

***IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 13, 2009***

The minutes of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Wild Rose Resort in Clinton, Iowa on March 13, 2009.

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President, Kevin Moler, at 10:10a.m. with the following Executive Committee members present: Fred Bayer, Scott Wienands, Chris Gilstrap, Kevin Moler, Jim McElvogue, Michael Tripp, Jay Brady and John Ringlestein. Also present were: Mike Fields, Dan Riney, Gary Schellhorn and Steve Moehlmann.

**ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Fred Bayer, and seconded by Scott Wienands, to approve the agenda as printed.

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Jim McElvogue, and seconded by Fred Bayer, to approve the minutes of November 14, 2008 as printed. Motion carried.

**ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS**

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

The Secretary/Treasurer distributed financial reports for January 1, 2009 and March 12, 2009. Assets are up \$22,686.59 since the beginning of the year. The newsletter account has increased \$11,851.16 since the first of the year. The operations account has increased \$11,016.13 mostly due to the January payment from AWWA for the 2008 short courses. It was moved by Scott Wienands, and seconded by Jim McElvogue, to approve the report of the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

**B. Delegates' Report**

Scott Weinands reported there has been little activity from WEF this year. WEFMAX meetings are coming up in the near future and may provide an opportunity for input from the MAs. Bjorn von Euler, member of the Board of Trustees, will be the representative to our annual meeting.

**C. Regional Director**

Region 2: Steve Moehlmann reported the spring meeting will be held on April 2, 2009. The program will focus on DNR rule changes for chlorides, TDS, etc. and disinfection options.

Region 4: Mike Tripp reported their next meeting will be April 3, 2009 in Carson.

Region 5: Fred Bayer reported their spring meeting will be March 25, 2009 in Newton. The fall meeting will be the last Wednesday in October.

Region 6: Chris Gilstrap reported the Region 6 meeting will be in Washington, Iowa on May 13, 2009.

**D. Correspondence**

- a. Kevin Moler discussed the letter he had sent to Henry Marquard, Chair of the Environmental Protection Commission, concerning changes in Rule 567-Chapter 60, 62,63, and 64. Kevin requested a delay in the effective date in order to work on several issues.
- b. Kevin discussed the letter he had sent to Adam Schneiders, Iowa DNR, with comments concerning issues the IWPCA membership had with regards to the anti-degradation policy revisions in Iowa.

**ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**1. IWPCA Staffing**

No further information

**B. Assistant Treasurer**

No update.

**C. Assistant Secretary**

No update.

**4. College Curriculum**

Kevin Moler reported the committee is working great and is very close to being ready for the 2009-10 academic year. The major undertaking at this point is developing and funding a scholarship program. Scott Wienands commented that Bob Watson has been the champion on this project and urged Awards Committee to present Bob with a service award at the annual meeting.

**E. Anti-Degradation**

Jay Brady reported the legislature has a bill concerning the anti-degradation rule. It is out of committee but may not make it through the funnel.

**F. Chloride/Sulfate Standards**

Donations of \$11,000 have been received for use in IWPCA's efforts on chlorides and TDS research. Thanks to Bob Baumann, donations of \$5,000 each from the SALT Institute and the Iowa Water Quality Association. Kevin Moler encouraged his board to contribute so \$1,000 was received from the Clear Lake Sanitary District. The email from Ted Payseur concerning the updates on chloride, sulfate and TDS was discussed.

**G. Annual Conference City Rotation**

After discussion of the annual conference city rotation, Kevin Moler appointed an adhoc committee composed of Jim McElvogue, Dan Riney, Jay Brady and Mike Fields to bring a recommendation for an annual meeting rotation back to the next Executive Committee meeting.

**H. Dues Increase**

The dues increase was discussed at the retreat. It was moved by Jim McElvogue, and seconded by Chris Gilstrap, to increase dues to \$20 per year effective January 1, 2010. Motion carried.

### **I. CVENT – Event Management**

Jim McElvogue discussed the proposal to use CVENT for registration to the annual meeting and specialty conferences. For the proposal to be feasible, it would be necessary to include the short courses in the proposal. IWPCA will need to meet with the AWWA on the short course registration proposal.

### **J. Budget Approval**

Due to a lack of a quorum at the January Executive Committee meeting, the budget has not yet been approved. It was moved by Jim McElvogue, and seconded by Chris Gilstrap, to approve the budget as proposed at the January retreat. Motion carried.

### **K. Water Quality Academy**

Ed Askew presented the draft of the contract with the EPA for the Water Quality Academy. After discussion, it was moved by Scott Wienands, and seconded by Chris Gilstrap, to move forward with the Water Quality Academy on July 28-30, 2009 in Muscatine, Iowa. Motion carried with Jim McElvogue voting nay.

### **L. Other Items**

Mike Fields presented information on a proposal for a WARN Program (Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network). The program would be called IOWARN and would deliver mutual aid in the event of emergency situations. Mike asked the Committee to review the proposal and decide at the next meeting if the IWPCA would endorse the proposal.

Ed Askew commented that the Lab Practices Committee is looking into the possibility of a joint lab practices committee with AWWA.

Jim McElvogue noted that the PWOD Director position is still included in our Constitution and Bylaws. Several MAs still have a PWOD Director to represent smaller communities. Jim urged the Association to appoint a PWOD Director to represent smaller communities.

Jim McElvogue noted the Young Professionals committee has only one member and encouraged the recruitment of additional members for the committee.

## **ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **B. Awards**

Scott Wienands reported awardees have been picked.

### **C. Biosolids**

Steve Troyer filed a written report that the annual Biosolids Meeting will be next week.

### **E. Education**

Mike Fields says the committee needs a co-chair and/or chair!

### **F. Exhibitors & Vendors**

Jay reported he is gathering locale information and will be sending out vendor packets soon.

### **H. Government Affairs**

Ted Payseur filed a written report. The committee met on February 20, 2009, made assignments of major topics to committee members. Mike Trotter is developing a database of past project costs.

**J. Industrial Pretreatment**

Fred Bayer reported they had a good meeting last fall and the committee will be working on putting on an annual event.

**K. ISU Water Quality Club**

Andy Venzke forwarded the March, 2009 newsletter from the Club which listed the new Cabinet, the future speakers, a recap of past activities and future plans.

**L. Laboratory Practices**

The Laboratory Practices Committee is providing a lab track at the annual meeting.

**M. Local Arrangements**

Gary Schellhorn reported things are good.

**N. Maintenance**

John Ringlestein reported the committee held their annual maintenance conference earlier this year with a good attendance.

**P. Newsletter**

A new edition just came out and Jim Stricker is working on the conference edition to be printed late April.

**S. Program**

Steve Moehlmann reported everything is moving forward.

**T. Public Relations/Public Education**

Jim McElvogue reported the committee will be judging science fairs in the next two weeks and will be picking a Stockholm Jr. Water Prize winner.

**V. Safety**

Scott Wienands reported the committee has provided articles for the newsletter. The City of Sioux City has applied for the Burke Safety Award.

**W. Water for People**

Mark Cramer provided a written report. The WFP Spring Shotgun Event is on schedule for April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT**

President Moler declared the meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM. Members of the committee toured the convention facility.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringlestein, Secretary/Treasurer