

A&WMA Baltimore-Washington Chapter

Board Meeting Summary

August 18, 2021, 12pm – 1pm

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1. Attendance met the quorum requirement:
 - a. Sunhee Park, Chair
 - b. Hannah Ashenafi, Vice Chair
 - c. Flint Webb, Past Chair
 - d. Cathe Kalisz, Special
 - e. Janine Whitken, Secretary
 - f. Susan Wierman, Director
 - g. Tiffany Dillow, Special Director
 - h. John Kinsman, member
2. Motion for Approval of July Meeting Summary carried.
3. Updated Review of A&WMA Board Position on COVID-19 Relative to Future Conferences and Workshops. Flint Webb and Sunhee Park reported no decision on the future COVID policies for conferences and workshops until the Board of Directors call on August 27. Sunhee Park reported this could affect the RTP Chapter Information Exchange because of the 50% sponsorship by HQ.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership (Wierman) Susan reported on lapsed members and will reach out to those members.
 - b. Outreach/Web Site (Dillow). SASS site is up to date with finalized meeting summaries. Sunhee to send Stephanie Philips the notice of the Regulatory Hot Topic Issues/Updates on August 26, 5:30pm. **Action Item:** Tiffany to provide updates to chapter Board members.
 - c. Finance (Black). Sunhee reported receipt of dues reimbursement, increasing our balance to \$7,949.59 and that Kevin is planning to do the account audit in September.
 - d. Education (Webb). Nothing to report this period.
5. Programs
 - a. Regulatory Hot Topic Issues/Updates – August 26, 5:30pm. Hanna reported 17 confirmed acceptances for the meeting to date.
 - b. Program ideas
 - National Arboretum – September? With regard to the previously suggested meeting at the National Arboretum, a discussion was held about whether or not the Chapter wants to hold in-person events at this time. The Board decided to postpone scheduling any outdoor events given the Delta variant and current COVID-19 transmission data.
 - Ozone season report – October. **Action Item:** Hannah Ashenafi is going to contact Mr. Sunil Kumar of DC Council of Governments (COG) to see if he can give an ozone season and PM presentation for a future virtual meeting.

- Update on the NAAQS (John Kinsman) John and Susan briefly discussed the status of EPA efforts on NAAQS. Major new activity on the ozone and PM2.5 NAAQS remains months in the future and a chapter event should be timed for when there is significant content to discuss.
- Climate Change-September. Flint Webb is going to contact his Hampton Roads contact to see if they can provide a presentation on the status of climate change planning for military facilities at Hampton Roads. This would be for a September virtual meeting, perhaps to be held on Thurs., September 30th at 5:30 p.m. If Flint is not able to coordinate this with Hampton Roads, he will commit to presenting himself on climate change relating to the IPCC report including providing updates on sea level rise and intensity frequency.
- Brainstorming for Additional Topics. Susan Wierman visited a museum in Gettysburg recently and that James Posey Associates, a Baltimore-based engineering company, had re-done the museum building to utilize geothermal energy and that it was impressive. She suggested maybe we approach Posey to see if they would give a presentation. No further discussion took place.

6. Old/New Business

a. Chapter Expansion

- Survey Result Hannah Ashenafi presented the results to the Chapter survey relating to 1) whether to include all of Virginia in the Chapter instead of only the Northern Region of VA and 2) what to change the name of the Chapter to in order to reflect this change. She reported that there were 26 responses and that 100% of the respondents agree that all of Virginia should be included in the Chapter. The Chapter name vote did not yield an obvious preference for the chapter, so a Board vote was taken. The vote ended with Susan Wierman moving to change the name to the Chesapeake Chapter and Flint Webb seconding. All were in favor. Therefore, it was decided that the Chapter, inclusive of all of Virginia, would be renamed the "Chesapeake Chapter". This was partly because the names that incorporated the state names had to be written with one state listed first and one last and it implied inequality, perhaps. Hannah will send a copy of the survey to the Board via email.
- The next step is to make the appropriate by-law edits and to write a formal request to change the chapter to include all of Virginia and to call it the Chesapeake Chapter.
Action Item: Sunhee Park will draft the request and the by-law changes. She will send around via email for Board review. The desire is to present this at the September 17, 2021 Sections & Chapters meeting for approval. Sunhee plans on including the survey results with the request.

b. YP Meeting Update (Ashenafi)

c. Other Business

7. Next meeting: 16 September, 12:00 noon.

8. Adjourned