

MINNESOTA GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

BOARD MEMORANDUM

Date | 7/3/2023
To | MGWAF Directors and Staff
From | Jarrod Cicha
Regarding | Draft Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 8, 2023 quarterly meeting

Zoom meeting: 11:30

Attendance: Stu Grubb (President); Julia Steenberg; Katrina Marini; Jeré Mohr; Jarrod Cicha; Eric Mohring, Scott Alexander, Sean Hunt.

Julia motions to approve the 3/8/2023 meeting minutes with minor changes, Eric seconds. All approved.

Financial Update –Kara

The board's accounts are doing much better this quarter, scholarships were sent out but are not noted on the quarterly report.

HOP up \$16K this quarter and \$27K (12.39%) YTD.

Gibanski up \$3k this quarter and \$6K (9.11%) YTD.

Total endowment up \$18K this quarter and \$32.5K YTD.

Action Items –

Kara – Update the quarterly report to include withdrawals

MNWOO printing cost increase - Stu

Stu motions to approve extra printing costs, Julia seconds. All in favor. Motion approved.

MGWA update – Jere

Jeff Stoner applied for seat on clean water council. The board approved a letter supporting Jeff's application to the board.

Spring conference recap. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive. 290 registrants. Balanced preference between virtual and in-person conferences. Planning one in person and one virtual conference for this year. Fall conference will be in person at the Heritage Center in Brooklyn

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Center. Centered around the 50th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Ready to add exhibitors back into the program this year now that we are familiar with the venue.

Electronic advertising in the newsletter is not viable. Few inquiries, tax complexities.

Private water quality letter was sent to MWWA detailing collaboration pathways between MGWA and MWWA.

Action Items: Formulate list of potential exhibitors. Start with former exhibitors.

Scholarships - Julia

No updates. What do we do with the Hydrogeology Field Camp Award? Roll responsibility into the Scholarship committee?

Scott says there is still time to give out an award for this year. There is a class list available that we can email the award information to.

Action Items: Scott will compile the award paperwork and send it to the board. Award will be the amount of current course fees. June 30th is the deadline. Julia will send out the information to Hydrocamp instructors and professors.

DEI Committee

Haven't met in a while.

Funding requests

The foundation has received a smaller amount of funding requests in the past two years.

Julia – Webpage could use a revamp. Highlight the ability to get grants on the front page of the website.

Action Items: Jere will discuss with the MGWA about editing the website to make the MGWAF grants more prominent and easier to find.

Eric – Thank you notes need to be caught up on. Thank you letter templates are on the drive.

The next MGWAF meeting is scheduled on Thursday, September 5, 2023 – 11:30 AM

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