

IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 23, 2007

The minutes of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Crowne Plaza Five Seasons, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on March 23, 2007.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Tim Snyder, at 10:18 AM, with the following Executive Committee members present: Tim Snyder, Jerry Rattenborg, Paul Nolan, Gary Schellhorn, Chuck Pietscher, Jay Brady, Dave Rotschafer, John Ringlestein and Charlie Stevens (by telephone). Also present were Mike Fields, Steve Hershner and Pat Ball.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Dave Rotschafer, and seconded by Jerry Rattenborg, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 26 & 27, 2007

It was moved by Jerry Rattenborg, and seconded by Paul Nolan, to approve the minutes of January 26 & 27, 2007 as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Balance sheets taken on January 1, 2007, and March 22, 2007 were distributed. Various items were reviewed. A new account has been established, the Water Projects Fund, which was initially funded with the balance of the Golf and Water for People funds from last year. There may be some funds returned from AWWA since the Xicotepec project is fully funded. The Collection Systems Conference experienced some weather difficulties so attendance suffered. It was moved by Chuck Pietscher, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to approve the report of the Secretary/Treasurer as presented. Motion carried.

C: Regional Directors

Region 6: Chuck Pietscher reported Region 6 will hold their annual meeting on May 9th in Washington, Iowa.

Region 5: Mike Fields reported Region 5 will hold their spring meeting in Ames, Iowa on March 27th.

Region 1: Jerry Rattenborg reported their next regional meeting will be held on the third Wednesday in October. Dennis White will be the new regional director as of June.

Region 4: Tim Snyder reported the spring Region 4 meeting will be held on April 9th at the Carson Community Center in Carson, Iowa.

B. Directors' Report

Charlie Stevens reported he and Tim Snyder attended the WEFMAX meeting held in Salt Lake City, Utah. One of the topics discussed was the governance structure of the House of Delegates. A committee will be looking into the structure and make recommendations later this year. Changes in the membership structure were discussed. When any changes are made, the IWPCA will need to make changes in our Constitution and Bylaws. WEF is proposing to increase dues to be comparable to other organizations. PWOD dues would be increased to \$135 over the next several years. The WEF Board will make a decision in July. Discussion is continuing with the AWWA on forming an organization with one voice for water. The Long Range Planning Committee for WEF used to be a committee of the House of Delegates but last October it was changed to an Executive Committee function. It may again become a House of Delegates committee. Other topics included the Water is Life campaign, legislative priorities, the farm bill and emerging water issues. There was a great idea exchange presented by the MAs in attendance. Charlie is keeping the WEF representative informed about our annual meeting arrangements and will need a preliminary program in the near future. Dave will email a copy to Charlie later today. Charlie will be attending the Clean Water Forum on May 7th to 9th in Washington, D. C. Funding will be from the Rocky Mountain WEA. Charlie reported the Rocky Mountain WEA started

offering electronic training last year as a method of increasing revenue and membership development. Gary reported there was no mention of the purchase of the publishing company in the UK by WEF. Gary briefly discussed the changes in the dynamics of the WEF over the years. Tim Snyder reported the Public Relations/Public Education Committee is going to develop a power point presentation for use at meetings such as WEFMAX.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Strategic Planning Process

Carla Schumacher is working on setting up another meeting in the near future.

B. Final Budget

The Sec./Treas. distributed copies of the final budget as developed and approved at the retreat in January.

C. Member Dues

Jay Brady discussed the distribution of dues rates among the various MAs. Iowa has one of the lower rates among the MAs. The Board discussed the dues rate and the membership changes by WEF.

D. Short Course Update

Mike Fields reported Jim Oppelt (AWWA) had sent out an email last week to set up a meeting date to discuss the fee situation further. Mike reported there will be a meeting with IDNR on April 27th to discuss the issuing agency situation.

The meeting was recessed at 12N for lunch and reconvened at 12:24 PM.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Aims and Objectives

Tim Snyder will inform the committee about the changes coming up for the Constitution and Bylaws.

F. Exhibitors and Vendors

Jay Brady distributed a draft of the letter, which will be sent to exhibitors. Sponsorships for breaks, meals and the conference will be offered as options. Recognition of sponsorships will be made at the meeting. Dave Rotschafer reported there will be a program session for exhibitors on Wednesday afternoon, which will not be for CEU credit.

G. Financial Review

Mike Fields reported the committee is waiting for the annual report. The Sec./Treas. said it was coming!

H. Government Affairs

Jay Brady reported, "We're losing". There are new appointees to the EPC, which will not help our situation. At the first meeting for the new members the first week of April, the EPC will be discussing Chemical Quality Criteria. Jay reviewed other items on the EPC agenda. The biggest concern is why can't the regulated community get straight answers from the EPC and IDNR. Not much came out of the legislative session concerning the environment.

I. Great Plains Management Conference

Tim Snyder reported the conference was held yesterday.

K. Industrial Pretreatment

The Industrial Pretreatment Conference is coming up in April and will be at the Holiday Inn at Little Amana.

N. Local Arrangements

Steve Hershner reported the cutoff for hotels rooms is May 15th and may be extended an additional week. The hotel will need numbers for the Wednesday lunch by June 1st and for the banquet by June 4th. The golf outing will be at the Jones Golf Course.

Q. Newsletter

Jay Brady reported roles have been rearranged on the newsletter committee. They are trying to get two issues out before the annual meeting.

Y. Web Page

John Dunn filed a written report. They are looking for photos of facilities and personnel for the web site, which will make the site more personal to the membership. The committee is exploring sponsorships to help defray the cost of the site. John reported that his new position has affected his ability to timely post items to the website. He is looking at some possibilities to address the situation.

The meeting was recessed at 1:05 PM and reconvened at 1: 50 PM. During the recess, the group toured the facility in preparation for the annual meeting

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

President Snyder declared the meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringelestein, Secretary/Treasurer