

IOWA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 8, 2011

The minutes of the Iowa Water Environment Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Marriott Conference Center in Coralville, Iowa on April 8, 2011.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Jay Brady, at 10:00 AM, with the following Executive Committee members present: Jay Brady, Dan Riney, Jim Rasmussen, Murat Akyurek, Kam Reeves, Jon Brown, Mike Tripp, Tim Snyder, Jim McElvogue, and Gary Schellhorn (by telephone). Also present were: Ted Payseur, Dave Elias, Chuck Pietscher, Ed Askew and Mark McGuire.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Murat Akyurek, and seconded by Dan Riney, to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of CVENT renewal, Scholarship fund and Annual meeting sites. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Kam Reeves, and seconded by Jonathan Brown, to approve the minutes of February 4, 2011, as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Jay Brady reviewed the written report submitted by the Secretary/Treasurer. Assets of the Association increased by \$28,466.82 since January 1st. Most of the increase is for the maintenance, Biosolids, collections systems conferences and the short course coming up. Some expenses have been paid for all of the conferences except for the short course. The newsletter account is up \$4,834.13 due to advertising income. The IAWEA Water Projects account balance has been transferred to the Rotary in Newton per the request of the Water for People committee. Region checking is down \$2,398.61 due to expenses for upcoming meetings and Region 6's generous donation to the Biosolids Field Guide publication. It was moved by Jim McElvogue, and seconded by Murat Akyurek, to approve the report of the Secretary/Treasurer as presented. Motion carried.

B. Delegates' Report

Tim Snyder reported he has been working with the Operators Outreach Group at WEF. The group is putting a survey together to determine what the MAs are doing for training activities. They hope to have the survey results back by May 1. The new WEF banner is here and will be used at meetings of the IAWEA.

C: Regional Directors

Region 1: Jonathan Brown reported Region 1 will have a planning meeting in late May for their October meeting. Jerry Rattenborg's health is improving.

Region 2: Jay Brady reported Region 2 will be holding their spring meeting next Thursday in Mason City.

Region 3: Jay Brady said we are looking for a Director for Region 3 since Jim Virelli resigned.

Region 4: Jay attended the meeting and said it was a very good meeting. Mike Tripp discussed the split track concept they tried for this meeting.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. WEFMAX 2011 Iowa Venue Update

Diane Crilley- WEF representative, Gary Schellhorn and the Executive Committee participated in a phone conference call about the upcoming WEFMAX meeting in Davenport. Diane reported the program has been set and there will be 3 breakout topics. Diane reviewed the proposed agenda for the meeting. There will be a session for presenting "Great Ideas" from the MAs. Discussion of logistics details followed.

The Executive Committee toured the Marriott facilities for the annual meeting.

C: Regional Directors

Region 5: Jim McElvogue reported Jeff May from the City of Knoxville will become the new Region 5 Director at the IAWEA annual meeting.

Region 6: Kam Reeves reported their meeting will be on Wednesday, May 11. They are planning on asking for donations for the DMACC scholarship fund.

D: Correspondence

Jim McElvogue brought a card for members of the committee to sign for Julie Erickson for her efforts for the Association. The card will be presented on Administrative Assistants Day. Jay Brady is working on a "Thank you" card to use for Association activities.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

B. 2011 Annual meeting update and Registration rates

Jim McElvogue reported everything is almost ready to go. Items are still needed for the Water Quality Field Trip and the Spouses' program. The use of CVENT was discussed. Mark McGuire discussed the collections systems track and the costs of the training. Ed Askew will be working on a poster session. Considerable discussion was held on the rates to charge for the meeting and the meal details.

C. Constitution and Bylaws Update

The amendment to the Constitution to permit mail notice for changes in the Constitution and Bylaws passed unanimously. The committee is continuing to work on the update for the entire Constitution and Bylaws. Draft will be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting.

D. Listserve Update

Nothing discussed.

E. Fall Short Course Venue Update

A response concerning the FFA facility was received from AWWA which was discussed very briefly. At this point we are looking at the Sheraton again for the fall short course and the FFA facility at DMACC for 2012. Jay Brady stated we need to look at a new contract with the AWWA for 2012 and get things on a more equitable basis between the two associations. The fall short course date is yet to be determined. A discussion of the relationship of the IAWEA with the AWWA ensued. This item will be on the agenda for the June meeting.

F. Coralville Marriott Conference Center Tour

Completed earlier in the meeting.

G. Other Items

A. CVENT renewal

Jim McElvogue discussed the renewal of the CVENT contract this summer. CVENT will maintain the current rates for the new contract. If the contract has to be renewed before the next Executive Committee meeting, a vote will be conducted by email. The committee discussed ways to improve the registration process via CVENT.

B. DMACC Scholarship Fund

Scott Wienands and others are proposing to hold a fund raising festival to raise funds for the scholarship fund. They are requesting \$2,000 seed money from the Association to begin the planning. It was moved by Jim McElvogue, and seconded by Murat Akyurek, to allow the adhoc committee to proceed with the fund raising effort and to use the IAWEA name and funds (\$2,000). Motion carried.

C. Annual Meeting Sites

Jay Brady discussed the situation with the venue in Cedar Rapids for 2013. Jonathan Brown has volunteered to hold the meeting in Dubuque in 2013. After discussion, the tentative schedule will be 2012-Des Moines, 2013-Dubuque, 2014-Cedar Rapids and 2015-Ames.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE ACTION/DIRECTION REQUESTS

Government Affairs

Ted Payseur reported the committee had met with the IDNR staff. A Nutrient seminar is possible in the near future. Budget cuts will result in a staff reduction of up to 200 positions at IDNR. Ted asked if we would want to dig up the old argument for voluntary permit fee increases to help fund IDNR. No discussion. The lawsuit filed with John Hall may have to be refiled. There is a real concern about storm water rules by other associations that will be effected. The farm bill is up for reauthorization which may be an opportunity to push the water shed approach. There are several new members on the EPC which makes for a friendlier atmosphere. There is a NACWA meeting in early May with the theme of affordability. We need to send someone from the Association to attend. There are still a lot of things bottled up in the legislature, which is still in session. The committee will meet with Roger Lande at our annual meeting in June.

Membership: Chuck Pietscher reported there is a membership drive competition running among the regions. The committee will be discussing the new logo and developing a tee shirt for the membership.

Local Arrangements: Dave Elias reported they will be getting the final meal costs from the hotel later today. The parking situation for the annual meeting was discussed.

Collection Systems: Mark McGuire reported on the Collection System Conference in March. There were 210 paid lunches, 115 paid attendees, 40 vendors, a PACP session with 20 attendees and 30 people took the certification exam. Net income was approximately \$16,000. A representative from IPERS was available to answer questions about the attendees' pensions.

Kam Reeves asked if it was possible to put used items for sale on the website. Discussion followed. He also discussed possible IAWEA items for sale at the annual meeting.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

It was moved to adjourn the meeting by Murat Akyurek, and seconded by Kam Reeves. President Brady declared the meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringelestein, Secretary/Treasurer