

OFMA Managing Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

At Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources
Division of Soil and Water Resources
2045 Morse Road, Bldg. B-2
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Call to Order and Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by the President at 9:45 AM. Two Board Members joined via Skype. The other members convened At the ODNR, Division of Soil and Water Resources in Columbus, Ohio. This meeting was a regular meeting for the Board.

1. Roll Call:

Stephen Moore, President; Cindy Crecelius, Secretary; Mark Seidelmann, Treasurer; Shawn Arden, Past-President; Christopher Thoms, ODNR Representative; Jacob Hoover, Ohio EMA Representative; and Members at Large: Jerry Brems, Mike Mihalisin, Matt Whitehead, Alicia Silverio, Renee VanSickle.

The Vice-President, WMAO Representative, and a Member at Large were absent. **The requirement of a quorum was satisfied.** (A simple majority of the members of the Managing Board shall constitute a quorum. Non-voting positions are Past-President and WMAO Representative.) Dana Oleskiewicz participated as a guest.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the July 20, 2016 Board Meeting and August 25, 2016 Annual Membership Meeting, as prepared by the Secretary, were provided in advance to the Managing Board. **Motion** to approve the meeting minutes was made and Seconded. The minutes were approved as is.

3. WMAO Update:

Stephen shared that WMAO is discussing giving money to the Divisions based on yearly financial standing. The approach



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Minutes approved by:

Cynthia Crecelius, Secretary

Approved Date: _____

would include three ways to disburse a fixed amount of \$10,000: 1) \$500 flat rate to each Division, 2) \$2,000 set aside for seed money towards a specific project, and 3) the remainder, \$5,500, would be split up according to percentage of membership in each Division.

It was also suggested at the last WMAO meeting to give each Division \$1000 in 2016. This went to vote and preliminary results to the motion indicate that it will be passed. Jerry asked if that amount would be placed into ASFPM Conference fund. No consensus. Alicia will be addressing additional ways to raise money for the event.

WMAO also requested that sponsorship lists from the Divisions be shared. There is discussion to detail an agreement between Divisions to offer discounted rates to exhibitors for multiple WMAO/Division conferences. Stephen asked for reaction from the OFMA Board. Shawn mentioned that it depends on the details as the policy is drafted. From the viewpoint of the consultant, this would be a benefit. For the Divisions, coordination, fee structure, and disbursement of funds would need defined. Such as, would vendors pay with one check or would free registration still be offered or would the ability to spend the money as desired in each Division be limited. General sense is that sharing of sponsorship information is supported and that there would be a benefit to participate in a multi-event, multi-Division policy.

WMAO requested input for budgeting of administrative services. What services do the Divisions need that could be offered by the WMAO office. Preparing meeting minutes has been an added service to OFMA. Alicia mentions Webex would offset travel to Columbus. Shawn offers that after the OFMA annual planning meeting, this question can be answered better. Cindy says that a training for Division Board of Directors would be helpful to establish consistency and more efficient operations between WMAO and the Divisions.

4. Top 5 Priority Action Items:

Organizational goals will be reviewed at the upcoming OFMA Board planning meeting. Ideas below will be discussed and goals established. No further discussion.

- **Stakeholders**
- **Enhancing OFMA Website Resources**
- **Electronic Surveys**
- **Videoconferencing**
- **Geocoding WMAO Membership Roster**

5. OSFMC 2016 Conference Update:

Alicia passed out the draft financial report on the Conference, as of Monday (attached). She reviewed the income and expenses. There are still outstanding bills and anticipated income from unpaid registrations. Dana said another invoice went out last week. The invoice has been received from

Doubletree and Alicia will be clarifying a few items. Revisions to the report will be made accordingly and will sent to the Board in October.

Intent is for income to come from sponsorships and not registration fees to keep the cost down. Alicia will be sending out a survey to attendees. There were over 200 attendees and good response on the keynote. Rhonda Montgomery was suggested for next year, as was a coastal track and possibly an emergency training. Contract will be signed with Doubletree Hotel for August 23 and 24, 2017. Professional quality photos were taken by Scott Jackson and Alicia offers copies to Board. Dana suggests that an article be submitted to WMAO for the October newsletter.

6. Committee Reports:

Legislative / Policy – Cindy provided an update on the private insurance policy. Senator Sherrod Brown aides were well versed on risk mapping, private insurance, and local prospective. No flooding in Ohio in recent times so there is complacency in the agencies. Senator's office asked for successes and communities to showcase as example of good practices. Senate bill 1679 private flood bill is in committee. There is no urgency at present to be moved forward. Risk with private insurance were highlighted during the meeting. There is a loose partnership between communities, state, and FEMA. Three legs of protection; insurance, mapping, and regulation. The staffers were well educated on the topic.

Education / Outreach – Alicia has worked on creating a two dimensional model training in late March or early April. There is space available at Doubletree Hotel. Don Chase with the University of Dayton has been invited to lead the workshop. His fees are \$350/day plus expenses. If registration fee is \$650 to attend with meals, OFMA would clear \$11,000. If hosted two events, could make about \$20,000 towards ASFPM conference. The cap on attendees would be 30. Private sector as a goal to raise for national conference. Hours of education for continuing education is a very reasonable cost compared to other offers. Shawn mentioned that even people from out of state might attend. Could offer it in Columbus and Cincinnati area. Don is a quality instructor. He is sending Alicia an agenda for the course. HEC RAS usually receives around 15 attendees. OFMA could consider offering a member and nonmember rates.

Additional planning to be done at the December meeting. Julie Lawson and Jim Fox are interested in being more active with OFMA. If videoconferencing is offered, their participation would be more likely. Perhaps WMAO could support the purchase of videoconferencing software such as GoToMeetings.

Finance – nothing to report.

Science Technology – Matt Whitehead had nothing to report.

7. Other Business:

Cindy and Alicia worked on updating the website and posting of archived meeting minutes. Storage is limited so minutes through 2014 were removed, and 2015 and 2016 will be uploaded. All files will be archived at ODNR. It was decided to only post a year's worth of meeting minutes do to storage space. Updates have been made to the OFMA Board information.

Website hosting is through Google and domain is through Go Daddy. This is paid through June 2017. At that time, OFMA will need to decide whether to maintain the site or transition to WMAO hosting, which is done through Go Daddy. Discussion on website will be solicited at the up-coming planning meeting. Alicia will make updates to the website upon request.

Cindy gave an overview on the scholarships. There was double the interest this year with ten scholarships offered, three repeat recipients. All are nonmembers. Communities often don't have the funds to attend the OFMA conference, so the scholarship assists but covering a membership might be difficult. The benefit is for fiscally challenged communities. Discussion ensued about getting participation in OFMA from recipients. Perhaps one free scholarship and additional ones would be offered with requirements. More discussion anticipated at the planning meeting in December.

Ohio Emergency Management Agency participated in regional meetings around the state that included Ohio Building Officials Association. Trainings could be offered to first responders on disaster events. Mike Boso requested that OFMA participate in OBOA training event in May 2017. Possible conflicting dates with ASFPM should be reviewed. Additional discussion expected at the planning meeting.

8. Announcements:

The next meeting will be for annual planning, to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 from 10:00 to 3:00 at ODNR.

10. Adjournment:

Hearing no new business the President requested a Motion to Adjourn. The **Motion** was made by Matt and Seconded and the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.