

**2010 Southeastern Water Pollution Biologists Association**  
**General Business Meeting Minutes, October 28, 2010, Tallahassee, Florida**

- 0958 Meeting called to order by President Joy Jackson (FL).
- 0959 President Joy Jackson (FL) read the minutes of the 2009 SWPBA business meeting.
- 1005 **New Business:** Topic: GoDaddy.com domain name (SWPBA.org) service agreement expiration. President Joy Jackson (FL) brought up that renewal is \$76.61 for 2 years of service. Bill Crouch (NC) thought it was a reasonable price and a good idea to continue the website without interruption. Lara Panayotoff (KY) made a motion to renew the agreement. Motion was seconded by Susan Cohn (KY). Attendees unanimously voiced agreement.
- 1006 Secretary Cheryl Swanson (FL) conducted a roll call of states present: Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, and EPA Region IV. Georgia members were not present.
- 1007 **Old Business:** Topics: SWPBA Website Maintenance. President Joy Jackson (FL) noted that Brandon Moody (GA) was contacted in 2009 and responded that he was willing to continue to assist with and troubleshoot website maintenance for Florida, if needed. Secretary Cheryl Swanson (FL) maintained the SWPBA website 2009-2010. President Joy Jackson (FL) suggested that the next host state (TN) follow-up with Brandon Moody (GA) regarding how to handle website maintenance 2010-2011.
- 1008 Newsletters. President Joy Jackson (FL) invited open discussion regarding the “each state assigned one month” state newsletter submittal schedule. Bill Crouch (NC) offered that the monthly schedule keeps folks periodically visiting the SWPBA website. Kim Sparks (TN) suggested a single submittal date (once a year) to reduce the secretary’s workload. Emily Cotton (MS) suggested the schedule be the hosting state’s choice. Discussion continued. President Joy Jackson (FL) made a motion for a once-a-year submittal. Susan Cohn (KY) and Emily Cotton (MS) seconded the motion. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote.
- 1013 Amending SWPBA bylaws. President Joy Jackson (FL) noted that last year’s business meeting included 1) the suggestion that language be added to the SWPBA bylaws to include electronic notification and voting and 2) that the definition of “member” be revised to include those whose job title is not “biologist”. President Joy Jackson (FL) suggested wording such as “individuals involved in aquatic resource protection” instead of “biologist”. Debbie Arwine (TN) voiced the need to restrict the definition to those who do biological work, as opposed to the broader “aquatic resource”, in order to maintain the uniqueness and intent of SWPBA membership. Bill Crouch (NC) voiced the need to maintain in the definition the intent that membership is for staff of state regulatory agencies supported by EPA. Discussion followed. Because a copy of the bylaw wording was not in-hand, Susan Cohn (KY) made motion to amend the bylaws to allow electronic voting with one vote per State to be cast by the State designated State representative after internal State discussion. Kim Sparks (TN) seconded motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Lara Panayotoff (KY) made the motion to table the discussion on the definition wording and to take it up electronically. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote.
- 1022 Joy Jackson (FL) asked for nominations for next year’s officers. Mark Vogel (KY) nominated Kim Sparks (TN) for SWPBA President. Susan Cohn (KY) seconded the nomination. Rodney Pierce (KY) moved to close nominations. Motion seconded. Debbie Arwine (TN) was nominated for SWPBA Secretary. Lisa Hicks (KY) seconded. President Joy Jackson (FL) moved to close nominations. Motion seconded. Acceptance of new SWPBA officers passed on voice vote.
- 1023 President-elect Kim Sparks (TN) accepted “The Worm” on behalf of Tennessee becoming the official President of SWPBA for 2011.
- 1024 President Joy Jackson (FL) asked if Alabama was ready to host the 2012 SWPBA meeting. Meg Sullivan (AL) said they were.

- 1025 Kim Sparks (TN) presented Tennessee's plan to hold a "low-budget", 2011 SWPBA meeting at a state park 30 miles west of Nashville, TN. The tentative date is the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September but they are awaiting another agency's reservation cancellation to see if the week can change. There will be a lodge, cabins, and camping available for the meeting.
- 1026 President Joy Jackson (FL) adjourned the meeting.