



Meeting Minutes from the February 19, 2021 Board Meeting.

Todd called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

On Zoom: Opal Forbes, Todd Croke, Leewood Oakley, Luci Snowden, Greg Baptist, Jon Healy, Sam Stribling and Don Krouse

Not in attendance: Adam Bappe, John Whittingham, Ross Bruno, and Ron Whiteman

Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from December – Greg motioned and Todd seconded approval of them.

Treasurers Report

As of February 19, 2021 - Checking \$5,424.22 and Saving \$41751.61. Transactions since last month, \$40 for 990 form for organization tax records, \$50 website, \$1.99 for google storage, \$437.50 believed to be our cut of the conference.

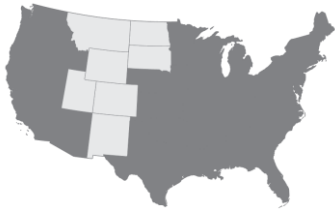
Upcoming fees include:

Directors/officers insurance: \$1000 +/-

Administration fee to main IECA organization: \$500

State Reports

1. New Mexico – The state moved COVID restrictions from red to yellow phase. Indoor dining is allowed at 25% capacity. No reported changes in construction activities. Representative reached out to UMN to see if we can get any student involvement with IECA.
2. Wyoming – Not much to report. Reminder - updates to SWPPP documents in accordance with the LCGP issued September 2020 are due in March. Gearing up for spring construction season.
3. Montana – John was not in attendance on the call however, he gave a summary update for Montana via email. Montana state stormwater conference is going on and in the planning process. The conference is scheduled for May 3-5 and will be a hybrid conference based in Missoula. Event organizers have posted a preliminary agenda on their website. Not sure if IECA will have a sponsorship potential with this. Montana is relaxing their COVID restrictions. John stated (in an email) he has lots of photos for the newsletter and the website. Montana has returned to more typical weather after the major freeze last week.

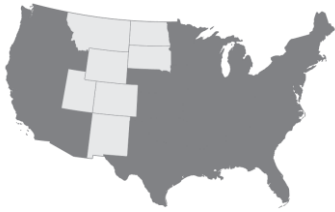


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4. Utah – Registered Stormwater Inspector (RSI) training will be available electronically as of March 1, 2021. Tests for this will be moved to an electronic format. It was reiterated that to write a SWPPP in Utah, you are required a professional engineer (PE) certification. There is lots of construction going on- condos, apartments and housing developments are going up everywhere. Challenges between MS4 programs and house bill 98 (HB98) are being debated - this would allow contractors/builders to inspect their own construction projects.
5. North Dakota –MS4 permit is out for comment as of February 5, 2021 (public notice: <https://deq.nd.gov/PublicComment/NDPDES-GeneralPermitNDR04.pdf>). The comment period closes March 11, 2021. An in-person ND conference is being planned for 2021 and IECA may be able to sponsor a booth. The North Dakota Reclamation Webinar Series will occur every Wednesday in March 2021 and will cover the following topics: Alberta Grasslands Perspective on Reclamation (March 3), Pipeline Reclamation (March 10), Innovative Approaches to Reclamation (March 17), Using Technology to Enhance Reclamation (March 24), and Reclamation to Achieve the most Bang for Your Buck (March 31). All webinars are one hour long and begin at 11 a.m. CST. NASECA group is putting together an MS4 webinar to get local construction involved to understand permit requirements in MS4 construction.
6. South Dakota – Not much to report. Most in-person meetings/conferences have gone virtual or have been cancelled for 2021.
7. Colorado –No updates from Colorado- Adam Bappe was recommended to take over as the Colorado representative but could not attend the call today.

General Discussion

1. Elected and Board Positions (January 2021 MSC Meeting) – Board members have started their new roles!
 - a. President – Todd Croke
 - b. Administrative Vice President – Greg Baptist
 - c. Membership Vice President – Don Krouse
 - d. Secretary – Leewood Oakley
 - e. Treasurer – Opal Forbes
2. Website – Todd intends to update the website more frequently including uploading the meeting minutes to the website. John Whittingham has a lot of photos that he'd like to submit- since John couldn't attend this months meeting, Todd intends to reach out after the meetings closure to follow up with John. John will work with Todd to get those up on the site. If not done already, new members need to provide a bio and photo so we can update the site for the new board.
3. Membership Activities: IECA president meeting was scheduled for Wednesday February 17, 2021. General membership meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday February 23, 2021** for all of those that can



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attend. General discussion topics will include potential events which can be scheduled in 2021. Board members intend to ask what members would like to see in 2021 to increase the value of the memberships. A virtual meet and greet was suggested by Opal for marketing purposes. Gauge how often members would like to attend marketing digital happy hours. Smaller groups can generally be a single room discussion while bigger groups could be broken out into different digital rooms for targeted discussion. Sam suggested a silent auction which may be a good way to generate revenue and get people involved in the IECA. These are generally low cost, can generate revenue and can serve as a marketing strategy for donated items. We need to discuss some additional activities that we can plan, including outdoor activities but also webinars. Each state has a (approximate) \$1000 budget for an annual event. Membership is currently down due to COVID- coming up with events to increase membership value may retrieve some of those lost memberships.

4. Newsletter – Topics for the newsletter need to come out soon. Opal will send out a membership meeting notice and the newsletter will be generated in the next week or two. Don asked Todd for article guidance- Todd suggested Don should write up a case study on one of his current or past projects to include in the quarterly newsletter.
5. University Programs – Todd suggested that Greg reach out to Utah State University to the stormwater program lead to get students involved with the IECA. Todd will pass on the university contact after the meeting. Chapter will pay a membership for the university program faculty if they want to actively get students involved.
6. R1 Conference – The virtual R1 conference will kick off next week (February 22-25) with Luci Snowden presenting a colleagues’ thesis work Wednesday, February 24, 2021. Additional information can be found on the webpage:
https://www.ieca.org/IECA/2021%20Annual%20Conference%20Home/IECA/IECA_Events/2021_Events/2021_Virtual_Annual_Conference.aspx?hkey=2dc821ad-cb72-4b2e-80ed-69ad51367611

Greg made a motion to adjourn and Todd seconded. Motion passed, and meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 am.

General Membership meeting Tuesday February 23, 2021

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Friday March 19, 2021 zoom/teleconference only.