

Iowa Water Environment Association  
Collection System Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 2010

The IWPCA Collection System Committee met at the Best Western in Marshalltown, Iowa on October 7, 2010. Those in attendance included Kevin Moler – CLSD, Jim Lund – HDR Engineering, Glen Petersen - IGLSD, Laven Cole – City of Davenport, Steve Simons – City of Marshalltown, Ken Goering - Retired, Roger McFarland – City of Ankeny, Bryan Robinson - MPT, Adam Smith – City of Des Moines, Curt Kampman – McClure Engineering, and Mark McGuire – Siemens Water Technologies.

Glen Petersen reported that in 2000 there were 128 Collection System Certified Operators. In 2010 we have 308 Certified Operators. Consideration had been given to offering the exam through IDNR. The costs associated with offering the exam would be \$85 per exam given, plus an annual program setup fee of \$1000. The IAWEA offers 40-60 exams per year at a current cost to examinees of \$35. A motion was made by Mark McGuire, and seconded by Steve Simons, to not offer a computer based option at the IDNR regional offices at this time due to the financial costs to our examinees. The motion passed all in favor.

IAWEA received a proposal to switch exam vendors. Glen Petersen made a motion to stay with our current exam provider, ABC at this time. It was seconded by Ken Goering, and passed all in favor.

Glen confirmed that 2011 is a Collection System Operator certification renewal year. Glen Petersen and Paul Druivenga have revised the Certification form to IAWEA.

Based upon the IDNR approved training list for CEU renewal, Safety Training is limited to 20% of accreditation hours. Glen Petersen made a motion to follow the IDNR standards. Kevin Moler seconded this motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

The Operator Training Program sub-committee will meet on 10-21-10 to evaluate the 2010 program and revise the 2011 program to better meet the training needs of our members. The committee recommends that the Operator Training Program be more clearly defined in CVENT. The committee also recommends that the focus needs to be on Operator Training and not vendor demonstrations. The sub-committee is made up of Roger McFarland – chair, Adam Smith, Steve Simons, and representatives from Mid-Iowa, Trans-Iowa, Elliott, and MPT.

The Annual Conference Planning committee will meet on 10-22-10 at the Ames, Iowa Wastewater Treatment Plant. A list of speakers and topics generated after the 2010 Annual conference has been submitted to the planning committee for consideration. Perry Gjersvik will serve on Annual Conference Planning committee to represent the interests of the Collection System Committee. Mark McGuire will serve on the Annual Conference Planning committee to represent the interests of the Operator Training Program sub-committee.

Mike Czipar and Steve Simons are in the process of reviewing the content of the IAWEA website. Steve Simons and Mark McGuire will review the Golden Manhole form, the Certification form, and the Vendor form to address the name change to the Iowa Water Environment Association. They plan to have this completed by the December Collection System Committee Meeting.

The Collection System Committee recommends that the Specialty Conference and collection system committee meetings continue to be held at Best Western Marshalltown.

Deanna Davis and Todd Groves met with the committee to audio video problems that have occurred during past meetings. Todd recommended that AV controls be placed in backroom to better facilitate control. Todd indicated that the sound system is good but room D has some problems. The equipment rental fee is \$185. The cost to hire Todd to run the AV system for a day and a half is \$375 including equipment. Glen Petersen made a motion to hire Todd Groves to provide and operator the AV system for the Specialty Conference. Ken Goering seconded this motion and it pass, all in favor. A suggestion was made to consider 2 and 3 projector screen during the conference. Mike Czipar and Todd Groves will work out equipment requirements and any extra fees that may be incurred to operate 2 or 3 screens.

Deanna Davis presented the costs associated with room rental, room arrangement, lunch menu and the additional room requirement for PACP training. The committee chose to offer the Western lunch buffet option at a cost of \$22 a person. A final count will need to be given to Deanne 2 days prior to the start of the conference. Kevin Moler will coordinate with Deanna Davis for the final count for the Specialty Conference. Roger McFarland will coordinate with Deanna Davis for any additional meal costs for the PACP training. Due to a conflict with Pumper show, the conference will take place from March 9-11, 2011.

Roger McFarland and Roxanne Slater are working with Duane Seals of Ace Pipe Cleaning in Kansas City to offer PACP Training during the Specialty Conference. The costs associated are \$500 including trainer fees and text books. To cover meals, room fees, and other expenses, the cost to our members will be \$650 per trainee. Roger McFarland will work with Deanna Davis to make final room set up and meal arrangements for the PACP Training Program. Roxanne has gotten a copy of the brochure used for the PACP Training Program offered in Kansas City. Mark McGuire will make arrangements to revise this brochure to represent the program offered by IAWEA. A statement will be posted on List Serve to announce the PACP Training Program. Sign up for PACP training will be made available using CVENT prior to the December meeting.

Mark McGuire made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Kevin Moler. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM and the Collection System Committee went to lunch at the Best Western.