

**IOWA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*June 1, 2010*

The minutes of the Iowa Water Environment Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames, Iowa on June 1, 2010.

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim McElvogue, at 8:13 PM, with the following Executive Committee members present: Scott Wienands, Jim Virelli, Michael Tripp, Darin Jacobs, Chris Gilstrap, Kevin Moler, Jonathan Brown, Gary Schellhorn, Fred Bayer, Jay Brady, Dan Riney, Murat Akyurek, Jim McElvogue and John Ringelestein. Also present were: Betty Jordan, WEF Representative, Kam Reeves, Kris Evans, Eric Evans, Mark Cramer, Stephen Jones, Ed Askew, Keith Hobson, Lance Aldrich, Mike Fields, Jim Stricker, Laurie Twitchell, Lance Aldrich, Steve Troyer and Chuck Pietscher.

**ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Kevin Moler, and seconded by Murat Akyurek, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Dan Riney, and seconded by Scott Wienands, to approve the minutes March 19, 2010 as printed. Motion carried.

**ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS**

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

The Secretary/Treasurer distributed balance sheets taken on January 1, 2010, and May 31, 2010. The figures are not correct. Several changes have occurred since yesterday and the total assets is approximately \$20,000 more than stated, so total assets are approaching \$200,000. The Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the changes in the various accounts. The Newsletter Account had a balance of \$763 at the beginning of the year and now has a balance of \$11,653 after 2 issues have been published this year. Operations Account is up approximately \$44,000 due to the annual meeting registrations. The Regions checking account is down approximately \$1,600 but approximately \$4,000 was deposited in that account this afternoon. There are 124 full registrations for the annual meeting, 12 spouse registrations, 12 one-day registrations, 70 government session registrations, 43 collection systems registrations and 80 vendors in 45 booths. It was moved by Murat Akyurek, and seconded by Dan Riney, to approve the report of the Secretary/Treasurer as presented. Motion carried.

**B. Directors' Report**

Gary Schellhorn reviewed his written report which included comments on WEFMAX in Cleveland, the efforts in recruiting operations personnel as members, AWWA/WEF relationships and Bill Bertera's attitude adjustment during the past year. Iowa will be hosting a WEFMAX session in 2011 in Davenport. The session is funded by WEF unless IAWEA would want to do additional things such as a portfolio or special activity for an evening. Attendance is expected to be in the 50-70 range. Scott Wienands discussed the activities of the MA Outreach project by WEF. A frontline operator survey is in the process of being completed. The new WEF database is projected to debut in mid-July. Betty Jordan reported WEFTEC has appeared to weather the effects of the economy as it continues to grow. WEF has cut back

on travel expenses and some initiatives have been put on hold. Income was down approximately \$700,000 last year.

### **C: Regional Directors**

Region 1: Jonathan Brown reported that Region 1 will have a meeting in October.

Region 2: Darin Jacobs reported Region 2 held their spring meeting on April 15 at NIACC in Mason City with 108 attendees. Planning for the fall meeting will begin soon.

Region 3: Jim Virelli reported Region 3 will hold a meeting on March 23, 2011 in Storm Lake which will focus on wastewater issues. They are still deciding on the possibility of a meeting this fall.

Region 4: Mike Tripp reported their spring meeting was held in Carson on April 2, 2010 with 80 attendees. They will have a fall meeting in early October in Carson.

Region 5: Fred Bayer reported the Region 5 spring meeting was held on March 31 at the Iowa Rural Water Association building in Newton with approximately 40 in attendance. The fall meeting will be on the last Wednesday in October.

Region 6: Kam Reeves reported the Region 6 annual meeting was held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at a new location, Marr Park in Ainsworth, about 5 ½ miles east of the Knights of Columbus Hall, the old location. There were 122+ attendees.

### **D: Correspondence**

A letter was received from the Children's Water Festival thanking the IWPCA for the donation to the Festival.

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

### **A. Name Change**

Laurie Twitchell reported the Public Relations/Public Education Committee met on May 28, 2010 to count the name change ballots. There were 362 ballots returned. On the first item to change the name, there were 257 votes to change or 71% which was enough to pass with the 2/3 requirement. On the second vote on which name to use, the Iowa Water Environment Association received 78 % of the vote. Therefore the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association became the Iowa Water Environment Association on May 28, 2010. Laurie commented there will be a lot of changes to be made!

### **B. AWWA/IWPCA Short Course ad hoc Committee**

Jim McElvogue reported negotiations are continuing. The Executive Committee held an extensive discussion on this topic! The ad hoc committee will be meeting Thursday afternoon to discuss the next step.

### **C. CVENT Update**

The Secretary/Treasurer reported CVENT has worked great for the annual meeting. Approximately 90% of registrations were on line. Next year will be even easier for people to register if they have registered by CVENT previously.

### **D. Annual Conference Meeting Sites -2012 and 2013**

After discussion, it was decided to pursue holding the 2012 meeting in Des Moines and the 2013 meeting

in Cedar Rapids. The 2011 meeting will be in Iowa City (Coralville) on June 8-10, 2011.

**E. Other Items**

A request for a donation to help fund the water environment merit badge at the Boy Scout Jamboree was received from Jim Condon on behalf of WEF. It was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Scott Wienands, to donate \$500 to the WEF request. Motion carried.

Ed Askew reported the Federal Register has published the Wet Weather SSOs and there will be a comment meeting in Kansas City on June 30, 2010. Ed would like to develop a comment response from the IAWEA Government Affairs Committee to present at the meeting. Input would be solicited from the membership for the response.

**ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no action requests from committees.

**ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Murat Akyurek, and seconded by Scott Wienands, to adjourn the meeting. President McElvogue declared the meeting adjourned at 10:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringlestein, Secretary/Treasurer