

***IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 9, 2009***

The minutes of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Wild Rose Resort in Clinton, Iowa on June 9, 2009.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Kevin Moler, at 8:00 PM, with the following Executive Committee members present: Kevin Moler, Jay Brady, Darin Jacobs, Michael Tripp, Jim McElvogue, Gary Schellhorn, Fred Bayer, Jim Virelli, Scott Weinands, Dennis White and John Ringlestein. Also present were: Mark McGuire, Steve Moehlmann, Mark Cramer, Edward Askew, Lance Aldrich, Kris Evans, Eric Evans, Murat Akyurek, John C. Hall and Ted Payseur.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Dennis White, and seconded by Jim McElvogue, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Dennis White, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to approve the minutes of March 13, 2009 as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The financial report for the fiscal year 2008 will be presented at the annual business meeting on Thursday. The Secretary/Treasurer distributed balance sheets taken on January 1, 2009, and June 8, 2009. 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.

B. Directors' Report

Kevin Moler thanked Gary Schellhorn for stepping up to fill the remainder of Jim Stricker's term as a delegate. Jim Stricker resigned earlier this year due to his work load and Gary was appointed to fill the remainder of the term.

Scott Wienands reported several people had attended WEFMAX meetings this spring. Jim Stricker attended the meeting in Omaha and Scott, Kris Evans and Jim McElvogue attended the meeting in Las Vegas. Scott reported the WEF representative, Bjourn von Euler, is stuck in Washington, DC and will not attend the meeting tonight. Scott is a member of the workgroup working on the WEF/MA relationship. Scott distributed a resolution from WEF concerning the steps WEF is going to take to improve the relationship between WEF and the MAs. He also distributed the final summary prepared by the WEF/MA workgroup. There is quite a disconnect between WEF and the MAs. WEF talked about growing membership at the WEFMAX meetings; however, the executive director commented they were not interested in the "valve turners", which caused a considerable amount of discomfort among attendees! The WEF business model appears to be working and is based on dollars. Unfortunately the mission of the WEF is suffering. If a stand hurts the dollars, ignore it! John Hall discussed the WEF reaction to the nutrient discharge

issue, a \$100-\$200 billion issue nationwide, it doesn't merit our attention! Scott said the Operations Forum was brought up and a suggestion was made to put it at the front of WET. Kris Evans felt the comments from WEF were meant to calm the crowd. Ted Payseur commented that WEF appears to favor the east and west coast and the large firms. Scott commented about the proposal of the Biosolids Committee to host the biosolids conference in the Midwest. WEF did not want to come to the Midwest and wanted the conference to be held on the east coast even though there was not a volunteer to host it. Dennis White wondered who was serving who!

C: REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Region 1: Dennis White reported the Region 1 planning committee met today to plan the fall meeting. The meeting will be the last Wednesday in October. Jonathan Brown, Dubuque, will be the new Region 1 Director.

Region 2: Darin Jacobs reported the planning committee has met to plan the fall meeting. The meeting will be held on October 8, 2009 at NIACC and will feature water issues.

Region 3: Jim Virelli, new Region 3 Director, reported he has made contact with Cherokee, Great Lakes Sanitary District and Storm Lake to establish a planning committee. Joe Kelly, retiring director, will continue to serve on the planning committee.

Region 4: Mike Tripp reported their planning committee met last Friday. The fall meeting will be on October 2, 2009 in Carson. Rich Leopold will be the keynote speaker. Other presentations will focus on UV disinfection, sampling techniques and personnel.

Region 5: Fred Bayer reported the Region 5 spring meeting was held in Newton on March 25 with 40+ attendees. The fall meeting will be the last Wednesday in October in Newton.

Region 6: Jay Brady reported the Region 6 annual meeting was held in Washington this spring.

Darin Jacobs wondered if there was a way for the regions to better communicate on speakers, topics, etc. Kevin Moler commented there seems to be scheduling conflicts between educational activities at times.

D: Correspondence

a. None.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Annual Conference City Rotation

Jim McElvogue discussed the written recommendation from the ad hoc committee. The recommendation is for a four city rotation of Ames, Iowa City, Des Moines and Cedar Rapids. Other cities could bid in to the process if financial requirements could be met. The recommendation also includes the creation of an annual conference committee that would take care of much of the set-up process for the annual meetings. After discussion, it was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Fred Bayer, to implement the recommendation of the ad hoc committee. Motion carried.

B. IOWARN Endorsement

Kevin Moler reported the Executive Committee had approved the endorsement of IOWARN by an email vote.

C. Water Quality Academy

Ed Askew reported on the status of the Water Quality Academy project. The committee thanked Ed for his efforts on this project.

E. Joint LPC Steering Committee

Ed Askew discussed the proposal to set up a steering committee with the AWWA to develop a joint Laboratory Practices Committee. After discussion, it was moved by Jim McElvogue, and seconded by Scott Wienands, to authorize the process of establishing a steering committee to work on establishing a joint LPC committee. Motion carried.

D. Cvent

Jim McElvogue discussed the Cvent program to provide electronic registration to the various educational programs and the annual meeting. Jim also discussed the draft letter to be sent to AWWA concerning the possible use of Cvent for the joint short courses. After discussion, it was moved by Dennis White, and seconded by Scott Wienands, to send the letter as presented to AWWA and to authorize Jim McElvogue and John Ringelestein to negotiate a contract with Cvent. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee discussed the attendance to the Water Quality Academy for the 10 seats allocated to the IWPCA.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS

Local Arrangements Committee: Gary Schellhorn made the following announcements: There will be bus transportation to the ball game tomorrow night, The IWPCA group will be in the Lumberjack Lounge, there will be a theater company presentation for the operators' breakfast, shuttle busses will be running to the hotels during the conference, and there will be shuttle busses to the banquet facility Thursday night.

Young Professionals Committee

Kris Evans commented that judges are needed for the design competition project. Judges will be asked to provide feedback on the design project and also feedback to the committee on the judging process and the design process.

Government Affairs Committee: Ted Payseur introduced John Hall from John Hall & Associates. John Hall discussed a number of issues facing the industry. John discussed progress on some issues: E coli daily maximum limits will be removed from permits, blending will be allowed if the plant design allows it (EPA is now telling states some plant designs are illegal, John commented there are no illegal designs!), basement backups should be reported but they will not be a violation of Federal law. Ted commented 83 of the UAAs have come back and DNR will start writing permits. Ted discussed the antidegradation situation. The committee discussed funding needs for dealing with regulatory issues. Phosphorous limits of 20-40 ppb are being discussed by DNR- there is not a stream in Iowa that will meet those limits. Nutrient standards- 90% of nutrients found in streams are from agriculture sources and 10% are from point sources.

Public Relations/Public Education

Jim McElvogue commented that Olivia Rairden, Stockholm Jr. Water Prize winner, will be here Thursday with her project. He encouraged everyone to visit her exhibit.

Kevin Moler thanked Jim Virelli for accepting the Region 3 director position. He announced Eric Evans will be the new co-chair of the newsletter committee. Murat Akyurek is the understudy for Assistant Secretary/Treasurer position. Kevin thanked Gary Schellhorn for the local arrangements.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

President Moler declared the meeting adjourned at 10:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringlestein, Secretary/Treasurer