

# MINNESOTA GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

## BOARD MEMORANDUM

**Date** | 3/30/2023  
**To** | MGWAF Directors and Staff  
**From** | Jarrod Cicha  
**Regarding** | Draft Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 8, 2023 quarterly meeting

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Microsoft Teams meeting: 11:00

Attendance: Stu Grubb (President); Kara Dennis; Julia Steenberg; Katrina Marini; Tony Runkel; Jeré Mohr, Eric Mohring.

Erik motions to approve the 12/8/2022 meeting minutes with minor changes, Tony seconds. All approved.

### **Financial Update –Kara**

Kara: The board's accounts are doing much better this quarter, not fully recovered from 2022 but it's nice to put numbers in the positive.

HOP up \$11.3K (4.98%) this quarter and YTD.

Gibanski up \$3k (4.22%) this quarter and YTD.

Total endowment down \$14.3K this quarter and YTD.

Kara is working on the annual report, she is nearly complete, she will add the donations category and email to Foundation when she is finished. We'll want to make sure to document all cash and Venmo donations from the Fall conference.

*Action Items –*

*Thank you notes- reminder to keep up with these. Sean will reorganize the list and Erik will try and get 2022 notes out ASAP with the rest of the Foundations help.*

### **Scholarships - Julia**

The scholarship committee met and has 4 suggestions for winners.

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Undergrad- Kacie Malone (seeking Bachelors of Science in Environmental geoscience, U of MN Twin Cities), and Annabelle Klevann (seeking a Bachelors of Science in Hydrogeology with an emphasis in water chemistry at UW Eau Claire).

Graduate- Charlie Soucey (seeking PhD in Hydrogeology, U of MN Twin Cities), and Gurpartee Singh (seeking PhD in Land and Atmospheric Science, U of MN Twin Cities).

Kara makes a motion to approve the 4 scholarships recommended by the scholarship committee and Tony seconds. All approve.

*Action items -*

*Julia will send out email letters to the applicants.*

*Jennie and Sean will mail checks.*

### **Hydro Field Camp Award**

Julia asks if we can contact Scott to determine if we are going to do this again this year. We'd need to set up an advisory committee and get this going pretty quickly as students are registering. This is set up to be available for other hydro field camp as well.

*Action items -*

*Stu will touch base with Scott to determine if he is willing to do this again this year or to figure out how to keep it going in the future.*

### **Children's water festivals**

Children's water festivals are back up and running this year. Julia received email inquiring about a larger funding amount for the Metro Children's Water Festival. In the past we've contributed 2,500 and would consider a larger amount if it can be documented where the funds are going and for what purpose. So far, no requests have come in on that yet. Encourage them to submit an application.

### **MGWA Update – Jeré**

Spring Conference planning is in full swing. The plan is to do one virtual conference each year and one in-person conference. That seems to align with feedback given at recent conferences. The theme will be on unique water supplies across the state.

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The newsletter will come out in March.

The board is actively discussing membership decline in recent years and looking into strategies for retaining members and member benefits.

*Action items -*

*Julia will let Sherri know about the Scholarship winners.*

The next MGWAF meeting is scheduled on Thursday, June 8, 2023 – 11:30 AM

Julia motions to adjourn, Kara seconds. All in favor.