

Air & Waste Management Association
Executive Committee of the Education Council Conference Call Minutes
Thursday February 28, 2008
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST

Item #1: Call to Order, Roll Call, Additions and Changes to the Agenda

Education Council Vice Chair, Ramanan, called the Executive Committee of the Education Council meeting to order on Thursday February 28, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. EST with the following participants via conference call:

Executive Committee of the Education Council:

Ram Ramanan (Education Council, Vice Chair)
Harry Klodowski (Education Council, Immediate Past Chair)
Karl Schnelle (Continuing Education Committee, Co-Vice Chair)
Jim Donnelly (Professional Development Division, Chair)
Joann Held (Environmental Education Committee, Chair)
Ron Huffman (Webinar Committee, Chair)
Zaher Hashisho (University/College Education Committee, Co-Vice Chair)
Melanie Sattler (Scholarship Awards Committee, Chair)
David Ramirez (Scholarship Awards Committee, Vice Chair)
Peter Hess (Scholarship Campaign Committee, Co-Chair)
Doug Wolf (Scholarship Campaign Committee, Co-Chair)
Christi Veleta (Scholarship Campaign Committee, Vice Chair)

Others:

Stephanie Glyptis (Director, Membership Development/Human Resource Management)
Autumn Secrest (Programs Coordinator)
Sandi Spratt (Education Associate)

Item #2: Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Donnelly to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee of the Education Council conference call on January 23, 2008. Klodowski seconded. Motion carried.

Item #3: Chair's Report

Ramanan briefly reviewed the highlights from the recent Board meeting that was held February 8 – 10, 2008 in Pittsburgh, PA. The discussion was tabled for when Glyptis would be on the call. Ramanan called for general updates and comments from the floor. Klodowski reminded the council of Leadership Training April 11-13 in Pittsburgh. Money is in the budget for those interested in attending. Rybolt and Rood are already participating. Email Klodowski and Spratt if you would like to attend or if you have an addition to Klodowski's Ed Council Presentation. Spratt to send a reminder to the rest of the council.

Item #4: Division Reports

- ACE 2008 Report –

Spratt read the report submitted by Rybolt in relation the Student Programs committee. Of primary importance was the ECi Problem and Protocol that has been posted. Minimum prize money was announced, and the council was asked to support a team and participate as a role player or judge. The Student Paper Poster Contest abstract deadline has been extended to Friday, April 4th. Ramirez mentioned concerns over judging with both ECi and the Paper Poster contest being held simultaneously.

- Professional Development –

Donnelly reported that the Professional Development Committee has met, planned all meetings for the year, and are working hard to recruit new webinars. Secrest advised that the Laboratory Accreditation Webinar was a success despite only 3 sites; she is working with Dianne Wilburn on a Fires Webinar. Klodowski reported on the Environmental Careers Webinar. There are 8 sites already signed, all speakers have been secured, and significant marketing has been done. Secrest to forward list of schools where marketed. Spratt advised there are 20 Professional Development Courses for ACE 2008 which appear in the Preliminary Program and will be advertised in the April and May editions of EM. Additionally, Julie Sharp of Vanderbilt will be providing 2 FREE Presentation Workshops, not previously promoted, as well as resume critiques at the A&WMA booth.

- Higher Education –

Sattler and Ramirez reported that the Scholarships awards committee had received 27 completed applications compared with 58 last year; \$40,000 will be awarded with \$7500 going to Feldstein. There were an additional 69 applications that were not completed. Concern was expressed by several that the instructions were not clearly conveyed. Spratt advised that emails were sent close to the deadline advising of the incomplete status and also that a complete notice is received once each award is finished. Additionally, Spratt reminded of the change in verbiage this year suggesting the need for membership.

Ramirez gave the remainder of the Higher Education committee report. Of primary significance was the need for a response from the Board on the Student Recruitment Proposal Mark Rood gave by phone during the meeting. Ramanan, CV Mathai, and Glyptis will follow-up with Rood regarding an outcome. Spratt to follow-up with Rood regarding the update of the air quality/solid waste directory. Tom Overcamp has secured a speaker for the A&WMA/AEESP **Meet-and-Greet Breakfast Meeting** titled “Contaminated Sites - Yesterday's Problems or Tomorrow's Opportunities?” The speaker Dr. Danny Reible is from The University of Texas at Austin. The **WPDC-Student Essay** has been posted thanks to Carol Clinton. “Greenhouse Gas Management Actions: What Can Students Do?” is this years’ question. The award will be \$400 with the essay due May 16th. Hess and Wolf unveiled their plans for raising copious amounts of money for scholarships from industries. Several changes will be proposed to achieve these changes including lowering the amount of money for a named scholarship.

- Public Education –

Held reported that the Public Education Committee submitted a proposal to the Southern Section for financial support on EERG’s for \$17,500. A decision will be made on March 19, 2008. The Earth Day Ad was created and submitted for publishing in NSTA for March and April.

Klodowski suggested that it be made available to sections and chapters to use. Brad Waldron's resignation was discussed along with the need for a replacement. All of the council encouraged to look for a new Vice Chair.

Spratt read the upcoming agenda to remind the council of deadlines.

Item #5: New Business

The next conference call of the Executive Committee of the Education Council was scheduled to be held on Thursday March 27, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST. The meeting will be chaired by Chair, Viney Aneja. The dial in number is 1-866-548-4716 and passcode 649413.

Motion by Ramanan to adjourn the conference call. Donnelly seconded. Motion carried.

The call was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Ram Ramanan, Ph.D.
Vice Chair, Education Council