinar:

- The practice webinar began at 11:50 am.
- Ginsbach will handle chat, Baratta will handle Q&A, and Mohr will handle raised hands.
- The order will proceed Q&A, chat, and raised hands for questions.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:00 PM.

Action Items:

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Next Meeting:

- The next meeting will be December 21 on Zoom.