



To: Michigan Tech Center for Water & Society Advisory Committee
From: Alex Mayer, Director, Michigan Tech Center for Water & Society
Date: July 11, 2006
Subject: June 9, 2006 Michigan Tech Center for Water & Society Advisory Committee Meeting

Attachments: Meeting agenda

The June meeting of the Michigan Technological University Center for Water & Society (MTCWS) Advisory Committee (AC) was held June 9, 2006, 1:00 to 3:00 am in the Dow Environmental Engineering & Sciences room 426. The purpose of this memo is to describe the results of the meeting.

Present were: Alex Mayer, Director
Kathy Halvorsen, representative, Social Sciences
Noel Urban, representative, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Gary Campbell, representative, School of Business
Joan Chadde, representative, Western Upper Peninsula Center for Science, Mathematics & Environmental Education
Linda Nagel, representative, School of Forest Resources & Env. Science.
Nancy Auer, representative, Biological Sciences
John Gierke, representative, Geol & Mining Eng & Sci.
Carol Asiala, CWS administrative assistant

1. Minutes from last Meeting

Approved April 27, 2006 minutes

Next Advisory Committee Meeting will be in DOW 427 on September 19, 2006

2. MTCWS Retreat

The advisory committee held a small discussion about their views of the retreat which was held from 9:00 to 12:00 on this same meeting day at McLain's Park. It was agreed by all that the retreat was a positive experience for the center with valuable inputs from the participants.

2. 2005-2006 Annual Report

The advisory committee made suggestions for the compilation of the 2006 MTCWS Annual Report.

- Include all projects submitted under the center that originated because the Center exists in the Highlights section.
- Include all publications and presentations from faculty vitae. Alex Mayer will determine which should be reported.
- Include narrative which includes the mission statement, and summary of report contents.

3. Outreach Activities

Joan Chadde submitted a request for funding from MTCWS for four outreach activities, and the advisory committee made decisions on her requests in a manner that reflects the committee's focus on outreach.

1. Dr. Gallo's visit to MTU – Sept. 25, 2006
MTCWS will provide \$500.00 funding from the Seminars budget category
2. Programs aboard the Agassiz – May-October, 2006
MTCWS will provide \$1,000.00 towards the programs for which there will be a re-usable deliverable in the form of a powerpoint presentation, video, or informational booklet that can be used in future water education programs.
3. MEECS Teacher Workshop
MTCWS declined financial support
4. Enhance K-12 portion of CWS website
MTCWS will provide \$500.00 of Joan's time

CWS advisory committee meeting, Friday, 6/9/06, 1:00 p.m. McLain State Park

Agenda

1. Minutes from 4/27/06 meeting (attached)
2. 2005-2006 Annual Report
3. Implement Weekly e-letter
4. Seminars and Symposia
 - Invite participation from and offer partial funding to CWS departments
 - David Gallo, WHOI, Monday, Sept. 25
 - International Water Day, March 22, 2007
 - MI Water Econ, late Spring 2007
 - Planning for water Arts and Music Festival (Fall 2007)
5. Curriculum development
 - Submit proposal for graduate certificate
 - Submit proposal for undergraduate minor
6. Outreach activities
 - Joan Chadde's proposal (see Attachment 2)
7. CWS promotional materials
8. Participate in large multidisciplinary grants
 - Which funding programs
 - Engage grant writer
9. National Wildlife Federation funding (?)
10. Choose and become active in local issues
11. Budget Allocations