

BIOSOLIDS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2013

The following members attended the Biosolids Committee meeting on April 16, 2013: Steve Troyer, Dennis Hayworth, Jim Rasmussen, Dan Miers, Ron Lacina, Brad Tingley, Dave Clark, and Hank Pangelina.

The Committee reviewed minutes from the January meeting.

Steve handed out a conference evaluation summary for Committee review. The summary was based on about 50 evaluation sheets that were filled out by attendants. Most found the overall conference to be good to excellent, and many of the individual topics were rated highly. There were a few negative comments on individual topics and a few humorous ones.

The proposed date for next year's conference is March 19, 2014 and Dennis will check availability of the room and get it reserved if open. There was a brief discussion about alternate dates in March but due to the Collection System conference being in early March and the Short Course in late March, it was decided to stick with March 19 if possible. It was also decided to begin at 8:45 next year rather than 9:00 and to reduce the lunch time to 45 minutes.

The Committee set guidelines of \$10-\$12 per meal for the luncheon winning Biosolids Award Program recipients would receive. These are general guidelines and a total cost cap of \$250 was discussed. Ron will coordinate the luncheon with this year's winner, the Davenport Compost Facility. It will be scheduled for sometime after the annual conference.

The contract between IAWEA and ISU for Dr. Thompson's study on endocrine disrupting compounds has been approved. The budget amount decreased to \$5,000 because ISU waived administrative fees for this project. IAWEA Region IV donated \$500 toward the cost of this study during their spring conference April 5.

The Committee discussed the topic of free registration for students in order to respond to questions from the City of Des Moines. The IAWEA bylaws say that for the annual conference student member fees are waived, but cost for meals and tours are not. Individual committees can define "student" and set their own rules for students. The Committee decided that registration fees including lunch for full time students to attend the Biosolids Conference shall be waived.

Dennis reported that DMACC has developed a PowerPoint presentation to promote their water/wastewater operator training programs. He also said they are working on specific training for operators testing for Grade III and Grade IV certification.

Steve reported that the sub-committee that is developing a Request for Proposals template for land application contracts has not met since the last meeting. Steve also reported that he has been working with the IAWEA website and is able to update Committee activities as needed.

There was no other business on the agenda and the meeting was adjourned ~ 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Pangelina

Biosolids Committee Co-Chair