

## SUSTAINABLE REMEDIATION FORUM BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Reminder: SURF meetings are **not** a time for marketing and/or conducting business

### Attendees:

Date:	2/6/2020
Meeting called to order:	12:03 PM
Meeting adjourned:	1:04 PM

Quorum:	Yes
Approve meeting minutes from:	01/23/20
Motion to approve made by:	Matt
Second made by:	Betsy
All in favor:	5
Opposed:	0
Approved:	Yes

Matt Ambrusch, 2019-2021 President **Yes**  
 Betsy Collins, 2019-2021 Vice-President **Yes**  
 Cathy Rockwell, 2019-21 Secretary **Yes**  
 Jason McNew, 2018-19 Treasurer **Yes**  
 Lynn Tucker, 2018-19 at-large Trustee **No**  
 Roy Thun, 2019-20 at-large Trustee **Yes**  
~~Tom Potter, 2019-20 at-large Trustee~~ **retired**  
 Emerald Erickson, 2019 at-large Trustee **Yes**  
 Kyle Waldron, 2019-20 at-large Trustee **Yes**  
 Kathy Adams **Yes**  
 Gerlinde Wolf - past President **No**

New Items to the Agenda:	Name	Topic	Current Status/ Update/ Notes
Elections	Kathy/ Cathy		Revote for 2nd At-large position - set up on Monday and will go through this coming Monday Feb 10  Jason won election for treasurer, Kristen for first trustee at large position, run off between Gerlinde and Emerald for 2nd position, and third will take Tom's vacated spot
Linked In	Betsy/ Jason		Jason provided update on LinkedIn account - has been posting sponsorships as they come in.
SuRF International	Roy		Latest SURF international call about a week ago, 6 countries represented, update on things they are doing and supporting, provided update on SURF UK Annex 1, utilize our website to share more global sustainable remediation news, Netherlands considering disbanding their group - not enough interest in sustainable remediation, not getting the level of traction they desire. Discussed SUSTREM and common theme to grow on climate change, lot of interest in SURF international group on growing climate change integration into SUSTREM theme - focus on mitigation and adaptation was Roy's suggestion, looking at property and how we deal with mitigating impacts to property and mitigation. More to come on this. Hopes SURF USA will support this. <b>Suggested an email blast looking for examples/ topics for this.</b>

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CT LEP credits	Kyle		<p>Kyle, Cathy and Jason caught up on this; Cathy reached out to Kim at CTDEEP and spoke with one of the LEP board members. Notes to report out:</p> <p>The board reviews AEHS request for credits and starts with titles/outlines and then will review author bios and abstracts as needed. Workshops get 1:1 time to credit but conference talks get 50% weighting (so 1 hr. credit for 2 hrs. of presentations). Apparently the language spelled in the regulations is fairly prescriptive - going to look that up next and copy below. So courses may not fit the letter of the regulation and therefore cannot be approved. Kim was clear to say it doesn't mean it's not valuable, just doesn't fall with the regulation constraints. The other issue is if one (or more) of the group of abstracts doesn't fall into that specification, then they won't approve the full set is what I got from the discussion. There's not much mention of why they weren't selected this past year in the meeting minutes (<a href="https://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/site_clean_up/lep/lep_board_meetings/2019/2019_july_minutes.pdf">https://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/site_clean_up/lep/lep_board_meetings/2019/2019_july_minutes.pdf</a>) just that they didn't get approved.</p> <p>Specific language cited "enhance the licensee's ability to competently perform, supervise and/or coordinate the scientific and/or technical components of the investigation and remediation of releases of petroleum products and hazardous waste into soil or groundwater in Connecticut."</p> <p><b>Cathy requested that the Meeting Committee focus on this definition as they are reviewing the abstracts and if additional information is needed to fall within that context to add it prior to going to CT DEEP for review. Matt to bring to Meeting committee.</b> Also discussed consolidating talks that fall within the CT regulation into one session and not split between multiple.</p> <p><b>Matt to reach out to Brenna to find out timeframe that AEHS sends abstracts to CT DEEP. Cathy to check in with colleague on the board to note our focus on meeting the regulation/ focus for this upcoming west coast conference.</b></p>
ITRC - GSR team	Barbara/ Kathy	Status update	Over 200 people signed up for group this calendar year. Discussed contract. Statement of services ends June 1st this year, Kathy said they will extend likely to early next year. Work to date efforts going to web developer in March. Will know more in April. Talking about a Fall 2020 meeting. Anticipating need for 2nd year contract - June 2020 through March 2021.
Webinars	Kyle/ Betsy		<p>Next one scheduled for Feb 27 / Two additional topics tentatively lined up for Spring and Summer 2020</p> <p>Eric M (Ecoadapt) to present on SURF technical initiative efforts during next webinar. Date TBD. Betsy/ Kyle to reach out to Paul for subsequent one.</p>
SURF PDHs	Betsy		Betsy working via Jacobs to get pdh credit for future webinar; will have SURF name on certificate.
AEHS Conference	Matt	Spring 2020	Dinner set up, flushing out agenda ideas, email due out by Matt summarizing info/ notification to engage participation, finalizing EcoSpears panel - would like SURF member on panel - let Matt know if interested.
Case Study	Kyle/ Roy/ Emerald	Case Study	<p>Betsy volunteered to draft a new case study (email 1/16) / Sue Dugas should have a draft case study completed shortly - can discuss how the template may be updated to make more user and reader friendly</p> <p>Matt to follow-up with Sue Dugas. Case study - plan to roll one into a future poster/ presentation at a future conference.</p>

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Open member meeting	Matt/ Betsy	Quarterly	<p>April 2nd a potential date for open quarterly board meeting. Invite members, provide introduction, what purpose of board calls, give update on technical initiatives, plus open community dialogue to hear thoughts and comments, hope to have Mike Smiley provide input on what to cover on calls, What other ideas does the Board have?</p> <p>Discussed shifting to the 2nd board call after the Spring meeting to give time to adjust agenda as needed. Discussed asking a few folks ahead of time to be willing to speak up/ have some specific questions to address so that it's not crickets. Jason asked if we could record and post on member only page? also suggested avenue to pre-submit question(s). Goal to make it fully accessible. Can also send out minutes. Circled around to not bother with recording since wasn't a presentation - just audio, but <a href="#">plan to provide meeting minutes</a></p>
Battelle Conference - June/ Portland OR			Roy discussed noting to Rick at Battelle about having the sustainable remediation. climate change talks to the last day. Can they shift/ prioritize higher in the future?