

12-9-2020 5:00 p.m.

Troy Bernier
Ann Murray
Clint Noble
Kim Arnold
Bill Aley



Discussed results of survey on petroleum cleanup freeze thus far and email from Glen MacGraw on coalition activities. The draft newsletter from Bill includes a link to sample letters that members can use to contact their State reps and senators.

The newsletter is nearly ready. Only waiting on final review and approval from USF people who submitted items. Bill will send the newsletter via Star Chapter to FAPG members and PG non-memers.

As discussed in the November 20th call, Natalie Kato has laid out her lobbyist plan for this session. She is working with lobbyists for other groups (e.g. landscape architects) to change SLIP study language to include geologists as licensed professionals who can sign. The senator who had previously sponsored such a bill has been voted out, so additional effort may be required. The FDEP has contracted to have a website built that will automate the SLIP study process.

Clint discussed joining the Florida Groundwater Association and which committees might be most beneficial to join. Tom Herbert is also active in FGWA and may be able to advise.

Troy provided a brief update on Glen's work with the coalition and their forensic accounting work on tracking income and expenses for the trust fund. The results of the survey will be useful for the coalition to share with legislators and the FDEP. Many of the responses painted a bleak outlook. The Florida Specifier also ran a survey on the same topic.

Troy said approximately 100 individuals have unsubscribed from the FAPG distribution list (Star Chapter tracks this).

This was Troy's last call as president. Next call is scheduled for January 13, 2021.

Adjourned 5:25.