

Association of Conservation Engineers
Executive Board Conference Call
07/18/19

Attendees: Terry Boyd (President), Holly Bentz (Past President), Howard Thomas (President-Elect), Matt Prenger (Treasurer), Terra McParland (Secretary, late to meeting), Bill Scheperle (At-Large Member), Justin Fessler (At-Large Member), Loren Woodin (2020 Conference Chair), Sarah Lau (Membership Committee Chair)

Absent: Natalie Little (Past President)

Meeting started: 4:00 pm CST

1. Review of 2019 conference – Terry
 - a. Terry and Tom have directly reached out to many states to provide them information about the upcoming conference. He has also heard from several retired members who will be attending.
 - b. Terry sent around a preliminary agenda to the board prior to the meetings (see **attached**) and it looks great.
 - c. Terry has 3 sponsors so far **and HDR has committed to be an exhibitor**. Justin suggested that Terry contact ~~He has 2 exhibitors (Contech and Gator)~~ **as possible exhibitors and Terry has already reached out to both companies.**
 - d. Terry previously used the list of all the exhibitors from last 5 years and sent them a letter to get sponsors and exhibitors. . As always, if anyone knows anyone to be exhibitor, email Terry their contact and he'll send a letter.
 - e. Terry suggests flying into Pensacola (1 hr drive to lodge) or Mobile (not as recommended, due to traffic it might take 2-2.5 hr).
 - f. Terry will make sure board members can get from the airport to the lodge if help is needed.
 - g. He will also send vans around to take people to nearby eateries when we are to eat out on our own.
 - h. Terry will reach out if he needs any help.
2. Review of 2020 conference – Loren Woodin
 - a. In Laramie, the Hampton Inn is most promising since they are less restrictive on catering requirements.
 - b. He is looking at the same later in October timeframe to help Forest Service attendance but weather might be variable then.
 - c. He is evaluating some tours to some ~~Fish and Wildlife~~ **Wyoming Game and Fish** venues and the college **University has newly built engineering facilities wildlife forensics laboratory** that might be interesting to the group. **He is looking at touring the WY Game and Fish Forensics Lab.**

- d. He has reached out to **area engineering firms and they have expressed an interest in attending/presenting.** ~~other WY Fish and Game staff and they are showing a willingness to attend. There are also several surrounding Forest Service branches.~~
 - e. For flying in, while Laramie has a small airport, it will likely be less expensive to fly into Denver or Casper (2 hours from either airport to Laramie).
3. Newsletter –
- a. It will go out early next week.
 - b. Terry is going to make sure there is a reminder for the silent auction in the newsletter.
 - c. Terry is also going to put in a bid to pay for up to five memberships for anyone who cannot afford to join. He wants there to be no impediments for anyone to join who wants to.
4. Non-Profit Status – Howard
- a. Howard has reached out and determined that we were denied the non-profit status (501c3) since we applied in 1971 and were awarded 501c6 status which is an organizational status that is for nonprofit groups ~~that~~ but this status does not provide tax exempt status. Since we are already assigned status, we cannot use the EZ form that we submitted. Therefore, Howard has to do the long form. He has looked at it and thinks it is doable. He had a question about our bylaws and how we address conflicts of interest but it was decided that did not apply since no one is paid. He will try to fill out the long form and resubmit. Everyone really appreciated Howard’s effort in this task.
5. Update on Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) between ACE and US Forest Service (FS) – Natalie
- a. Before the meeting Natalie provided the following update:
 - i. Natalie is still working on getting approval to send out an interest announcement to Forest Service engineers. She is almost to a “yes.” The FS travel cap around this has reduced but she thinks it could still cover 3-5 people’s attendance. She’d like to keep an annual approval going. With the conference in WY next year, it would be easier to get people to that conference.
6. Membership -
- a. Terry and Sarah are going to have a call early next week to discuss what else can be done to increase membership and conference attendance.
7. Awards –
- a. Holly - Last year Joel Krause was nominated for the Baker Award. Holly asked if anyone knows if he will be attendance. It was suggested that Tom H. might be best suited to find out if he is coming. If he attends, the board approved that the award be given.
 - b. Holly is going to check with Alice to find out if she will handle the awards. If so, the
8. Treasurer’s Report – Matt
- a. \$2,156 in checking. Meetings NW will be sending him a check which includes a membership and scholarship donation and some conference attendee. He will be paying the deposit for the tour bus
9. ~~Non-Profit Status – Howard~~

- a. ~~Our application was denied but Howard hasn't had a chance to see why. He will follow up and resubmit as needed.~~
10. Next executive meeting is scheduled for Th., September 5th at 4:00 pm CST. This will be the last meeting before the conference.

Meeting ended: 4:50 pm CST.

End of meeting notes.

Preliminary Conference Agenda

Association of Conservation Engineers (ACE)

October 20-24, 2019, Gulf Shores, Alabama

Sunday, October 20th – The Lodge @ GSP

Executive Committee Meeting: 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Conference Registration & Reception: 5:00pm – 9:00pm

Monday, October 21th – The Lodge @ GSP

8:00am – 5:00pm

Conference Registration: 8:00am

Welcome & Presentations: 8:30am – 12:00pm

8:30-9:00am Welcome (Mayor, Commissioner, ACE President)

9:00-9:45am Gulf State Park Lodge/Grounds Overview –
Chandra Wright

9:15-9:45am Gulf State Park Lodge/Grounds LEED
Certifications – TBD

9:45-10:15am Beach Nourishment Alabama Coast – Al Browder –
Olsen & Associates

10:15-10:30 am Introduction of Exhibitors

10:30-10:45am Break w/Exhibitors

10:45-11:15am Hugh S. Branyon Back Country Trail – Phillip West
– City of Orange Beach

11:15-11:45am Alabama’s Artificial Reef History – David Walter –
Reefmaker Orange Beach, Alabama

11:45-12:00pm Group Picture – Norval Olsen

Lunch: 12:00pm – 1:00pm (*provided by The Lodge @ GSP*)

Presentations: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

1:00-1:45pm Duck Creek Conservation Area - – Mattheuw Prenger – MO DOC

1:45-2:15pm Prescribed Fire at GSP - Kelly Ritz, Tasha Simon
Park Naturalists – Natural Resource Planner

2:15-2:45pm (Beach Mouse/Sea Turtle) –Bill Lynn, US F&WS

2:45-3:00pm Break

3:00-4:00pm Exhibitor Presentations

4:00-5:00pm Business Meeting

5:30 pm Load vans (if you need a ride to local restaurants)

6:00-8:00pm Dinner on your own

8:00pm return to The Lodge (on vans, if needed)

8:30-10:00pm Hospitality Room open

Tuesday, October 22th – The Lodge @ GSP-Field Trip

8:00am – 8:00pm

Conference Registration: 8:00am

Presentations: 8:30am – 10:00am

8:30-9:00am TBD - David Freedman - retired Georgia DNR Chief Engineer

9:00-9:30am Maritime Museum Mobile Alabama – John Baker – Thompson Engineering

9:30-10:00am **Gulf State Park Eco Center – Chandra Wright**

Boardwalk/Eco Center @ GSP 10:30am – 12:00pm

Lunch: 12:00pm – 1:00pm (Pavilion @ GSP)

Bus leaves at 1:15pm and returns about 8:00pm

Sun Plans House (Debbie Coleman, Architect) 1:30-2:00 pm)

5 Rivers Delta Center: 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Delta Boat Tour: 4:00pm – 5:00 pm (Airboat rides limited)

5 Rivers Pavilions: 5:00pm – 7:00 pm (Seafood dinner/cocktails)

or

Maritime Museum Tour in Mobile: 3:00pm – 6:00pm

(5:30pm – 7:00pm – seafood dinner/cocktails – amphitheater)

8:30-10:00pm Hospitality Room open

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October 20- 24, 2017, Gulf Shores, Alabama

Wednesday, October 23th – The Lodge @ GSP

8:00am – 8:30pm

Conference Registration: 8:00am

Presentations: 8:30am – 12:00pm

8:30-9:00am Green Stormwater Infrastructure Design
Considerations for Coastal Environments – Robert
Brown – GMC)

9:00-9:45am Back to Future - Update – Gary Wilken/Ed
Donahue

9:45-10:15am Case Study Geohazard Mitigation – Steve
Poole/Reid Bailey - GSI)

10:15-10:30am Break

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10:30-11:15am Boating Access Project – Todd Mize - ADCNR

Or

10:30-11:15am AggreBind (Trails/Roads/Parking Lots) – Patrick Brindle

11:15-12:05pm Ethics for Engineers (50 min) Tom Hohman

Lunch: 12:05pm – 1:00pm *(provided by The Lodge @ GSP)*

Conference Presentations: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

1:00-1:30pm Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp - Loren Woodin – Wyoming Game and Fish (30 min)

1:30-2:15pm TBD– Lloyd Pitts/Brett Gaar - Volkert

2:15-2:45pm TBD - Natalie Little, US Forest Service

or

Environmental Presentation - GMC

2:45-3:00pm Break

3:00-3:30pm Claude Peete Maricultural Center – Max Westendorf – Hatchery Manager

3:30-3:45pm Presentation by 2020 Conference Host Wyoming

3:45-4:30pm Business Meeting (break up into committee groups)

4:30-5:00pm Board Meeting (old/new board)

Semi-Formal Dinner: 6:00pm – 8:30pm *(provided by The Lodge @ GSP)* (cocktails 6:00-7:00pm) (dinner 7:00-8:00pm) (Speaker 8:00-8:30pm) TBD

8:30-10:00pm Hospitality Room open

Thursday, October 24th – Optional Field Trip

8:00am – 5:00pm

Bus leaves at 8:00am and returns about 4:15pm

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GSP Living & Learning Center: 8:15am – 9:30am

Claude Peteet Mariculture Center: 9:45am – 11:45am

Lunch: 12:15pm – 1:15pm (*provided at Wolf Bay Lodge*)

Weeks Bay Reserve Tour/Bay Boat Ride: 2:00pm – 3:30pm

GSP Pier: 4:15pm – 5:00pm