

### **Proposed Education Projects**

The Sedimentation Education Committee met in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room of the Archdale Building on April 25, 2007, in Raleigh. Minutes from this meeting are attached.

The legislature's budget is proposing an allocation of \$202,200.00 to be used for FY07-08. The funding recommendations of the SEC to the SCC from the April 25, 2007 meeting are as follows:

Local Programs Workshops:	\$	66,486.00
Four Workshops for Design Professionals:	\$	21,534.00
Production of Sediments Newsletter	\$	<u>40,250.00</u>
	\$	128,270.00

The remaining unencumbered amount would be \$73,930.00.

North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission  
Education Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Archdale Building, Raleigh, NC  
April 25, 2007

Committee Members Attending:

Dr. Joe Kleiss, Chairman  
Mr. Buzz Bryson  
Dr. Maurice Cook  
Mr. Jim Farnham  
Ms. Kelly Porter  
Mr. Ralph Stout

Others Attending:

Ms. Anna Arnold  
Dr. Upton Hatch  
Mr. Gray Hauser  
Mr. Mell Nevils  
Ms. Ashley Rodgers

Dr. Kleiss opened the meeting with introductions and acceptance of prior minutes. Mr. Stout asked that Dr. Cook's name be changed in the minutes to reflect his title. Mr. Bryson moved to approve the January 24, 2007 minutes with that correction and Ms. Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman requested an update on the status of funding and proposals. Ms. Rodgers informed the committee of the status of the funded workshops, including the recent workshop and field tour in Boone, and the Sediments newsletter.

Ms. Anna Arnold gave the committee an update on the revisions to the Field Manual and Inspector's Guides, as well as the brochures being revised and reprinted. Mr. Hauser then presented a brief discussion of the upcoming RUSLE2 workshop funded by the committee. Scheduled for April 30 and May 1, 2007, there are currently 19 attendees from local erosion programs and 10 attendees from the Land Quality Section. A few seats remain to be filled. Ms. Rodgers gave a brief update on the launch of the new LQS website, as well as the internal LQS website.

Dr. Kleiss then directed the committee to proceed to the current proposals which were under consideration from the SEC. Mr. Nevils interjected that the SCC is anticipated to receive the same funding in 2007-2008 as the previous year, approximately \$202,200.00. However, it is anticipated that the restrictions on the use of education funds will be lifted. This would be important because the SEC would be able to fund research that may help with new technologies and possible future revisions to the design manual.

At Dr. Kleiss's request, Ms. Porter presented the first of the proposals from the Water Resources Research Institute (WRI), for the four workshops for design professionals. After a brief discussion of the budget with respect to previous years, Mr. Stout made a motion to approve the WRI proposal for the "Support for Four Workshops to Train Design Professionals" at \$21,534.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farnham and approved unanimously.

Next, Ms. Porter presented the contract funding the annual local programs awards workshop. Ms. Porter did note one change to the duties in the contract, which was that WRI would no longer be traveling to and interviewing winners in the two local program awards categories.

After some discussion regarding the budget and possible solutions for having other groups interview the local program award winners, Mr. Bryson made a motion to approve the WRII proposal "Support for Annual Workshop and Banquet for Local Programs" at \$66,486.00. Dr. Cook seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Ms. Rodgers presented the final proposal before the committee, which was for the continued production of the Sediments newsletter. It was noted that the total request amount was incorrect, and should sum to \$40,250.00. It was noted that minor changes to the proposal would be necessary, including listing three issues in one area and four issues in another area of the contract. Ms. Rodgers agreed that there were a few typos, etc. that would need to be corrected before a contract went into place. These corrections will be made before the Land Quality Section puts a contract into place with the NCSU Water Quality Group. After a brief discussion, Mr. Stout made a motion that the proposal for the "Sediments newsletter, FY 07-08" be approved, with staff changes, at \$40,250.00. Mr. Farnham seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

A short discussion was had on possible topics and considerations for future research to be funded by the education committee. Mr. Nevils pointed out that, as it is difficult to do research in one year, the committee should consider having a 2-3 year contract for research. The committee would have to set aside a certain amount each year, but that would be one option for funding adequate research projects. It was decided that Land Quality Section staff should approach several research groups, especially at local universities, and ask for draft proposals for the summer meeting.

Mr. Nevils gave a brief update on legislative issues, including the anticipation of educational funds restrictions being lifted and on the proposed fee increase for erosion and sediment control plans.

The next meeting of the Sedimentation Education Committee was set for Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 10 am in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room of the Archdale Building in Raleigh, NC.

Dr. Cook mentioned that the Best Management Practices (BMP) for Forest Practices have been printed and is available. This is a great reference and has erosion and sediment control information, as well as all water quality rules, laws, etc. in the appendices. Dr. Cook also informed the committee that the companion pocket guides which have been developed should be available in September.

With no further business or discussion, Dr. Kleiss adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by Ashley Rodgers.