2008 International Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2008; Time: 5:30-8 p.m.

Honolulu, Hawaii

Minutes

In attendance:
Cristiane Surbeck
Ximing Cai
Mohammad Karamouz
Laurel Saito
Shou-Shan Fan
Mark Killgore
David Eaton
Daene McKinney
Tom Pagano
Ashraf Elkhadrowy
Dale Jacobson
Walter Grayman
Udai Singh
Charlew Rowney
Marty Teal
Mark Anderson
Stacy Langsdale
Jonathan Bulkley

1- The meeting was called to order by Cris at 5:30pm on Wednesday May 14, 2008

2- The participants were introduced and Tom Pagano was accepted as a new member

3- The minutes of Tampa Meeting were approved

4- Charles Rowney gave a report on the International Outreach Committee of the Urban Water Resources Research Council. Ashraf Elkhadrowy was recognized as a point of contact.

5- Dale Jacobson proposed a new Environmental International Committee. The work product of the committee and its interaction with the International Council were discussed. He will e-mail Cris the details of the proposal. The proposal could be for a task committee and could become a standing Committee after 3 years. David Eaton will prepare the proposal based on the Dale's write up.

6- Along the same line of activities, an International outreach / liaison task committee for developing links with international NGOs was proposed by Lisa Bourget last year. Lisa to follow up.
7- Walter Grayman reported on the Vietnam Informal International Environmental meeting / workshop that have been organized bi-annually. Jack Day is the founder and has been the driving force. Walter asked the Council to endorse the workshop. Cris suggested formalizing these bi-annual meetings in order to facilitate involvement by other EWRI members.

8- Daene McKinney reported on World Water Forum 2009 in Istanbul next March. The meeting could be a place for presenting AWRA water policy dialogue. There is a plan to propose at least one session. Proposals will be accepted from June to Sept. Cris is to check whether the IC should re-propose a task committee on the World Water Forum.

9- David Eaton reported on a task committee product including a one hour movie entitled "How Investment in Water and Wastewater and Irrigation Infrastructure has affected the Mexico-Texas Border". It is a part of the Transboundary Environmental Management task committee's activities. David and Mark Killgore asked the Council to endorse the product to move it to Brian. It was seconded and approved.

10- Udai Singh from Ex Com reported on EWRI activities outside the U.S. including 2006 New Delhi and next year January 5-7, 2009 in Thailand cosponsored by AIT (Asian Institute of Technology), 2010 in Madras in South India and 2012 in Beijing, China. A 3 tier fee structure to help the international participation from developing countries has been adopted for EWRI meetings.

11- Mohammad Karamouz reported on the Hawaii meeting and the sessions Lisa Bourget and he organized. Six sessions were organized including International Fellow and a session was co-sponsored with Engineering History and the Heritage Committee chaired by Jerry Rogers. Three sessions on Japan – US collaborations were also organized under the International issues track.

12- The following sessions were identified for next year congress in Kansas:
- International IWA - Ximing Cai, Jim Zhou
- International Liaison/outreach – David Eaton
- International water conflicts/Case studies – Mohammad Karamouz
- World Water Forum – Daene, Mark Killgore
- Visiting International Fellow panel discussion – Cris Surbeck

Tom Pagano/Mohammad will chair the track. A brief session proposal should be sent to Tom by the end of July.

13- Consideration of officer and core positions: Mark Anderson stepped down as core member, Tom Pagano is a new core group member.

14- The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.