

**2013 Midwest Regional Board Meeting - Minutes
October 18, 2013, Springfield, MO**

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:55 am by the Chair, Michael Greenlief.
- 2) All members and guests in attendance introduced themselves.
Those in attendance were:

Rep, Sub, Guest	Name	Section	Email
Secretary/Rep	Dan Higgins	Kansas State Univ	higgins@ksu.edu
Rep	Tom Schuman	So. Central MO	tschuman@mst.edu
Web/Historian	John Adams	Univ. of MO	adamsje@missouri.edu
MWRM 2014	Tim Glass	Univ. of MO	glasst@missouri.edu
MWRM 2012	Jim Carroll	Omaha	jcarroll@unomaha.edu
Treasurer	Gary Clapp	Kansas City	gclapp@crititech.com
MWRM 2015	Mike Ducey	Kansas City	ducey@missouriwestern.edu
Sub	Bijoy Dey	Sioux Valley	bdey@augie.edu
Rep	James Fletcher	Omaha	jamesfletcher@creighton.edu
Rep	Malika Jeffries-El	Ames	malikaj@iastate.edu
Rep	Joe Heppert	KU/Wakarusa Valley	jheppert@ku.edu
Rep	Leah O'Brien	St. Louis	lobrien@siue.edu
Guest	E. G. Meyer	Wyoming	egmeyer@uwyo.edu
MWRM 2013	Nik Gerasimchuk	Missouri State Univ.	nngerasimchuk@missouristate.edu
Chair-Elect/Rep	Khamis Siam	Mokanok	kssiam@pittstate.edu
Rep & Chair	Michael Greenlief	Univ. of MO	greenliefm@missouri.edu
Rep	Paul Rillema	Wichita	paul.rillema@wichita.edu
ACS Staff	John Michael Sophos	ACS	J_sophos@acs.org

- 3) The meeting agenda was reviewed, no suggestions were offered.
- 4) Mike Greenlief called for nominations for secretary to board.
Khamis Siam nominated Paul Rillema, his election was approved by unanimous vote of the board.
- 5) Minutes from the 2012 Midwest Regional Board Meeting were not available – their approval was postponed.
- 6) The treasurer's report was presented by Gary Clapp.
He noted that 2012-2013 was a very positive year for the Sinking Fund. The only expenses were the Board loan to the 2013 MWRM and a few minor expenses

associated with the regional meetings. He also informed the Board that required tax documents had been filed. Finally, he informed the board he would be stepping down as treasurer, effective January 1, 2014.

- 7) Jim Carroll presented a preliminary version of the final report for the 2012 MWRM in Omaha. He noted that the final written report is almost complete and should be distributed to the Board, shortly. A copy of the financial report for the meeting was distributed. This shows a healthy net income from the meeting.
- 8) Nik Gerasimchuk and John Michael Sophos together gave a brief report on the 2013 MWRM. The meeting on the whole was noted to be going very well. Attendance at the time of the Board Meeting was 593, but it is believed this figure might ultimately exceed 600. Approximately \$45,000 was expected from registration income. A few minor difficulties with room changes were noted.
- 9) Mike Greenlief presented plans for the 2014 MWRM in Columbia. He noted the meeting will be held in the Memorial Union and adjacent Student Center. Tim Glass will serve as the Program Chair. John Michael Sophos will be visiting Columbia in the next week to work on meeting arrangements. Two-three hotels within walking distance of campus will be contracted to house meeting guests. Campus parking permits will also be provided to meeting attendees.

A loan of \$5000 was requested from the Sinking fund. Khamis Siam moved that the loan be approved. Nik Gerasimchuk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Board.

The preliminary budget for the meeting was also presented. Khamis Siam moved that the budget be approved. Paul Rillema seconded the motion, which was then approved by the Board.

- 10) Mike Ducey presented plans for the 2015 MWRM in Kansas City. The meeting is scheduled for Oct. 21-24, 2015.

A loan of \$5000 was requested from the Sinking Fund. Khamis Siam moved that the load be approved. The motion was seconded by Nik Gerasimchuk. It was noted that a working budget was reviewed and approved by the Board at the 2012 Midwest Board Meeting. The motion was subsequently approved by the Board.

- 11) Dan Higgins presented plans for the 2016 MWRM, to be held in Manhattan. Stefan Bossmann will serve as the Program Chair and Yasmin Patell will serve as the Treasurer. Michael Hinton will serve as the Exhibits Chair. Plans for the meeting venue remain uncertain as recent plans for a major renovation and expansion of the K-State Student Union were just announced in Fall 2013. It was noted that there are other Conference Center options in Manhattan.

12) Joe Heppert presented plans for the 2017 MWRM in Lawrence. He noted the organizing committee has met several times. The meeting will be held at the KU Union, with lodging at a nearby Hotel (The Oread).

13) Proposals for future meetings were accepted.

Malika Jeffries noted that Ames has not hosted a meeting recently. Malika plans to raise this issue with the Ames local section and report back at the next Board meeting. They would likely host the 2018 MWRM.

Paul Rillema offered that the Wichita Section could host the 2019 MWRM and noted that the local section was in favor of this. The Wichita and Ames sections may negotiate the year each section will serve as host.

14) The Board informally thanked Nik Gerasimchuk for a successful 2013 MWRM.

15) The Awards Committee Report was presented by Mike Greenlief as Jetty Duffy-Matzner was absent. Some discussion of the Awards Committee makeup ensued at the request of Jetty. The general opinion of the Board was that the present makeup serves the purpose well. It was noted that the recipient of the High School Teacher Award needs to be nominated for the national award. Paul Rillema suggested that the CHED representative on the Awards Committee should be the one to do this. John Michael stated that Jetty plans to step down as Awards Chair soon and suggested that the Board begin to look for a replacement.

16) John Adams presented a combined report as region Webmaster and Historian. He noted that our domain name: midwestacs.org has now been renewed for 2 more years. He requested that Board members and others forward him any old reports, minutes and other materials for the website archive.

17) New Business

Gerry Meyer from the Wyoming Local Section noted that his section is interested in possibly affiliating with or joining the Midwest Region. It was noted that their Regional Meetings are held every other year; some have been joint with the Northwest Region. He expressed concern that sharing 50% of meeting revenues with the Board in the Midwest Region may prevent a move. It was suggested that the Midwest Region could host a joint meeting with the Wyoming local section in the near future – perhaps with the Ames Local Section. Such a meeting would likely be held in Laramie. Gerry noted his preference for hosting a meeting in Laramie over one in Manhattan.

18) Mike Greenlief presented a proposal for a new collaboration with Project Seed. A solicitation for partnerships with the Regional Boards had been communicated by Project SEED at the ACS. Specifically, Project SEED is seeking financial support from the Regional Boards for hosting one or more Project SEED students.

The cost would be \$2500 or \$3000 per student, depending on whether the student is a first or second year participant. Malika noted there is a 1:1 match with the sponsor so these funds might actually support two students, but this issue was somewhat unclear. It was noted that there is a general need for more participation at Midwest Regional Meetings by those from underrepresented groups. Participation in this collaboration may help improve the situation.

Significant discussion ensued, with the general consensus being that the Project Seed participant supported by Midwest Region funds be strongly encouraged to attend the MWRM and that additional support could be provided by the Regional Board in support of associated travel and lodging expenses.

The discussion proceeded to the possibility of participating for the coming year on a trial basis. Mike Greenlief noted that our Bylaws allow for a one-time donation to be made to the program, but that a recurring expense would require changing the Region Bylaws.

Joe Heppert moved that we donate \$2500 from Midwest Region funds to support a Project Seed student in the coming year. The motion includes a stipulation that the ACS provide the name and contact information for the student supported with Midwest Region funds. Mike Greenlief volunteered to handle the process. Malika Jeffries seconded the motion, which was subsequently passed by the Board.

Malika Jeffries moved that we seek to increase participation by Project SEED students at the Midwest Regional Meetings. Khamis Siam seconded the motion. The motion includes a proposal that the Regional Board set aside \$500 to support travel by Project SEED students from the Midwest Region to the 2014 Midwest Regional Meeting. The motion was passed by the Board.

- 19) John Michael Sophos presented the ACS report to the Board. It was noted that he is retiring from ACS shortly and that his successor as the ACS Regional Meeting Planner will be named in the near future. He noted the upcoming Regional Meeting Planning Conference for 2014 and 2015 regional meetings will be announced soon and that it usually occurs in the first week of November. He noted that the PACS system will no longer be used for abstracts and registration, and that a new system is coming online.
- 20) Joe Heppert recognized the many years of service provided by John Michael to ACS regional meetings and to the Midwest Regional Meeting in particular.
- 21) The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.