

## Southeast Chapter IECA Conference Call Meeting

February 7, 2017

Present: Melanie McCaleb (President), Anna Massey (Treasurer), Rich McLaughlin (Secretary) Ted Sherrod (NC), Jay Sprague (SC), Shelby Jett (KY), Hal Lunsford (FL), Chris Todd (TN), Mike Perez (AL), Kim Kline (administrator)

EC 17 News: Melanie indicated that the call for volunteers to help at EC17 had been successful and no more volunteers were needed. The social is scheduled for Wednesday 5 pm in Ballroom A w/ drinks, snacks. We will have a short chapter meeting as well. Of 187 emailed, 33 responded they would attend so the event will be provisioned for 50 people. JP has ordered chapter shirts and will bring the invoice to the meeting for Anna.

For in-state meetings where the state rep is attending with the display, Melanie can print handouts if given enough lead time, otherwise it is assumed the state rep will print them locally.

Plan for Excellence (P4E): Melanie discussed the current format and indicated there were some glitches in the program that will need to be fixed. She would like to see this program focused on how it can benefit the chapters and less about gathering information.

Melanie said that a couple of IECA board members put up the money for 200 student scholarships for IECA membership. Rich said he has already submitted 5 names from NCSU, and Hal indicated there would be lots of potential in FL.

Melanie reported that IECA is looking into all the chapter logos and is interested in unifying them in design with the IECA logo. The first attempt looked too busy to the board members. Rich suggested that there be a contest. It was agreed that the current logo would suffice until this gets worked out.

MS4 Conference: Melanie mentioned that the planning committee will be meeting right after this call and that the reviews of submitted papers has begun.

Melanie is also interested in any marketing ideas we had for the chapter, and reminded all that board members are eligible for \$200 stipend to attend the national meeting.

### State Rep Reports:

NC (Ted): Reviewed plans for a workshop in May, continued collaboration with NCDEQ and NCDOT, and potential training with Duke Power.

SC (Jay): nothing to report

FL (Hal): Muddy Water Blues in Tampa has almost 200 attending, will have the chapter banner and 200 handouts there. The Utilities Assoc. is sponsoring this one. Next training in Jacksonville.

KY (Shelby): Field day is scheduled for Louisville Metro area on 2/28.

TN (Chris): no erosion occurring in TN.

AL (Mike): Clearwater AL scheduled for Nov 1-2 in Mobile. Soil and Water Conservation workshop June 7-9 in Birmingham, and there will be a tour during EC17 on 2/21 with at least 25 folks signed up.

MS: no rep currently but Ted indicated he has one or two people who would be interested.