

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

*November 13, 2009*

The minutes of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Ames Water Pollution Control Plant in Ames, Iowa on November 13, 2009.

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim McElvogue, at 10:00 AM, with the following Executive Committee members present: Jay Brady, Fred Bayer, Jonathan Brown, Darin Jacobs, Kevin Moler, Gary Schellhorn, Dan Riney, Scott Wienands, Mike Tripp, Murat Akyurek, Jim McElvogue and John Ringelestein. Also present were: Dennis Ryan, Keith Hobson, Mike Fields, Ted Payseur, Jim Stricker, Eric Evans, Carla Schumacher and Jim Rasmussen.

**ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Gary Schellhorn, and seconded by Scott Wienands, to approve the minutes of September 4, 2009 as printed. Motion carried.

**ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**K. ISU Water Quality Club**

Dan Fleege, Sam Cotter and Andrew Sindt from the Club reviewed recent activities of the Club and the Club's purpose. The Club name has been changed to the ISU WEF Student Chapter. Dan, Sam and Andrew, on behalf of the Club, thanked the IWPCA for their support. Jim McElvogue presented the group with the runner-up plaque for the WEF Design Project competition.

**ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS**

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

The Secretary/Treasurer distributed balance sheets taken on January 1, 2009, and November 10, 2009. The Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the changes in the various accounts. Assets are up \$32,340.69 since the first of the year. The Operations account is up \$26,090.86 since the first of the year. This increase includes approximately \$11,000 in contributions to the EPA Peak Flow Guidance Policy effort. The Regional Checking account is up \$4,196.42 since the first of the year. Newsletter Account is down \$200.53 since the first of the year. A transfer of \$1,500 from the Operations Account to the Newsletter Account was made to maintain cash flow. Another transfer will have to be made before the end of the year for the next issue. Annual meeting income for 2009 was \$12,876.64. The Collections System program at the annual meeting had a net income of \$647.74. The Secretary/Treasurer discussed the status of the Association Reserve Account. It was moved by Darin Jacobs, and seconded by Jonathan Brown, to authorize the Sec./Treas. to make any necessary transfer to bring the Reserve Account to the required amount. Motion carried. It was moved by Jonathan Brown, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to approve the report of the Secretary/Treasurer as presented. Motion carried.

## **B. Directors' Report**

Scott Wienands reported he and Gary Schellhorn attended the Delegates' meetings at WEFTEC. Phyllis Ross is continuing to make conference calls to MAs. The Member Relations Workgroup has discovered the relationship problems at WEF are not with WEF staff but are with upper management. The WEF budget for next year has \$100,000 to be used for MA services. WEF will also provide assistance to MAs to develop a strategic plan. A front line operators' (valve turners!) survey on the MA/WEF relationship will be coming out in the near future. A push to provide funding for small cities representation on the Board of Directors failed. Attendance at WEFTEC this year was 17,722 compared to the 22,000+ attendees in Chicago last year. The two city rotation was discussed again. Apparently the vendors group is in favor of the two city rotation. There has been no movement to improve the Operators Forum publication. The independent TPO magazine is doing a much better job of representing the operations sector of the industry. Gary Schellhorn reported he had requested a copy of the WEF budget which was not fulfilled. WEF has said the budget would be available on the website but it has not appeared as of this date. Gary reviewed the WEFMAX meeting locations for 2010. The WEFMAX workgroup is going to become a permanent committee. Format of the WEFMAX meetings is going to undergo some changes. Sandi McDougal has made a request for the 2010 IWPCA Annual meeting information.

## **C: Regional Directors**

Region 1: Jonathan Brown reported the Region 1 fall meeting had 169 paid attendees and several speakers for a total attendance of 176. Eighty five communities in NE Iowa were represented. Jonathan made a brief pitch for IWPCA membership. Jonathan will raise the issue of member discounts at the next planning meeting.

Region 2: Darin Jacobs reported the Region 2 meeting had approximately 95 attendees and focused on water issues. The spring meeting will focus on wastewater issues and will be held on April 15, 2010.

Region 3: No report.

Region 4: Mike Tripp reported they had 80+ attendees at their fall meeting in Carson. Jim McElvogue made an award presentation to John Veach and also led a spirited discussion on the IWPCA name change possibility. Their spring meeting will be in Carson on April 2, 2010.

Region 5: Fred Bayer reported the Region 5 meeting had 50-60 attendees at their fall meeting in Newton. They had some last minute speaker problems, Mike Fields stepped in and filled the gap. The spring meeting will be in Newton on the last Wednesday in March.

Region 6: Jay Brady reported planning for the spring meeting will begin soon.

## **D: Correspondence**

None.

## **ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Name Change Discussion – Direction for PR/PE Committee**

After considerable discussion, the PR/PE Committee will be asked to present a list of 3-4 possible names with narrative support for each name to bring to the retreat for discussion.

#### **B. AWWA/IWPCA Short Course ad hoc Committee**

Mike Fields reported the IWPCA ad hoc committee, Mike, Jim McElvogue, Scott Wienands and Eric Evans, met with representatives of the AWWA on November 8, 2009. Representatives for AWWA were Dave Scott, Gigi Oerter, Tim Wilson, Mark Duben, Ted Corrigan and Jim Oppelt. Mike said it was difficult to address the real problem. Discussion went nowhere with a belligerent reaction from AWWA's contractor. Jim made a few alternative proposals which also went nowhere. Apparently there is a lot of misinformation from sources other than the IWPCA. Carla Schumacher presented the AWWA view. Apparently there is not a written contract for the last change to make the administrative charge \$7,000/meeting instead of the \$2,000/meeting in the last written contract. It was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Jonathan Brown, to proceed with negotiations along the lines of Mike Fields' proposal (Administrative charge of \$4,500/meeting for 2010 and IWPCA take over for 2011) with the President's discretion for the hotel contract for 2011. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 12:17 PM for lunch and reconvened at 12:48 PM.

#### **C. CVENT Update**

Julie Erickson discussed what she has been doing to develop the registration package for the upcoming Maintenance Conference. Development of the address database and information needed for credit card registration was discussed.

#### **D. Annual Conference Committee**

Jay Brady distributed a draft organization plan for the annual conference committee. The committee will need a chair and vice-chair. A narrative description of the committee is being developed.

#### **E. EPA Peak Flow and Blending Policy/Fundraising Report**

Ted Payseur reported EPA is pushing to implement the policy regardless of public input. Anti degradation rule is coming out next month and will be different from what was agreed upon in hearings. The Executive Committee discussed methods to raise money to support efforts to modify policy on this issue and upcoming issues. The possibility of partnerships with other organizations was discussed. There will be huge amounts of money involved in the changes being made by EPA and IDNR that will involve substantial costs to communities and rate payers. The Committee discussed the possibility of sending out a fund raising letter.

#### **F. WEFMAX 2011**

Gary Schellhorn has been in contact with WEF concerning the hosting of a 2011 WEFMAX meeting in Iowa. Sites for 2011 will be Iowa, New Jersey, Kentucky/Tennessee and British Columbia. The Committee discussed possible sites and dates for the Iowa meeting.

#### **G. Other Items**

The WEF ISU Student Chapter has requested the balance of the funds for the design project to be used by the club. After discussion, it was moved by Murat Akyurek, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to provide the balance of the design project funds to the ISU Chapter with the funds to be used for Club expenses. Motion carried with Riney, McElvogue and Brady voting nay.

### **ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

**E: Education:** Short course planning meeting for spring conference was held. The Ad Hoc committee was discussed earlier.

**F: Exhibitors and Vendors:** Jay Brady reported he will be teaching Murat how to do the Exhibitor thing in the near future.

**H: Government Affairs:** Report made earlier in the meeting.

**I: Historian:** The historian reported history is being made every day!

**M. Local Arrangements:** Keith Hobson has agreed to become chair of the committee which is greatly appreciated!

**N: Maintenance:** Jim McElvogue reported Jim Rasmussen has provided a draft agenda to Julie Erickson for development of the CVENT page.

**O: Membership:** Dan Riney reported there are 513 WEF members and 108 Iowa Only members. He has the current delinquent and expired members lists and will be making contacts. Nominations will be made for IWPCA life members at the annual meeting. Dan is in the process of rebuilding the membership committee.

**P: Newsletter:** Jim Stricker reported the last 2009 issue will be going to the printer next week.

**R: Operator Certification:** Jim Stricker reported the meeting scheduled for next week has been cancelled. The committee discussed the situation with water distribution certification at their last meeting.

**S: Program:** Kevin Moler reported the committee met in September and their next meeting is scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The committee is still looking for more presentations.

**W: Water for People:** Mark Cramer filed a written report on 2009 fundraising activities.

**Y: Young Professionals:** Eric Evans distributed pictures of a potential future member. Kris and Eric Evans welcomed a son into their family three weeks ago. Congratulations!!

## **ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Kevin Moler, and seconded by Murat Akyurek, to adjourn the meeting. President McElvogue declared the meeting adjourned at 2:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringelestein, Secretary/Treasurer