

## IWPCA Collection System Committee Meeting January 24, 2007 Minutes

The IWPCA Collection System Committee met at the Marshalltown, Iowa Best Western Conference Center on January 24, 2007. The attendees included: Steve Simons, Ken Goehring, Lavern Cole, Terry McArther, Adam Smith, Mark McGuire, Paul Druivenga. The meeting began at 9:01 AM.

Paul Druivenga confirmed that the program had gone to print and would be in the hands of the recipients by the end of the week. He further indicated that Kirkwood had allotted 1.2 CEU's of credit for our conference. The Program along with the Vendor form is available on the website at [www.iawpca.org](http://www.iawpca.org). If you need any additional information please contact Paul Druivenga.

Steve Simons, the Committee representative for the website and Reporter, made a plea for article submissions. It was noted that the minutes from the March, October, and December 2006 meetings have been updated on the website. Mark McGuire agreed to provide the meeting minutes for the January 2007 meeting.

This year the giveaways will include an engraved Swiss Army Knife as well as a calculator for those taking the ABC Collection system Exam. The price for the conference will not increase this year. We will continue with the format for vendor recognition for the session breaks the same as last year.

The IWPCA Collection System Committee has made a decision to promote the concept of a State Mandated Operator Certification for Collection System. We have identified an individual that we feel would assist us in this process. After the review of a letter indicating pricing for various levels of involvement, it was decided to evaluate the level of support from our current constituency. To do this a questionnaire has been prepared that will be sent to everyone who is currently a certified Collection System Operator to determine the level of support for this agenda. We hope to have the results available for the next Collection System Committee meeting in April.

Several individuals indicated that they would like to have WEF Collection System shirts. A price sheet was obtained from Mail Marketing and several shirts were ordered by various individuals. If you still interested in a WEF Collection System Committee shirt please contact Mark McGuire for further information.

The IWPCA booth will be on display at the Collection System Conference. As this display material has not been updated for the collection system section as yet, a request has been made for photos representing work that has been performed in the field. A number of individuals have provided digital photos but we are still open to additional photos that represent a unique collection system application or work being performed. Please provide photos in a digital jpg format downloaded onto a CD. For further information or to send photos please contact Mark McGuire.

In 2005 the IWPCA created a Mission Statement to better create an identity for the future of the association. In keeping with this philosophy, the Collection System Committee has drafted a Mission Statement for the review of the Executive Board. If approved, we would request that the IWPCA Collection System Committee Mission Statement be shown on the website when the link to the Collection System Committee has been selected.

A discussion was held concerning the role of the Golden Manhole. In some States the Golden Manhole is a Society that is governed by Bylaws and operators as a separate committee under the State WEF Chapter. In other States the Golden Manhole is an Award that is presented to individuals who are deemed worthy passed upon service or performance of duty above and beyond expectations. At the moment we are still seeking a direction in this regard. A request was made to allow the Golden Manhole members to have a special meeting time at the Annual IWPCA Conference Meeting, perhaps a reception or a breakfast.

A lively discussion regarding one city's experience with a surprise EPA inspection took place. This led to another discussion concerning how to deal with developers that build sewers that do not connect to the City interceptors as the City has not yet expanded their system to reach that connection point.

The next IWPCA Collection System Committee meeting will be held at the Marshalltown, Iowa Best Western Conference Center on Wednesday April 11, 2007 at 10:00 AM. The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 AM. Lunch was held at Mr. G's restaurant.