

**International Cooperation Council
Meeting
Salt Lake City
Sunday, June 27, 2004 1:00 – 5:00 PM
Meeting Minutes**

- 1) The agenda was approved and introductions were made. Attendees: Mark Anderson, Lisa Bourget (Chair), Jonathan Bulkley, Ximing Cai, Hal Cardwell (Vice-Chair), Shou-shan Fan, Vinio Floris, Katie Gorscak (ICC rep at ASCE/EWRI), Walter Grayman, Mark Killgore, Stacy Langsdale, , Jay Lund, Pete Loucks, Daene McKinney, Kevin Nielsen, Jose N. de Pierola, Laurel Saito, Jerry Sehlke, Udai Singh, Cris Surbeck (Secretary), and Paul Reiter (of IWA, by telephone).
- 2) 2003 Philadelphia Meeting Minutes were finalized after no comments were added.
- 3) Governing Board Report. Mark Killgore reported that the governing board is encouraging members to vote on the constitutional amendment proposed by ASCE; EWRI is taking a position to vote yes on the amendment. Conrad Keyes, former president of EWRI, is running for president-elect of ASCE. If he is elected to this position, he could give EWRI a bigger voice within ASCE.
- 4) Liaison with International Water Association. Topics discussed among ICC members were the following.
 - a) Establish relationship between EWRI's ICC and IWA.
 - b) Consideration of IWA jointly sponsoring the visiting international fellowship for a future EWRI/IWA joint conference in the U.S.
 - c) IWA membership in other countries is large; in the U.S. it is small. IWA can be a real asset for some of our activities, increasing international attendance and advertising the visiting international fellowship.
 - d) IWA is a possible link to Engineers Without Borders. Mark Anderson will meet with the president of EWB to find out interest of EWB in associating with ICC and its structure. EWB is looking for professionals other than engineers, for example sociologists, and is creating a structure for local and regional approach. IWA has connections in developing world to help establish projects.
 - e) Establish EWRI presence at World Water Forum in March 2006, maybe together with IWA. Main topic is systems engineering as applied to water resources – EWRI's Member Services EXCOM wants to have a track. Mark Killgore stated that we need a placeholder in the system now for a chance to have a track. The World Water Forum is a meeting of a combination of governmental organizations, nongovernmental organizations, practitioners, and academics. At least 20,000 attendees for 10 days. The ICC can be spearhead to get a track in place. EWRI will have a booth at this conference. Hugo Loaiciga is the chair.
- 5) A conference call was held with Paul Reiter (paul.reiter@iwahq.org.uk), executive director of IWA to discuss the following topics.
 - a) IWA is the largest international professional association for people in water, based in London. It was formed in 2000, a merger of two former water associations. It is a layer on top of many national associations. IWA wants American associations to reach international community. Members of IWA are top in their countries in their fields. IWA has members in 120 countries.
 - b) IWA can partner in conferences in non-EWRI congress years. On off years, there can be specialty conferences between ICC and IWA, especially to bring in developing countries.

- c) Paul Reiter is planning a forum in the World Water Forum with the following focus areas
 - i) Water in context of multi-sector decision making
 - ii) Different uses of water
 - iii) Water and sanitation for all (in context of development)
 - iv) Water and food
 - v) Water security (flood, drought, and water resources management)

The focus is not on technical exchange, but on politics and policy (what are barriers to implementing technologies, for example), with a multi stakeholder focus. Each of the above topics will be addressed from the perspective of finance, institutional structures, capacity building (all with a focus on decentralization) and technology and development.
 - d) IWA will be happy to co-organize a portion of the tracks at the congress in Anchorage, and also on a regular basis.
 - e) IWA does not have an independent source of funding and therefore cannot fund any part of the Anchorage congress.
 - f) IWA could get other organizations to sponsor people going to Anchorage.
 - g) IWA is willing jointly fund a future conference
 - h) Engineers Without Borders. IWA could be helpful for project identification in the 120 countries that are part of its membership because of its connections with project locations and people in the countries. IWA can help a lot in some areas of the world and not as much in others. Strong in East and South Africa, weak in West Africa (French speaking). Good network in Asia. Not very strong in South Asia.
- 6) Task Committee Reports
- a) Visiting International Fellowship. Laurel Saito reported on the 3 international visiting fellows selected for this year's conference: Dr. Fayzieva of Uzbekistan (hosted by Amy Childress of the University of Nevada, Reno), Dr. Jose Ochoa-Iturbe of Venezuela (hosted by John Stone of North Carolina State University), and Mr. Wijanto Hadipuro of Indonesia (hosted by Stuart Moring of City of Roswell, GA). Fellows will be presenting at various technical sessions and in a panel discussion on water issues in their countries. The ICC will be offering 3 fellowships (\$5000 total) next year for the congress in Anchorage. The deadline for abstracts is September 30, 2004, so the deadline for fellowship full applications will also be September 30. The deadline for pre-applications will be August 31. An initial announcement will be sent out at the end of July. After September 30, when applications are received, Laurel will set up a conference call to review the applications and select the fellows.
 - b) Transboundary Environmental Management after NAFTA. Mark Killgore stated that after a small period of hiatus in 2003, the task committee is working together to produce a publication looking back on NAFTA. The task committee is sitting in the steering committee of the conference on transboundary water issues in Tucson, November 14 to 16, 2004. The task committee is also working on a document titled "Crossing Boundaries" and should have a substantial draft for review before the November meeting. The task committee is also getting the Mexican Hydraulics Association to be a partner organization to EWRI and hopes that the agreement will be ready to sign in November.
 - c) March 2004 Trans-Pacific Environmental and Water Resources Seminar. Walter Grayman reported on this seminar held in March 2004 in Honolulu. There were 14 presentations, half of them from outside of Hawaii. This is part of a series of annual seminars organized by Jack Day and Walter Grayman. Jack Day is attempting to organize a late 2005 seminar in Hanoi (with participation of United Nations Development

Programme and the University of Hanoi) and another one in early 2006 in Merida, Mexico. Walter commented that these seminars attract a broad group of environmental professionals and that it is a serious technical meeting and good opportunity to exchange information. These seminars have no registration fee.

A motion was passed by the ICC to endorse the future meetings in Hanoi and Merida.

- 7) Member Services EXCOM Report. Mark Killgore was elected secretary of the EXCOM, with a 3-year term starting next year. There potentially will be a vacancy in the EXCOM for an ICC member for the 2006 fiscal year. There is a proposal for the ICC to merge with the EOCC (External Organizations Coordination Committee). Members of the ICC voted against supporting the merger. (Lisa Bourget subsequently passed along this information to Phil Burgi at the EWRI Congress.)

There is a proposal within EXCOM to develop an international membership to EWRI, with discounted membership for World Bank developing countries. EWRI will have a booth at the World Water Forum in 2006 to promote membership.

A proposal also exists for EWRI to change its mission statement. Udai Singh, new chair for Member Services is the representative at the governing board regarding this issue.

- 8) Participation in 2004 Salt Lake City Congress
 - a) International Issues Symposium. Hal Cardwell, co-chair of the symposium with Jerry Delli Priscoli, reported. Sessions, including an open plenary on Monday, will be held all day during all 4 days. Topics include international water history, China, NAFTA. Sessions were put together based on papers received from the general call. Hal also announced he was looking for moderators for sessions on Thursday. The symposium would also include some time at the end of each day for synthesis and reactions to papers presented on that day. These end-of-day sessions will be evaluated later for attendance and to assess whether to hold similar sessions again.
 - b) Social and Recognition of International Fellows. The social was to be held on Monday evening. Dr. Maria Donoso, UNESCO Representative for the Americas, together with Jerry Delli Priscoli, would present the awards. Exact layout of the program still to be determined.
 - c) Participation in sessions. Several attendees announced their presentations and when they would be held.
- 9) ASCE IAC (International Activities Committee) water activities. Mark Killgore reported. Mike Sanio is the new director of the IAC. Some activities of the IAC are: creating framework for matching funds, having US join UNESCO a year ago, program Engineering for a Better World, NAFTA, effect of sanitation in China, 3 Gorges, Mexico, UNCSD. In a past conference in Madrid, Parsons got involved on behalf of EWRI. This creates the concern that when the IAC gets involved in water activities, members of ASCE tend to get involved instead of EWRI's ICC.
- 10) Relations with other countries and other international conferences
 - a) SAHRA's (NSF Center for Sustainability of semi-Arid Hydrology and Riparian Areas) Nov. 16-19, 2004 Transboundary Waters Management Symposium (Tucson). Mark Killgore has two proposed sessions for this conference: NAFTA Environmental Institutions: 10 Years of Water Quality Progress and Bilateral Mexico-USA Water Quality and Bilateral Mexico-USA Water Quality Cooperation Through Border 2012. For more information, contact Mark Killgore.
 - b) Shou-Shan Fan reported on the following future conferences
 - i) 7th International Symposium on Land Subsidence, Shanghai, 2005

- ii) International Symposium on Artificial Recharge, Berlin, Fall 2005
 - iii) International Symposium on Artificial Recharge, Phoenix, 2007
 - c) Udai Singh is proposing an EWRI conference in New Delhi, India, in January/February 2006. The Indian Institute of Technology would be a co-sponsor. The proposal will be ready in August. The Asia Institute of Technology in Bangkok is a participant. Funding and sponsorship may come from USEPA. Scope is broader than just India. One of the conference topics is arsenic in that part of the world. For more information, contact usingh@ch2m.com
- 11) Other Activities for 2004-2005 and Task Committees
- a) Daene McKinney proposed to lead a new task committee for participating in the World Water Forum. Mark Killgore, Laurel Saito, and Hal Cardwell volunteered to be on the committee.
 - b) Shou-Shan Fan volunteered to chair an unfunded task committee to look into EWRI having input into UNESCO's IHP (International Hydrologic Programme).
 - c) Shou-Shan Fan will pursue funding for research on topic of impact of drought on desertification in Egypt. China is showing interest on this topic.
 - d) Mark Anderson will head an unfunded task committee on Engineers Without Borders and work on developing recommendations that can be presented at the board level at EWRI. Volunteers are Kevin Nielsen, Laurel Saito, and Cris Surbeck.
- 12) Next EWRI Congress May 15-19, 2005 in Anchorage, Alaska. ICC will seek help from IWA for a keynote speaker. ICC will have a couple of tracks, one day only, including a panel discussion. Laurel Saito and Hal Cardwell will work on the proposal. Shou-shan Fan will work with the Chinese Academy to host several technical sessions on International Ice Research. Stacy Langsdale is the Visiting International Fellowship representative on the conference organizing committee.
- 13) Consideration of Core Group members. Hal Cardwell's vice chair position is extended for one more year. ICC will track EWRI requirements for core group members and set new core group members, to be e-mailed to the group. One proposed change is to rotate out Rob Montgomery for Stacy Langsdale.
- 14) Next ICC Meeting: anticipated to be held in conjunction with May 15-19, 2005 EWRI Congress in Anchorage, Alaska (likely on the day immediately prior to the Congress.)
- 15) Adjourn.