

IOWA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 27, 2015

The minutes of the Iowa Water Environment Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Gateway Center, Ames, Iowa on March 27, 2015.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Jonathan Brown, at 10:01 AM, with the following Executive Committee members present: Steve Hershner, Jonathan Brown, Jim McElvogue, Darin Jacobs, Kam Reeves, Jon Koch, Laurie Twitchell, Tim Snyder, Rick Graves, Jay Brady, Alison Manz and John Ringlestein. Also present were: Marci Whitaker, Eric Evans, Jon Harger, Bob Ranson, Greg Sindt and Mark Jones.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Darin Jacobs, and seconded by Jim McElvogue, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Darin Jacobs, and seconded by Rick Graves, to approve the minutes of September 12, 2014 as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The Secretary/Treasurer distributed a report with balances as of January 1, 2015 and March 26, 2015. Assets are up. The Operations Account is up almost \$40,000 due to the specialty conferences. The Region checking account is down slightly due to regional meetings being held and receipts are yet to be received. Net results for the specialty conferences as of today are Maintenance \$7,850, Collection Systems \$12,772.75, Collection Recertification \$1,180 and Biosolids \$5,665. CVENT and credit card processing has not yet been charged to the specialty conferences. In December, the Secretary/Treasurer received a call from the Treasurer of the AWWA Iowa Section stating the AWWA would like to wrap up the financial results of the 2013 and 2014 short courses by December 31, 2014. AWWA would need to do the CEU allocation to complete the financial results. No response as of today. It was moved by Jim McElvogue, and seconded by Jon Koch, to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

B. Delegates' Report

Jay Brady reported the WEF House of Delegates sub committees are continuing their activities. WEFMAX meetings are coming up. Jay discussed the training items available from WEF for MAs. Jay and Tim are working with the representatives from WEF that will be attending our annual conference. Tim Snyder stated Jay had said it all.

C: Regional Directors

Region 1: Paul Horsfall was unable to attend due to his wife having total knee replacement.

Region 2: Darin Jacobs reported the spring 2015 meeting will be held April 9 at NIACC and focus on wastewater topics.

Region 3: Steve Casey reported by email that the Region 3 spring meeting was held on March 11 with 25 people in attendance. The speakers were great and the food was a hit. The fall meeting will be on October 7th.

Region 4: Alison Manz reported their spring meeting will be on April 3rd in Carson. Eighty people have already registered. Region 4 is developing an email communications list.

Region 5: Rick Graves reported the Region 5 spring meeting was held on March 25th with 47 attendees. The fall meeting will be on October 28th.

Region 6: Jon Koch reported their spring 2015 meeting will be held on May 6th.

D: Correspondence

a. Jonathan Brown reported he had sent a letter supporting the Northwood Project as approved by the Executive Committee.

b. Jonathan reported he had received a letter from the New Jersey MA inviting us to attend their 100th Annual Meeting.

The meeting recessed at 10:20 AM to tour the annual meeting facilities. The meeting reconvened at 10:42 AM.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE ACTION/DIRECTION REQUESTS**Web Page**

Due to other commitments, Mark Jones gave the report on the Web Page at this time. Mark discussed his activities with the redesign of the web page. Blue Rock Designs of Ames has been working on the new design and will have it ready to go live on April 3rd. Mark presented a brief review of the new design. Ideas for additions to the web page were discussed.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**A. Short Course Discussion**

No response has been received from AWWA Iowa Section concerning the allocation of proceeds based on the CEU distribution for the 2013 and 2014 short courses. The Secretary/Treasurer discussed the liability situation for IAWEA. Jim McElvogue suggested we send 50% of the estimated proceeds to AWWA. After discussion, it was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Jim McElvogue, that the Secretary/Treasurer draft a proposal to submit 50% of the proceeds to AWWA and submit the proposal to the Executive Committee for approval. It was stressed that we emphasize this was only a preliminary disbursement and adjustments would be made when AWWA completes the CEU allocation. Motion carried.

B. WEFMAX – Who is going and where?

After discussion, the attendees will determine where each person will go and report back at a later meeting on the meeting attended.

C. IAWEA Conference Update

Steve Hershner, Jay Brady and Jon Harger discussed the meeting plans and facilities concerns. Steve reviewed the draft program. Kam Reeves distributed copies of the design for the commemorative coin. After discussion, President Brown directed Kam to order 500 of the gold 2 ¼” coins.

The meeting recessed at 12:08 PM for lunch and reconvened at 12:32 PM.

Old Business

It was moved by Jim McElvogue, and seconded by Tim Snyder, to accept the report of the affirmative electronic vote in support of the Northwood Project. Motion carried.

Darin Jacobs reported on his frustrating efforts to get a plaque at the ISU Engineering Building to commemorate the anniversary of the first training course held at ISU.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE ACTION/DIRECTION REQUESTS (continued)**Government Affairs**

Greg Sindt updated the group on the comments by IAWEA on the Wasteload Allocations Manual, the triennial review and the letter to IDNR on proposed rules to revise reporting requirements for wastewater plants. Greg also discussed the basin trading program and the nutrients situation with the Des Moines Water lawsuit. Greg and Jay Brady discussed the Water Quality Monitoring Program. There is a WPAC meeting this afternoon to discuss an outside review of the program. The suggestion has been made to IDNR that IAWEA could assist with water quality monitoring.

Aims and Objectives

Jim McElvogue reported there was nothing to report and the committee appreciated having nothing to report.

Awards

Jay Brady reported the awards are on track. Committee is having difficulty selecting Laboratory Analyst award recipients who are WEF members.

Education

Eric Evans reported he has sent an email to members of the ad hoc committee to explore education options requesting available dates for a meeting.

Financial Review

Keith Hobson reported the Secretary/Treasurer will have the financial report to the committee by mid-April.

Industrial Pretreatment/Laboratory

Jonathan Brown reported the specialty conference had 45 attendees and 7 vendors. An article is being prepared for the IAWEA Reporter

Maintenance

Bob Ranson reported the Maintenance Conference was held in early February with 60-80 people in attendance. Positive feedback has been received on the conference. The committee is looking into the possibility of a joint maintenance/collection systems short course.

Membership

Kam Reeves reported the committee has not met. Kam will complete his regional meetings tour with Region 2 and Region 6 this spring.

Newsletter

Marci Whitaker reported the next newsletter will be coming out in April. The committee is receiving more unsolicited material (which is good) and more material from WEF.

Nominating

Steve Hershner reported they are working on it.

Public Relations/Public Education

Members of the committee are judging projects at the Science Fair in Ames this afternoon. The committee is putting together a backdrop for the media session at the annual meeting.

Water for People

Keith Hobson reported the committee will be doing a presentation at the Children's Water Festival in May. They are also making arrangements for the golf outing at the annual conference.

Other Items

Bob Ranson discussed the IAWEA presentation to be made at the Children's Water Festival.

Steve Hershner reported he along with Roy Heseman, Mike Kuntz and Scott Wienands judged the projects at the Eastern Iowa Science Fair last week.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

President Brown declared the meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringlestein, Sec./Treasurer