

Board Meeting Conference Call  
April 20, 2010 – Minutes  
by Tanya Bund

Attendees:

Robert Newman                      Damon Letz                      Jeff Harkins                      Robert Kilpatrick  
Brian Glidden                      Dave Larson                      Tanya Bund

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Six Board members were in attendance.

2. Minutes from February 16, 2010 Board Meeting

The Board accepted the minutes for the February 16, 2010 High Desert Branch Board meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report - Account Balance is \$49,815.60

A discussion was had on what expenses the Branch accrues each year:

Scholarship Funds:	\$9,000
Website Maintenance:	\$500
Holiday Dinner (Awards/Prizes):	\$500

The Golf Tournament organized by the Branch is the main revenue contributor to the scholarship fund with an approximate net of \$17,000. It was mentioned that the Chapter has not sent the Branch Rebates in the last two years, which is approximately \$600 per year.

- **Action Item: Robert Newman will contact the Coachella Branch president and find out if they received their Branch Rebate. He will also follow-up with the Chapter secretary.**

4. General Membership Meeting is in Victorville, June 15, 2010

As Wilson was not at this meeting, Robert Kilpatrick will follow-up with Wilson and stir-up interest for the General Membership meeting by making an announcement at a local water district meeting he is attending.

- **Action Item: Kilpatrick with follow-up with Wilson on the General Membership meeting that is scheduled to be in Victorville on June 15, 2010**

5. Website Update

- **Action Item: Tanya needs to work with Brian, so that she can download items onto the Branch's website.**

6. Consideration of 2010 Scholarship Awards

The Scholarship Committee has received 30 to 34 applications. Not all of the applicants are studying for civil engineering; there are a few aerospace and technology engineering applicants. In addition, about five applicants are outside of the Branch's boundaries and would the Board limit their sphere of influence to not include these applicants. Presently, the committee awards \$9,000 in scholarships. With the large numbers of applicants this year,

should the Board approve increasing the cap to \$15,000? The committee could award more money to civil engineering applicants and less to non civil, such as aerospace, technology, or environmental. The committee is seeing repeat applicants, who were awarded scholarships in previous years. Should the committee award the repeat applicants as they are studying for civil engineer degrees? It was reminded that the goal of the Board is to encourage applicants to seek their career in Public Works. For future applicants, it might be requested that they include a brief essay as how their major would relate to Public Works. The Board is acceptable with increasing the amount to \$15,000. Robert is requesting that the committee come back to the next Board meeting with a recommendation.

- **Action Item: Tanya will find out which APWA branch Rosemond and Ridgecrest belong to.**
- **Action Item: Scholarship Committee bring a recommendation to the Board to increase the number of scholarships awarded either by more scholarships or increase amount awarded or both.**

## 7. Committee Updates

- a. Scholarship & Awards – See above
- b. Golf – Jeff reported that the committee will start meeting next month and that the core members of the committee are still the same. If there is interest from other APWA members to participate, please let Jeff know. Committees meeting are not by conference calls
- c. Holiday Dinner – Damon confirmed with the Board that there is still interest in having the dinner at Vincent Hill. The dinner is scheduled for December 3, 2010.

## 8. Tours

Damon reported that at the last General Membership in March, members did not volunteer any new tour ideas. Robert said he may pursue the Waste Management tour in Lancaster. He will first check to see if there is interest before he pursues this. Suggestion was made to visit the Rosemond Groundwater Recharge.

## 9. Consideration of Funding Pledge to Southern California Chapter for 2012 APWA Conference in Anaheim

How much does the Branch want to contribute to the 2012 Congress? Robert reported that Ventura was contributing \$20,000 and that San Diego was planning on contributing as well. The High Desert Branch has approximately 100 members and should we base our contribution by how many members we have. The Southern California Chapter has only three years compared to the 5 years other Chapters would have had to raise the money. The Board discussed contributing \$5,000 by giving \$2,500 this year and the remaining \$2,500 in 2011. The final contribution will more or less will be considered depending on the outcome of the Branch Rebate from Chapter.

## 10. Other Items

David asked the Board what should the Education Committee being doing to help the General Membership. The Board suggested that when APWA has training that we should help facilitate the location, assist with promoting, and team-up with APWA. The committee

could also survey the General Membership on what types of seminars or webinars would benefit them. If at all possible have the cost of the training be zero.

The next Board Member call-in meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2010

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