NEW MEXICO WATER DIALOGUE---Minutes of the Meeting, June 13, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by President Jason John. Other board members present were Eileen Dodds, Aaron Chavez, Conci Bokum, John Brown, Sharon Hausam, Bob Wessely, and Patrick McCarthy. Michael Benson arrived late. Joining by phone were John Leeper, Simeon Herskovits, and Dael Goodman.
2. Announcements: There was an e-mail from Stacy Timmons regarding her current schedule and noting that she will be unavailable to attend meetings for several months, and suggesting she resign from the board. Conci will follow up with her.
3. Approval of the Agenda: Jason added approval of the IPCC contract for the 2020 annual meeting under #7. Board nominations were separated into another discussion as item #8. A discussion on the state of water in New Mexico was added as item #9, and updates from board members became item #10. The agenda was approved as amended.
4. Approval of the May 16, 2019 Minutes: It was discussed that the May minutes had included a decision on newsletter and printing fees which did not include a vote to accept the changes.. It was explained that although we failed to have a formal vote, the changes had been agreed to by consensus. The minutes were approved as presented.
5. Approval of the Financials through May 31, 2019: We discussed the need for a credit card for the WD to insure payments for miscellaneous fees which may be incurred throughout the year. Conci agreed to follow up with Yana Merrill. (In an effort to keep the answer connected to the question, Yana explained to Conci that the bank will not issue a credit card to a non-profit organization without a personal guarantee by an individual.) It was moved and seconded to approve the financials as presented. Motion carried.
6. Administrative Tasks:
7. Jeffrey had e-mailed notes of his discussion with Rose Hessmiller about the website. Rose needs feedback on the graphic designs. Sharon agreed to provide feedback on the design drafts. Conci agreed to act as a contact person on the design drafts as well. After the design is accepted, we can upload the newsletters, minutes, and other articles to the website. John agreed to act as lead on the updates, and Dael agreed to act as his backup. Jason will notify Jeffrey as to these decisions so he can notify Rose.
8. Registration process: Sharon provided an RFP draft to be sent to potential providers on meeting services. Some changes were suggested, and Sharon will revise the RFP draft to include them and send the new draft to the board. Eileen reported on the service provided by EventLeaf. She has a phone conference with them on June 25th, and will advise the board as to their services after the call. It was suggested that she ask them about usage training for us, number of times they’ll provide additional training for free, and what will be the cost if our meetings exceed the “100-attendees-for-free” that is their basic offer. A third company, EventBrite, was suggested as well. Eileen agreed to contact them. Further discussion mentioned hiring an event manager for the annual meeting, and Conci will talk to Yana about her experiences with PayPal.It was moved and seconded to approve the RFP draft with changes. Motion carried.

The final RFP will be provided to Yana, EventLeaf, and EventBrite. If other suppliers are found, we will send them the RFP as well.

1. Fee Structure: There will be no charge to anyone for the e-mailing of the newsletter. There is still concern for those on our list who either do not have or have not provided e-mail contact information, but the costs associated with printing and mailing have become prohibitive.

John has a number of undeliverable e-mail addresses which Conci has agreed to research. It was decided that the question of membership is premature in light of the decision to only provide newsletters by e-mail. We will await a report of attempts to contact people with undelivered e-mails of the current newsletter to make a more informed decision.

1. 26th Annual Meeting:
2. The date was set for our 26th annual meeting. It will be held on January 9, 2020.
3. Summary/Review of Roles of Board Members: See item #9.
4. IPCC Contract for 2020: Jason reported that Michael has arranged for the IPCC to provide the same fees structure as last year with no significant changes. It was moved and seconded to allow the Executive Committee to approve the final contract upon receipt. Motion carried.
5. Nominations to the Board:

Patrick McCarthy has agreed to join the board and is with us today. It was moved and seconded to add Patrick to the board. Motion carried. Heather Balas, Paula Garcia, and Wade Holderman have previously expressed interest in joining the board. It was moved and seconded ask them. Motion carried. Conci will extend the invitation.

1. State of Water in New Mexico: There needs to be follow-up on the suggestions made in the breakout session during the annual meeting. Eileen will contact the facilitators next week as to interest which can be developed in some of the topics which were discussed.

One issue is follow-up on the State Water Plan. There is still no new ISC Director. We could make the legislature aware of our interest in the integration of the plan and the need for people at the grassroots level to identify priorities which could reform water legislation. John Brown reported that State Engineer D’Antonio tabled the idea of a joint task force at the last ISC meeting, saying he wanted a larger group of stakeholders put together than had been originally discussed. Mr. D’Antonio also advised that he did not have the staff to pursue this right now.

In our capacity as a forum for advocacy to pursue recommendations coming out of our annual meeting, it was discussed that we continue to pursue principles and not legislative bills, although we can act as advocates in the planning process.

The July meeting was set for the 18th at 10:00. John Leeper offered the Wood conference room for the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.