

- I. 18:15 Meeting called to order
Present: Brian, Joan, Janet, Jessica, Jennie, Chrissy, Tammy, Steve

- II. Chapter Director Report: Joan gave a handout of her report. AEP's goals and priorities are committee activities. AEP is forming an Emerging Issues committee that will address upcoming issues/horizons, such as climate change. If interested in joining, please send name and contact information to Joan.
New business within AEP includes the proposed AEP Asia Study Tour to Bhutan/Sikkim in Fall of 2009. Trip costs will be the responsibility of the attendee. More information is coming.
Joan gave the membership and financial report summaries. Membership is continuing to increase statewide and the financial status is doing well.
Joan briefly discussed the new CEQA Committee which will be helping to redefine CEQA Appendix G (IS Checklist). If interested, contact Joan. She discussed that the 2008 Fall CEQA Basics Workshop needs a coordinator, date, and venue by July. Janet said she would organize for Oakland. Joan also discussed the success of the 2008 San Diego Joint NAEP/AEP Conference, the upcoming 2008 Chapter Summit in Ontario, hosted by the Inland Empire Chapter (July 12 – more information to come), and the 2008 AEP CEQA handbook distribution.

- III. Upcoming Programs: Brian discussed the April 21 program on greenhouse gasses and endangered species. Joan suggested presenting the program as a “viewpoint” or bringing in a speaker from the AEP white paper. We don't want to create a debate.
Regarding the May 5 CEQA Workshop: Speakers are Gary Jacobs, Jim Moose, and Pat Angell. Joan said we want one more and we need volunteers. Joan will let Leann know.
Regarding the April 19 CEQA Workshop: There are five confirmed speakers. We need to reduce to three or four. Advertising materials arrived today.

- IV.
 - a. San Francisco Green Drinks: This will be on May 7th.
 - b. Recap of Past Events: Tammy said that the Scharffen Berger Chocolate Factory tour was a success at about 15 attendees. Jennie said that the Whale Watching tour on March 22nd was a huge success with 28 people and lots of networking.
 - c. Future Events: Jennie suggested a kayaking event in the Tamalas Bay in early June. Emma wants to do a barbeque event. Brian suggested an overnight whitewater rafting trip and will send his contact information to Jennie and Tammy.

- V. State Conference Update: Steve explained that we are two days away from signing a contract. The conference will be held from Sunday, March 15, 2009 to midday Wednesday, March 18, 2009. He discussed the budget as conservative on expenses and estimates that 300 people will attend. If the cost of food increases,

the cost of rooms will be eliminated. The theme of the conference is “Transforming the Urban Mosaic” and will focus on greening urban areas. The programs chair and committee is complete. A call for papers will be issued around November or December of this year. The next meeting is on April 22.

- VI. Treasurer’s Report: Janet has finished the budget reconciliation. We are good in both the checking and market rate accounts. Steve noted that the state conference committee costs will come out of the chapter budget.
- VII. Newsletter Update: Jessica said that the next newsletter will come out in June and a draft version will be ready in early May.
- VIII. Logo Discussion: Tammy handed out the versions of the logo that have been drafted to date. Steve suggested using the logo from the 2009 State Conference as the chapter’s logo.

VOTE: Use the 2009 State Conference logo as the chapter logo. CONSENSUS: Approved.

- IX. Legislative Report: Brian passed out the draft letter to Senator Kuehl in opposition of Senate Bill 1165, which would require any administrative draft of a document to be released for public review.
A shotgun legislative committee is being formed to provide eyes in Sacramento to keep on top of new and proposed legislation.
Brian will send the capitol snapshot to membership and will have Marc add it to the website. Jessica will add it to the newsletter.
- X. Website Committee Update: No major updates. Brian, Jessica, and Marc are coordinating on the website. A group photograph for the state website will be taken at the next meeting. Jennie will email Marc regarding issues she has found with the website.
- XI. Next Meeting: Early June.