

***IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING***

June 3, 2008

The minutes of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Country Inns & Suites Hotel in Council Bluffs, Iowa on June 3, 2008.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Nolan, at 7:23 PM, with the following Executive Committee members present: Jay Brady, Paul V. Nolan, Gary Schellhorn, Michael Tripp, Kevin Moler, Tim Snyder, Scott Weinands, Fred Bayer, Jim McElvogue, Chuck Pietscher, Dennis White and John Ringlestein. Also present were: Bob Main, Mike Fields, Lance Aldrich, Hank Pangelina, Bob Watson, Jim Utter, Ted Payseur and Ellen Myers.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Chuck Pietscher, and seconded by Dennis White, to approve the agenda with the addition of 5E, Water Quality Academy. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Kevin Moler, to approve the minutes of March 18, 2008 as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The financial report for the fiscal year 2007 will be presented at the annual business meeting on Thursday. The Secretary/Treasurer distributed balance sheets taken on January 1, 2008, and June 2, 2008. The Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the changes in the various accounts. Assets are up a considerable amount since the first of the year because of the annual meeting and the various specialty conferences, which have been held. It was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Chuck Pietscher, to approve the report of the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

B. Directors' Report

Gary Schellhorn reported Chuck Weir, WEF Representative, has been delayed due to air travel problems and will not be able to attend tonight's meeting. Gary, Scott Weinands, and Kevin Moler attended the WEFMAX meeting in Austin, Texas earlier this spring. Gary reported it was a very good meeting with representatives from 14 MAs present. At the last session, Gary asked for a show of hands of who was in favor of the two-city rotation for WEFTEC since it had not been a topic for WEFMAX. Not a single hand was raised in favor of the concept! A considerable discussion followed after the WEF representative remarked that he had been told not to mention the two-city rotation! The consensus of the Executive Committee was to continue to oppose the two-city rotation concept. Gary will send a letter to WEF requesting the two-city rotation be placed on the agenda at WEFTEC. He was urged to get other MAs to cosign the letter. Gary attended the NACWA meeting in Washington, DC. He remarked that NACWA was strictly a policy and political organization and not involved in educational topics and exhibitors. Scott Weinands reported the Association will be receiving a survey from WEF on why MAs need WEF and vice versa. We will need to respond to it as a group. The long range planning committee of WEF has been disbanded

(without telling the committee members!). The House of Delegates will now be responsible for long range planning. Scott commented that we are a small MA and we need to be involved on national committees in order to have any clout. The Committee discussed the role of the Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates. Kevin Moler asked where do we get the funds and staff to do what we need to do. After discussion, President Nolan appointed an ad hoc committee to investigate the topic. Members of the committee are Paul Nolan, Ted Payseur, Jim McElvogue, Gary Schellhorn, Kevin Moler and Jay Brady.

C: REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Region 1: Dennis White reported the next Region 1 meeting will be on October 29th. Dennis thanked Kevin Moler for his efforts on the IPERS issue. Dennis reported has had the pleasure of meeting Patricia Miller, EPA Enforcement, concerning the City of Ackley, which is the first city in Iowa to be cited for SSO violations.

Region 4: Mike Tripp reported their last regional meeting was held on April 4th in Corning with 70+ attendees. Paul Nolan delivered the opening address. The next meeting will be on October 5th in Carson.

Region 5: Fred Bayer reported the Region 5 spring meeting was held in Newton with 60+ attendees. The fall meeting will be the last Wednesday in October in Newton.

Region 6: Chuck Pietscher reported their spring annual meeting was held in Washington with 140 attendees. Chris Gilstrap is the new regional director.

D: Correspondence

- a. Paul Nolan received a letter from Michelle Scherer, University of Iowa, concerning the nominee for the William W. Kersten-Iowa IWPCA Scholarship, Rachel Marek. Paul responded with our support of the nomination.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. NACWA Affiliation

The committee discussed the application for membership in NACWA and the denial of membership by NACWA. Affiliation with NACWA would certainly increase our leverage on wastewater issues. Gary Schellhorn will investigate how some MAs are affiliated with NACWA. Gary and Charlie Stevens discussed the NACWA meeting in Washington, DC.

B. IPERS exemption

Kevin Moler reported that employees who retire under IPERS must wait 120 days before working under the IPERS system again. The exemption for health care employees was by legislative action and will expire in 2010. The legislature will revisit the issue at that time and may expand the exemptions.

C. Operator Training Opportunities

Bob Watson reported on the discussions he has had with Rob Denson, DMACC President, on the possibility of getting water and wastewater curriculum back in the community college system. Preliminary plans would have the primary classes at all 13 community colleges and the final training sessions at DMACC. Phil Koundakian and Steve Moehlmann have volunteered to assist in setting up the curriculum. Associations would be asked to provide numbers and possibly scholarships.

D. Chloride Toxicity Testing

Jay Brady reported we may have some success on this one since the DNR actually agrees with us on this issue. EPA is looking at issues of water hardness on chloride toxicity as requested by Iowa. The IWPCA invested some money in toxicity testing under different water hardness levels by a national lab. This effort would use science to develop a rule, which is how it is supposed to work!

E. Water Quality Academy

Jay Brady discussed the Water Quality Academy. This is an EPA workshop, which is meant to train regulators about enforcement and interpretation of regulations. The workshop is open to anyone. Several options are available for IWPCA involvement. Since the report was not available to members of the Executive Committee, this topic will be an agenda item for the September 12th meeting.

F. Other Items

Jim McElvogue attended the stakeholders' meeting on proposed changes to Chapter 60, 62, 63 and 64 of the Iowa Code. Some proposals are scary, such as any person can petition the DNR Director to modify, suspend or alter an NPDES permit and any one who derives income from an NPDES permit holder cannot sit on the EPC.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program Committee: Tim Snyder reported the program is ready and he has some back up speakers ready in the wings if needed. Packets for the moderators will be at the registration desk tomorrow morning.

Local Arrangements Committee: Hank Pangelina reported there will be some room changes on Thursday and Friday. Electrical service has been provided to all exhibitor booths.

Government Affairs Committee: Ted Payseur reported ABI has a petition concerning the antidegradation rules. He urged the Association to explore signing on as a participant in the petition. A decision will need to be made very soon on whether to participate. The affordability issue continues to be ignored. The cities of Keokuk, Ottumwa, Clinton and Spencer will be employing John Hall & Associates to confront CSO issues. Nutrient standards for phosphorous and total nitrogen for lakes and ponds are coming very soon.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Dennis White, and seconded by Jim McElvogue, to adjourn the meeting. President Nolan declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringlestein, Secretary/Treasurer