



TEXAS GROUNDWATER ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING
TGWA 77th ANNUAL CONVENTION, SAN MARCOS EMBASSY SUITES
Friday, January 26, 2024, 9:00am
Minutes

This meeting was held hybrid and available via Zoom.

1. Call to order Annual Membership Meeting

No agenda items noted; pursuant to the Bylaws, one of the Board's regular meetings must include an annual membership meeting. Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

2. Member Comments

Comments were made by Dale Felder regarding the increased interest from members to join the Board of Directors and the need to encourage the interest.

3. Adjournment of Annual Membership Meeting

Motion by Bill Stoner to adjourn, and seconded by Dale Felder. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am

1. Call to order Board Meeting

John Julian Board President, as the presiding officer calls the meeting to order at 9:15 am

2. Division Reports – Division Chairs

- Contractors & Drillers

Report from Division Chair, Josh Barrett, elections for 7 board seats were filled by all 7 incumbents. Jaythan Browning was elected as division co-chair. Motion was made and passed to establish the chair and co-chair positions as two year terms in coordination with TGWA officer positions.

- Manufacturers & Suppliers

Report from newly elected Division Chair, Lacey Nivens, on elections for 4 board seats (Eli Rodriguez, Lacey Nivens, Jacob Strom, and Weston Mitchell) and one alternate (Todd Armstrong) in anticipation of bylaws changes. Lacey Nivens was elected as division chair, while Jason Yonce was elected as co-chair.

- Ground Water Science

Report from Division Chair, Mike Miller, on elections of 3 board seats (CJ Bennett, Billy Gamblin, and Chase Crane). An update was also given on the 2024 Geoscience Seminar.

3. Discussion and possible action on approval of minutes of the October 21, 2023, board meeting

Bill Stoner moved to accept the minutes of the October 21, 2023, board meeting. Vicky Ross seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action on financial reports - Finance Committee chair

Mike Pyburn reviewed financial reports and highlighted the need to watch income more closely.

5. TGWA Scholarship Foundation report – TGWA Scholarship Foundation President

Update from Pete Brien, President, regarding the reappointment of board members with expiring terms (Pete Brien, Dawn Hatley, and Jim Jackson). The officer positions were also reappointed with no changes. The board also approved a motion for funds to be moved into Certificates of Deposits to earn more interest than being parked in a checking/savings account.

6. Committee Reports

- *Convention—Bob Hill (chair) provided an update on the convention's attendance stats, which include 325 attendees and 99 different exhibitors. We will also be working on future plans considering TDLR rules changes.*
- *Auction & Raffle – Chris Lange (chair) provided an update on the results from the Scholarship Auction, which sold 64 items for nearly \$54,000. Raffle numbers are not final at this time.*
- *Continuing Education – Amy Bush (chair) reported that we are soliciting suggestions for new courses. Also, CE Classes may need to be reconfigured to reflect new TDLR requirements.*
- *Membership – Tiffany Lange (chair) provided a report of the TGWA Women’s Division meet & greet and a social experiment that could be helpful for member recruitment. She emphasized the power of personal connection and invites to draw attention to events. TGWA Women’s Division is hosting a social event for the Fredericksburg meeting in April. Suggested that the board consider offering a free one-year membership to new members. Also highlighted was the summer family weekend event in Arlington that will correspond with the July Board meeting.*
- *Awards – Josh Barrett (chair) provided a review of awards selection process and the idea of opening nominations earlier in the year to potentially increase involvement.*
- *Bylaws – Josh Barrett (chair) gave an update of the work that is before the committee to evaluate current bylaws and provide amendments to address the following; chapters, M&S board seats, board term-limits, board nominations, and a few others.*

7. Other Business

- **Member Benefits**
 - i. *Insurance Options – Tracie Garner and Paulette Poynor gave a brief report about insurance options that the association will be looking at as a member benefit. Tracie highlighted options for business insurance, while Paulette handled employee/health insurance options that may be evaluated. Further information will be brought to the board at a later time.*
 - ii. *Driller Index – John Julian gave a brief update that options are still being considered and developed.*
- **Discussion on Bylaws**

Anyone interested in bylaws committee, contact Bobby or Josh

8. Next Board Meeting – April 13, 2024 – Fredericksburg, TX

9. Adjournment of Board Meeting

Motion was made by Roger Russell, and seconded by Dale Felder to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 10:22 am.
