

# MINNESOTA GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

## BOARD MEMORANDUM

**Date** | 9/19/2023

**To** | MGWAF Directors and Staff

**From** | Jarrod Cicha

**Regarding** | Draft Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 5, 2023 quarterly meeting

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Zoom meeting: 11:30

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

Julia motions to approve the 6/8/2023 meeting minutes with minor changes, Eric seconds. All approved.

### **Financial Update –Kara**

The board's accounts are doing much better this quarter. Gained value again since last meeting. Two deposits into Gibanski fund in June. Amazon smile is done.

HOP up \$3K this quarter and \$8.8K (9.11%) YTD.

Gibanski up \$12k this quarter and \$40K 17.26%) YTD.

Total endowment up \$16K this quarter and \$49.8K YTD.

### **Award Request**

Washington County Department of Public Health children's water festival has submitted a grant request for funding.

The request is \$1,000 more than previous requests. This is due to increased costs and increased efforts to bring more diverse speakers and underrepresented children to the festival.

Eric – Schools from the 7-county metro usually attend this event. This request is in line with many of MGWAF's goals and mission statement.

Scott Motions to approve request for \$3,500, Julia 2nds. All in favor, motion passes.

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*Action Item: Stu will contact Sean and Jennie about award, send check and award letter to Washington County.*

### **MGWA update – Jere**

MGWA board has not met since July. Next meeting is in mid-September. Fall conference on November 11th. 50 years of the clean water act.

Should we have vendors at the conference? Bord members discussed having vendors at the conference and were supportive of the idea.

Julia - vendors have helped support student attendance costs at the conference.

Stu – There was a spreadsheet with vendor contacts at some point. This list would be a good starting point.

There is an opportunity to be present at the Earth and Environmental Sciences Career Fair. October 10th. Julia can help at the fair. Kara has gone to represent the MDH, it's helpful to have a giveaway item to get students to stop at your booth.

*Action Items:*

*Kara will reach out to local colleges with geology departments so they can encourage students to attend.*

*Jere will ask Sean and Jennie about the list of previous vendors.*

### **Hydrocamp Scholarships – Scott**

Scott - Didn't happen this year. Let's start planning now. Applications for Hydrocamp start arriving around January 1<sup>st</sup>. The scholarships previously covered course fees, around \$1,400 per student. Two awards typically given. This money should come out of HOP fund.

The board discussed the distribution of scholarship application materials. Materials should go out at the same time as the other scholarship.

*Action Items:*

*The scholarship committee will look at the previous application materials and assess if any edits need to be made.*

*Sean will put application on website when approved.*

### **Scholarship Committee**

Julia – Will check in with committee and scholarship materials will go out before the MGWAFs next meeting.

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## **Web page updates**

No progress on this, what is the MGWA board's opinion?

Julia – Andrew Retzler has indicated he is willing to help with the website. If the board would like help, he is willing to.

*Action Items:*

*Review the website and come up with specific suggestions and solutions to present at the December meeting.*

*Jere – Bring up the website at the next MGWA board, Andrew is willing to help.*

## **Thank you notes**

Eric and Julia sent out thank you notes. Should we send emails instead of hand written notes for smaller donations? Eric and Julia will continue to chip away at the list of thank yous.

*Action Item:*

*Kara will draft an email for Give To The Max Day. The email will be sent to all MGWA members.*

## **DEI Committee**

No meeting.

## **Renaming the PA Scholarship**

Should we include Scott in the scholarship name? If changed, we should name it in the year end financial report.

## **Schedule next meeting**

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30

Virtual meeting

## **Adjourn**

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