Membership Council Minutes

August 16th, 2023

Attendance: Amy Vail, Frank Williams, Zach Hampton, Kyle Tryan, Michelle Zdrodowski, Maggie Vaulman, Barbara Marczak, Erika Ignace, Matt Parks, Sam Giffel

National Membership (Vail/Vaulman): No update since ACE. Membership Summit 2024 is tentatively set for January 25th. Vaulman will send out New Member Checklists for distribution to the group.

Membership Challenge (Vail/Williams): Membership challenge remains on track to meet our goal.

Member Engagement (Vail/Williams): Williams to send Ignace Dropped Member List. Please edit as needed on google doc by 8/25, after which we will divvy up the list for reach outs by email.

Diversity Committee (Garcia/Chappell): No update.

YP Committee (Tryan): Tryan will pass chair role to Zywicznski at MI-ACE next month. A Holiday Party and fall/winter plant tours are in the works. A survey was sent out to members to assess what topics should be covered in a new “Crash-Course” series to help young professionals navigate early hurdles when joining the water industry.

Industry Recruitment (Cox): No update.

Youth Ed (Caron): No update.

Volunteer Coordinator (Ignace): MI-ACE will feature a volunteer table next to registration, but in the meantime please go online and sign up for one of the many open slots to assist with conference activities. First Time Attendees Breakfast is on Wednesday, September 13th, at 7:15. Please consider attending to welcome our first timers. The section is also looking for “Happy to Help” volunteers who will wear a ribbon and be on the lookout to assist anyone who looks lost. The quarterly volunteer orientation will continue to be held in person but will also be recorded going forward. Consideration is being given to merging this event with the New Member Coffee Break. Council/Committee roles and responsibility one-pages are going to go through a refresh. Ignace to reach out to communications council to collaborate. Ignace to also pull together an “empty-chair” list for distribution to the group before MI-ACE. Goal will be to seek out potential candidates for these roles.

Next Meeting: September 20th, 2023