

**IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*August 3, 2004*

The minutes of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Ames Water Pollution Control Plant, Ames, Iowa, on August 3, 2004.

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President, Carla Schumacher, at 10:10 AM, with the following Executive Committee members present: Hank Pangelina, Dave Rotschafer, Gary Schellhorn, Dave Elias, Chuck Pietscher, Steve Moehlmann, Tim Snyder, Jim Stricker, Carla Schumacher, and John Ringlestein. Also present were Ted Payseur, Charles Stevens, John Dunn, Jim McElvogue, Maryann Ryan, Tom Neumann, Chuck Correll, Wayne Gieselmann, Dave Fox, Steve Hershner and Bob Baumann.

**ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Chuck Pietscher, and seconded by Dave Rotschafer, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 8, 2004**

It was moved by Dave Elias, and seconded by Jim Stricker, to approve the minutes of June 8, 2004 as printed. Motion carried.

**ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

Balance sheets taken on January 1, 2004, and August 2, 2004 were distributed. Assets have increased approximately \$5000 since the first of the year. There are still some expenses coming for the annual meeting. Expected expenses and revenues for the balance of the fiscal year were reviewed. Income for the annual meeting shows a net profit of \$8993 before expenses for CEUs. It was moved by Chuck Pietscher, and seconded by Dave Rotschafer, to accept the report of the Secretary/Treasurer as presented. Motion carried.

**B. Directors' Report**

Chuck Pietscher reported he had received a report that the WEF membership in the IWPCA was 508 members as of June 30, 2004. If our membership falls below 500 for a two-year period, we will lose a Director position.

The Executive Committee discussed the situation concerning membership and what we could be doing about resolving the situation.

**C: Regional Directors**

Region 1: Dave Rotschafer reported Region 1 will be holding their fall meeting on October 27 in Independence. They are anticipating an attendance of approximately 190 people.

Region 2: Steve Moehlmann reported the fall meeting for Region 2 will be held on October 7 in the Mason City area.

Region 3: No report.

Region 4: Hank Pangelina reported their spring meeting was held on April 2 in Griswold with 72 people in attendance. Their fall meeting will be held on the first Friday in October at a location to be determined. The spring meeting for 2005 will be the first Friday in April at Council Bluffs.

Region 5: Jim Stricker reported the fall meeting for Region 5 will be held on October 27 at a location to be determined.

Region 6: Dave Elias reported Region 6 held their annual meeting the second week of May with approximately 140-150 people in attendance.

#### **D. Correspondence**

##### **a. Letter from IDNR**

The Secretary/Treasurer read a letter from Jeff Vonk, IDNR Director, informing us that the Association has been selected to receive an award for volunteer service to the IDNR from the Governor of Iowa. Details of the award ceremony will be coming at a later date.

### **ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

#### **K. Other Items**

##### **a. Report on P Index Study**

Dr. Michael Thompson, Iowa State University, presented the completed report on the demonstration project using the P index to determine application rates for phosphorus. Copies of the report have been distributed to the 13 cities that participated in the project. Presentations on the project have been made at the Biosolids Conference and the IWPCA Annual Meeting. A presentation will be made at the next Region 1 meeting. The report will be available on the ISU website and a link will be available from the IWPCA website. Dr. Thompson provided several written copies of the report and CDs for using the program to the group. Dr. Thompson thanked the Association for their support of this project.

##### **b. IDNR Update**

Chuck Corell and Wayne Gieselman were present to provide an update on activities at the IDNR. An NPDES section supervisor is not in place yet but it is anticipated someone will be named in the near future. The NPDES program is in dire straits financially. The IDNR is exploring the possibility of assessing NPDES permit fees. Authority to assess fees is in place but all fees would disappear into the general fund. A legislative change would be needed to keep any fees assessed in the NPDES program. After discussion, it was moved by Gary Schellhorn, and seconded by Dave Rotschafer, that the IWPCA be actively involved in dialogue and discussion relative to the NPDES program. The IDNR would like to see more involvement in the NPDES program from the IWPCA.

The meeting was recessed at 12:14 PM for lunch and reconvened at 12:29 PM.

#### **A. Finalize annual conference locations for 2007-2010**

The Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the action taken at the June 8, 2004 Executive Committee meeting. As a result of contractual commitments, the 2005 meeting will be held in Waterloo, therefore a change will have to be made since the action in June was to be in Council Bluffs in 2005. After discussion, it was moved by Dave Elias, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to hold the 2007 meeting in Cedar Rapids, the 2008 meeting in Council Bluffs, the 2009 meeting in Clinton, the 2010 meeting in Sioux City, and the 2011 meeting in Iowa City. Motion carried.

#### **B. Funding request for pilot study-Joung Lee, University of Iowa**

Due to a lack of information, this item will be tabled until the next meeting.

#### **C. Membership dues**

The Secretary/Treasurer has been asked to report the IWPCA dues to WEF by September 1, 2004. After discussion of the dues structure, it was moved by Chuck Pietscher, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to maintain the current membership dues of \$10/year for active, PWO, and corporate memberships. Motion carried.

#### **D. CEU items-preapproval requirements and laboratory training items**

Carla Schumacher reported that recently a conference had been denied CEU status due to the manner in which the presentation of CEU content was made to the approving authority. It was emphasized that approval procedures must be followed as prescribed in the CEU issuing agency guidelines. IWPCA functions were encouraged to use the IWPCA as their issuing agency.

#### **E. Constitution and Bylaws Committee**

This item is to clarify the status of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. This committee has been listed as a standing committee but is not shown as such in the Policy Manual. After discussion of the activities and duties of the committee, it was moved by Dave Elias, and seconded by Dave Rotschafer, that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee is not a standing committee and would serve as an ad hoc committee when needed under the discretion of the Aims and Objectives Committee and the President. Motion carried. After discussion of the Water for People and Website Committees, it was moved by Chuck Pietscher, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to establish the Water for People and Website Committees as standing committees. Motion carried.

**F. Annual Meeting Discussion**

This topic was discussed under the Secretary/Treasurer's report. A letter was received from Carla McCarthy with several comments on possible changes, which could be made to improve the meeting for the vendors. The letter will be forwarded to the Exhibitors and Vendors Committee for their review.

**G. Update on Stockholm Jr. Water Prize Competition and our representative's experience**

Jim McElvogue reported Mauree Gibson from Central Lee Community Schools was the IWPCA's representative to the Stockholm Jr. Water Prize Competition in Colorado last June. Ernie Schiller, her sponsoring teacher, was named Iowa Teacher of the Year. Jim has not yet received a report on their experiences at the Competition.

**H. ISU and U of I student activities and role in IWPCA, joint effort potential with AWWA**

The suggestion was made to pursue a joint effort with AWWA in working with student organizations on the two campuses. After discussion, it was the consensus that a joint effort be explored since the student organization involves the water environment.

**I. Creating and identifying opportunities/needs and key members for active participation within committees in particular and IWPCA in general**

The Executive Committee discussed what could be done to encourage active participation in committees.

**J. Other Items (continued)**

c. Booth at IDNR Building at State Fair

Charlie Stevens suggested we look into the possibility of having a booth at the IDNR building during the Iowa State Fair. After discussion, Jim Stricker volunteered to follow up on the suggestion.

**ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Aims and Objectives: No report.

B. Awards: No report

C. Biosolids: Charlie Stevens reported the minutes of the biosolids committee meetings are on the IWPCA website. The committee is working on the program for the 2005 biosolids conference. Charlie discussed the letter the committee had sent to EPA and the response letter from EPA.

D. Collections Systems: Charlie Stevens reported a coalition is looking into applying for a grant from WERF to look at asset management. The proposal would involve focus groups set up through ISU. Jim Stricker noted collection system certification is not in sync with other operator renewals. Glen Peterson is working on the situation. Dave Elias reported he has heard concerns about the extent of the mailing for the collection system conference.

E. Constitution and Bylaws: No report.

F. Education: Terry Parker reported to the Sec./Treas. by phone this morning. Everything is on track for the fall short course. Terry is in the process of verifying final speaker arrangements.

G. Exhibitors and Vendors: No report.

H. Financial Review: In the financial report at the annual meeting, the committee recommended a transfer of between 8 and 13 thousand dollars to the Special Projects Account. This transfer would require action by

the Executive Committee. The Sec./Treas recommended a transfer of \$10,000 be made. It was moved by Jim Stricker, and seconded by Dave Rotschafer, to transfer \$10,000 from the Operations Account to the Special Projects Account. Motion carried.

- J. Great Plains Management Conference: Hank Pangelina reported that due to the lack of requests for CEU credit for the Conference, the IWPCA is no longer requesting approval of the meeting for CEU credit.
- K. Historian: No report.
- L. Industrial Pretreatment: No report.
- M. ISU Water Quality Club: The Club will be included in the mailing for the Executive Committee meetings in the future.
- N. Laboratory Practices: Maryann Ryan reported the laboratory track is ready for the fall short course.
- O. Local Arrangements: No report.
- P. Maintenance: No report.
- Q. Membership: No report.
- R. Newsletter: Gary Schellhorn reported the conference issue will be out in about two weeks. Submittals for the fall issue are due by mid September. The fall issue will be out in December.
- S. Nominating: No report.
- T. Operator Certification: No report.
- U. Program: No report.
- V. Public Relations/Public Education: Jim McElvogue reported the committee is working on producing a new IWPCA brochure. The IWPCA will not have a booth at the League of Municipalities annual meeting this year.
- W. Research: No report.
- X. Safety: No report.
- Y. Water for People: Dave Fox reported the donations from the annual meeting totaled approximately \$3,000. The committee is working on a grant request for additional funding for projects.
- Z. Web Page: John Dunn reviewed some statistics from the reports for the website. He urged everyone to submit material for the web page. Material could be committee minutes, calendar events, etc. Submittals should be in electronic form so they can easily be put on the website
- I. Government Affairs: Ted Payseur updated the group on various Government Affairs Committee topics. The H<sub>2</sub>S limit of 30 ppb for CAFOs was adopted at the July EPC meeting. Notice of intended action for CAFO rules was issued this month. The manure management rules include the use of the P index. The membership in the Iowa Environmental Council is due for renewal. The committee has some concerns about renewing out membership in the IEC. Ted referred to the letter the IEC sent to the EPA which vilified everything the EPA and IDNR is trying to do. The IEC certainly doesn't speak for the IWPCA or even remotely represent our position. The money has disappeared for the cooperative study on total dissolved solids and chlorides, which the IWPCA was going to coordinate. Ammonia standards are another topic to watch in the near future. TMDLs for the Cedar River basin are coming out this fall. It is anticipated another 8-10 streams will have TMDLs imposed next year. The IWPCA may need to use outside help, such as Jon Hall, on some of

these issues in the future. After discussion of the membership issue for the IEC, it was moved by Dave Rotschafer, and seconded by Dave Elias, to continue our membership in the IEC. The motion carried with Chuck Pietscher voting nay. It was suggested that the IWPCA may want to form a coalition with other parties such as AWWA, League of Municipalities, and the IAMU to develop opposing views to the IEC.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

President Schumacher declared the meeting adjourned at 2:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringelestein, Secretary/Treasurer