5-7-2010 - North Texas Environmental Education Committee (NTEEC) – First Meeting

I. Meetings - A&WMA & Student Chapters
   o Explore different times and Venues
   o Social Events / Networking
   o Industry Presentations at Student Chapter Meetings
   o Student Presentations to A&WMA Meetings
   o Drive students to Monthly Technical Meetings/Luncheons

II. Scholarships – AWMA NTX Chapter already has active program and would like to expand and get the word out.

III. Mentoring
   o Company Sponsors of Student Chapters - Alumni may have stronger interest in a particular school student chapter (but not necessarily)
   o Pairing Individual Students with Industry / Government Members (one-on-one mentorship opportunity)

IV. NTX Chapter AWMA Website – Page for Education Committee
   Website
   o Jobs Posting
   o Blog/Forum for Exchange of Ideas
   o Scholarship opportunities
   o Opportunities for National AWMA awards, publication & presentation opportunities
   o North Texas Environmental Education Committee Activities/Projects/Events
   o Student Chapter web updates may possibly be included on the chapter website NTEEC page, rather than having their own separate website – could boost communications.

V. Promote Employment Opportunities
   o Internships
   o Full and Part time Jobs

VI. Technical Collaboration Projects
   o Major Research Projects
   o Mini-Research Projects
   o Student Collaboration on Papers
   o Class Projects
   o Regulations Synopses
   o Independent Study
VII.  Other Organizations & Associations – Partnering opportunities
   o  Research what other organizations/associations are already doing
   o  Partnering opportunities

VIII. Graduate and Undergraduate Students and Faculty
   o  Engineering: Civil; Environmental; Chemical and Mechanical
   o  Environmental Science
   o  Biology
   o  Chemistry
   o  Geology
   o  City and Regional Planning
   o  Law Schools

IX.  K through 12 Students and Faculty
   o  Opportunities for members to talk to students about what they do
   o  National AWMA has resource materials /including Lesson Plans, some of which need to be updated
**Action Items:**

Daphne Economou will coordinate and discuss NTEEC Items listed with NTX AWMA Chapter Board. Immediate focus will be on communications including website & outreach.

Rupangi Faldu will help coordinate UTA Student Chapter activities with Melanie Sattler. She will also assist Daphne with NTEEC communication and outreach efforts. Rupangi volunteered to drive UTA students to next AWMA Chapter meeting.

David Weeks will oversee the Technical Collaboration efforts focusing (to begin with) on mini-research projects. To get the ball rolling, a description of proposed activities and how the process may work would be nice to have as a write-up. Could post on our AWMA/NTEEC webpage and/or include in other announcements.

Kenneth Long – will research what other organizations and associations are currently doing.

[Ken— TCEQ has a website with “resources and links for teachers, educators, and anyone interested in environmental education for kindergarten through 12th grade. [http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/education/k-12education/K12education.html]. Also, the Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE) has student outreach efforts including scholarships for aspiring engineering students and graduate engineering students as well as sponsoring and organizing the Texas MATHCOUNTS program (not environmental focused however so there could be an opportunity)]

Melanie Sattler and Andrew Hunt will get the word out within UTA and contact faculty, advisors and/or students from the graduate and undergraduate departments listed that may be interested in participating in NTEEC activities and/or joining the UTA Student Chapter. A list of contacts who may potentially be interested would be nice to have.