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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 13

ENVIRONMENTAL

Notes from Group Meeting – February 22, 2022 (via Teams)

Attendees:

LynneDee Althouse	Cooper Minto
Mark Bergeron	France Moreau
Kelly Blanchard	Nao Nishio
Coley Campbell	Tyler Phelps
Jay Diebold	Michael Potter
Doug Dorsey	Lori Price
Kelly Farrell	Ken Rose
Craig Fisher	Josh Sales
Karla Graf	Martina Schlauch
Kari Harris	Trenna Seilheimer
Ryan Hartley	Leo Thorbecke
Suzanne Hattenberger	Jennifer Uhland
Janet Hill	Eric Viera
Chris Hunsicker	Matt Williams
Bill James	Michael K. Williams

- 1) Roll call
- 2) Safety Moment (Masson)
- 3) AREMA Anti-Trust Policy
- 4) Membership Changes and Updates (44 members)
 - a. Welcome Suzanne Hattenberger, Lynne Althouse, Dave Moore, Craig Fisher, Jay Diebold, Eric Viera, Michael Potter, Karla Graf and France Moreau!
- 5) Subcommittee Updates
 - a. **Technical & Conference Publications.**
 - i. *RREC 2022 Conference Abstracts due March 21, 2022*
 - ii. We have three C13 members that had abstracts approved for AREMA 2022. (Most we have had to date)
Janet Hill, Kari Harris, and LynneDee Althouse
RREC is November 2-3, 2022. Supposed to be in person.

Kari to submit approved AREMA abstract to RREC as well.

b. Education & Training (Hill).

- i. Part 1 webinar is being presented again March 9, 2022, by Kari.
- ii. Part 2 will be presented April 20, 2022

New part 2 talking about lessons learned from a variety of projects.

Meeting invite to go out for subcommittee meeting – targeting March 16th.

RTS article idea to be discussed.

Doug Dorsey working with Committee 14 on webinar series for summer or fall. Will be responsible for environmental portion.

c. Membership (Blanchard).

Will send out invite for potential March meeting.

Can use AREMA LinkedIn website to post.

Looking at efforts to make in person meeting documentation run smoother.

Looking to get items branded with the new logo – still looking for sponsors.

Don't have internal budget, unfortunately.

d. Chapter Review (Williams, Dorsey, Hattenberger)

- i. Schedule review sessions
- ii. Results of Waste Ballot – 22 approve; 1 abstain; 12 no response – 65% response
- iii. Canadian Section is next. Ken Rose worked on one of the original drafts.

e. Technology (Nishio)

Nao and Josh: Looking at writing in how technology is used for different stages of the permitting and planning. Use examples of where it is used (aerial surveying / UAV, etc).

Nao and Josh team up with Chapter Review subcommittee.

f. Sustainability Symposium (Thorbecke)

Leo and Jennifer Uhland: Early on in development phase. Working with AREMA.

All new members: Feel free to reach out to the subcommittee leads or Kari to learn more about participating in subcommittees.

6) New Business

- a. AREMA Communities Page and *new* SmartSync fileshare site (Williams)

Matt W. will work on updating SmartSync FileShare system and send out instructions to access.

Reach out to Alayne Bell or Desiree about issues with firewall at companies.

7) Open Discussion

8) Upcoming Meetings:

a. Spring In-Person Meeting

i. May 10-11, 2022

ii. May 10th: Washington, DC – tour of Amtrak’s historic Union Station, cocktail hour and dinner?

Kelly to help out with a meet up

iii. May 11th morning: AREMA Headquarters – meeting and updates

End Notes.