2014 International Council Meeting, Portland, OR, EWRI
June 1, 2014

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introduction of members attending, regrets (David Watkins)

   Present: Paul Block, Philip Burgi, Ximing Cai, Aline Cotel, Edward Zia Hosseinipour, Dale
   Jacobson, Mohammed Karamouz, Debra Leigh, Daene McKinney, Laurel Saito, Udai Singh,
   Aditya Tyagi, David Watkins, Jianpeng Zhou, Tingju Zhu; Mitthan Kansal, Xiaofeng Liu,
   Yi-Chen Yang

   Regrets: Elizabeth Bourget, Harold Day, Jose Flores Berrones, Vinio Floris, Jory Hecht,
   Mark Killgore, Daniel Loucks, Ananta Nath, Martin Teal

   Membership roster updated.

2. Approval of 2013 Minutes and Agenda; update Roster (Paul Block)

   Daene McKinney moved to approve the Minutes; Laurel Saito seconded. Approved.

3. Leadership Weekend Meeting Report

   Discussed and formalized how the International Council will be reorganized similar to other
   councils, and the International Participation Committee (IPC) will undertake more of the
   council’s previous activities. The IC is now under the Technical Executive Committee (Ex-
   Com), and will subsequently meet at the Council weekend.

4. Report from the Governing Board

   Updates and report from Brian Parsons:
   - 2018 IAHR conference will be in Panama; Hydraulics and Waterways Council or
     International Council should take a leadership supporting role.
   - Recommends IPWE (International Perspectives on Water and the Environment)
     conference commence every other year. Perhaps partner 2018 IPWE conference with
     2018 IAHR conference.
   - Welcomes submissions to the EWRI collaboration site.
     http://collaborate.ewrinstitute.org/
   - EWRI Council weekend likely to be weekend before President’s Day in 2015, in either
     Seattle or Tampa.

5. EXCOM Report (Mohammed Karamouz)

   Reported on the reorganization and transition from Operational Ex-Com to the Technical Ex-
   Com. All current IC committees will remain under IC and the Technical Ex-Com.

6. EWRI Program Committee Report

   Committee now dissolved. May reform; if they seek IC input, it should go through the IPC.
   Additional notes listed in 12) Symposia, below.

7. Existing and proposed Committees & Task Committees
- Now have 3 standing committees and 3 task committees

a. Visiting International Fellowship (Zia Hosseinipour reported)  
Meeting this Thursday afternoon at EWRI. Had a teleconference call last week. 3 Fellows this year. Suggestions to work more closely with them, especially to help organize international conferences. Panel will be Tuesday this week.

b. World Water Council Activities Committee (Daene McKinney)  

c. Task committee on post-NAFTA impacts on water planning (Daene McKinney reported)  
Suggested a post-post-NAFTA committee on impacts on water planning study. David Eaton would like to continue. Suggest a brief report on new activities.

d. International Participation Standing Committee (Mohammad Karamouz)  
IPC meeting will take place Monday at EWRI.

e. Women-Water Nexus Task Committee (Aline Cotel)  
Provided update, including opportunities for expanding activities – proposals, SWE, journal articles, etc. Just launched Hydroworld.info website to make connections and encouraged members to create profiles.

f. Informal International Workshop (Walter Grayman)  
Conference in June in Green Bay, WI.

8. New Standing Committee and Task Committees  
Task Committee on International Cooperation for Water-Energy-Land Sustainability (ICWELS, Richard Peralta, chair) recently approved.

9. Liaison with other organizations and committees

a. ASCE International Activities Committee (Daene McKinney)  
No longer exists; reformed as task committee, but no activity.

b. IWA (Jianpeng Zhou)  
International Water Association. Broad range of focus – perhaps could still come through IC or IPC. IWA collaborate on IPWEs? Dale Jacobson will follow up with IWA.

c. UNESCO-IHP interactions (Kyle)  
No report.

10. Participation in 2014 Congress

a. International Council Sessions  
Will have 4 sessions + World Water Forum Symposium

b. International Fellows Reception  
Visiting International Fellows (VIF) will be announced at Monday breakfast this year.
11. 2015 EWRI Congress – IC track coordinators, IC-sponsored sessions – Selection of New Track Chair
Discussion regarding keeping single International Track Chair or splitting among Committees. Decided the Track Chair will act through the IPC and will coordinate with other standing and task committees.

12. Symposia and Conferences
   a. EWRI Int’l conferences (Phil Burgi)
      2014 Ecuador (Phil Burgi): gave update on conference
      2015 Sri Lanka: Changed to 2016
      - 2018 suggested to be held in Panama with IAHR conference
      - ASCE 2016 conference in Asia Region with 12-15 countries in Hawaii (3 days).
         International sessions solicited. Contact Mohammed Karamouz if interested.
      - Suggestion by Phil Burgi to have a task committee responsible for international conferences organization and delegation or have that as part of IPC responsibilities. Needs a champion.

13. Award Nominations / this year’s recipients:
   a. Service to the Profession award: Laurel Saito receiving award this year (2014)
      - Also discussed IC endorsing the VIF founding committee members for the Outstanding Achievement Award. The recommendation needs to come from the VIF committee.
      - Future awards can come from committees and endorsed by IC.
   b. Others
      - King Hassan Award (Morocco) presented by Dale Jacobson

14. Review of Council’s Responsibilities/Roles/Commitments-Revisit our Restructuring
Reviewed priorities:
  1. Encourage committees within IC
  2. Strategic partnerships with other International organizations
  3. Relationships with other EWRI Councils
  4. International conferences

15. New Vision/Mission Statement
Draft of mission statement exists. Need to provide EWRI information on existing relationships with other Councils. David Watkins will collect information from committees.

16. Other Business
Aditya Tyagi: need to develop some way to recognize past VIFs attending the EWRI conference and have them share their experiences.
17. Adjournment
Daene McKinney moves to adjourn; Dale Jacobson seconded. Approved.