

IOWA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 5, 2014

The minutes of the Iowa Water Environment Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Doubletree Hotel in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on June 5, 2014.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Jonathan Brown, at 5:21 PM, with the following Executive Committee members present: Steve Hershner, Jonathan Brown, Alison Manz, Jim McElvogue, Keith Hobson, Paul Horsfall, Dan Riney, Darin Jacobs, Kam Reeves, Jon Koch, Laurie Twitchell and John Ringelestein. Also present were: Charles Bott, WEF Representative, Steve Troyer, Patrick Brown, Jay Brady, Jim Rasmussen, Mark McGuire, Mark Cramer and Marci Whitaker.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by John Ringelestein, and seconded by Keith Hobson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Steve Hershner, and seconded by Darin Jacobs, to approve the minutes of March 7, 2014 as printed. Motion carried. Jim McElvogue commented on the question raised at the last meeting concerning the attendance of the vice-president at WEFTEC. After reviewing the policies, it appears it is up to the Executive Committee to determine who will attend WEFTEC, so no changes to policies are needed.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The Secretary/Treasurer distributed a report with balances as of January 1, 2014 and June 3, 2014. Most of the accounts are up by interest only. Assets are up \$61,202.15 since the first of the year. Accounts were reviewed as were the results to date for the specialty conferences, short courses and the annual meeting. The final results for the spring 2013 Short Course are still not finalized. The status of the contract between IAWEA and AWWA for Fall 2013 and later is unresolved. It was moved by Darin Jacobs, and seconded by Laurie Twitchell, to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

B. Delegates' Report

Keith Hobson reported he has been nominated to be a delegate at large to the House of Delegates

C: Regional Directors

Region 1: Paul Horsfall reported the planning meeting originally planned for May was cancelled due to high water conditions. The planning meeting has been rescheduled for June 17, 2014. The Region 1 meeting will be held on October 22nd at the Delaware Community Center.

Region 2: Darin Jacobs reported there were 127 attendees at their spring meeting which focused on wastewater topics. The fall meeting will be held in October and will focus on water topics.

Region 3: Darin Jacobs reported Region 3 had a successful meeting. Steve Casey, Region 3 Director could not attend this evening due to his granddaughter's third birthday.

Region 4: Alison Manz reported there were 90 attendees at their spring meeting. The fall meeting will be October 3rd at Carson.

Region 5: Jim McElvogue reported Rick Graves has just started his new job at the City of Grinnell and was unable to attend the annual meeting.

Region 6: Jon Koch reported Region 6 had 79 attendees in attendance at their May 7th meeting. There were 42 members and 32 non-members in attendance.

D: Correspondence

a. A letter was received from Laura Sarcone representing the Iowa Children's Water Festival thanking IAWEA for our donation of \$1,000.

b. Charles Bott, WEF Representative, discussed the problems WEF is having with the AWWA joint efforts. There is

considerable pressure being put on AWWA sections to sever relationships with WEF MAs. AWWA is moving into the wastewater area.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Short Course Contract for Fall 2013 and the future

The Secretary/Treasurer discussed the changes that have occurred with the short courses since the venue was changed to the FFA Enrichment Center. AWWA now sends out the snail mail announcement, which is prepared by IAWEA, and tabulates the CEUs. IAWEA coordinates the venue, the menus, handles registration, processes credit card and check payments and provides administration at the short course. Due to the change in venue, name tags are no longer printed for attendees, packets are no longer needed and materials are distributed at the registration desk. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Keith Hobson, and seconded by Steve Hershner, to offer AWWA the current proposal from IAWEA with a deadline of August 15th for acceptance and, if not accepted, move on. Motion carried.

B. Secretary/Treasurer Proposal

John Ringlestein discussed the situation with the Secretary/Treasurer position. As it stands now, I plan on stepping down at the meeting in Ames next year. In discussions with Jim McElvogue, Jim suggested separating the Secretary and Treasurer position and he is willing to serve as secretary, and in that situation, I would be willing to continue as treasurer. Jim discussed the proposal and division of activities between the secretary and treasurer. It was moved by Steve Hershner, and seconded by Darin Jacobs, to authorize the Aims and Objectives Committee to prepare a proposed change to the Constitution to allow the Executive Committee to choose whether there would be a Secretary/Treasurer or a Secretary and a Treasurer elected at the annual meeting. Motion carried.

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E. Other Items

The President reminded everyone that the Shrimp Bingo fundraiser will be held at DMACC on August 23rd, 2014. Flyer is on the IAWEA website.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE ACTION/DIRECTION REQUESTS

Annual Meeting Committee

Jay Brady reminded the group that we only have a location and contract for the 2015 annual meeting. Jay requested guidance on how to proceed to determine the locations for the 2016 and beyond annual meetings. After discussion, it was the consensus of the group to allow the Annual Meeting Committee to bring suggestions for locations back to the Executive Committee at the next meeting. Jay will contact some suggested cities to determine if there is interest and if anyone is willing to chair the local arrangements committee at those cities.

President Jonathan Brown formally authorized the Education Committee to begin discussion with the Iowa Rural Water Association as a partner sponsor in the short courses.

Mark Cramer clarified some information that was presented in the Water for People fiscal year report. Mark also suggested that laptops at the Shrimp Bingo event be running loops promoting Shrimp Bingo, Water for People, etc. Mark also had some suggestions for the annual meeting program which he will discuss with the Program Committee.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

President Brown declared the meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringlestein, Secretary/Treasurer