

IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 29, 2006

The minutes of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Ames Water Meter Conference Room in Ames, Iowa on September 29, 2006.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Tim Snyder, at 10:05 a.m., with the following Executive Committee members present: Mark Simms, Michael Tripp, Jerry Rattenborg, Gary Schellhorn, Paul Nolan, Tim Snyder, Jay Brady, Charlie Stevens (by telephone) and John Ringlestein. Also present were: Jim McElvogue, Jim Reynolds, Hank Pangelina, John Dunn and Maryann Ryan.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tim Snyder added the Ground Water Summit under correspondence a. and John Ringlestein added a letter from WERF under correspondence b. It was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Jerry Rattenborg, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by John Ringlestein, and seconded by Jay Brady, to approve the minutes of August 4, 2006 as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

B. Directors' Report

Charlie Stevens discussed two recommendations for changes in the WEF Constitution and Bylaws, which will come before the Board of Delegates at the annual meeting at WEFTEC. The first item will be a recommendation to change the attendance policy at MA annual meetings for the WEF officers. Currently the president, president-elect, or past president attends MA annual meetings. The proposal would allow any member of the Board of Trustees to attend MA annual meetings. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was it would not be a problem as long as the WEF representative was knowledgeable about the current affairs of WEF. The second proposal will be a change in the number of members of the Board of Trustees and the qualifications for the Board of Trustee members. Five of the Board of Trustees are elected by the Board of Delegates, (President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer with the Past President remaining on the Board). The balance of the Board of Trustees is appointed by the President. Charlie had emailed a draft report to the members of the Executive Committee concerning the proposals. After discussion, it was moved by Jerry Rattenborg, and seconded by Jay Brady, to encourage the WEF nominating committee to consider diversity (employment area, ethnicity, gender, etc.) in selecting candidates for the Board of Trustees and as a separate item extend the eligibility of House of Delegate members from 3 years to 5 years. Motion carried. Charlie also discussed his involvement in the white paper, which will be coming out soon, concerning the farm bill. He encouraged the Board to review SF 2363. This would enforce the requirement for the 10% set-aside for plant replacement in the SRF program for communities with populations of 500 to 3,000 people.

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The Secretary/Treasurer distributed balance sheets taken on January 1, 2006, and September 28, 2006. Total assets are up approximately \$26,500. Most of the accounts have increased by interest only. Most of the increase is found in the Regions Account due to regional meetings and in the Operations Account due to the annual meeting. The net income for the annual meeting at this point is \$14,686 with the expense for the CEU recording still outstanding. It was moved by Paul Nolan, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to approve the report of the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

C. Regional Directors

Region 1: Jerry Rattenborg reported the fall meeting will be held in Manchester on Wednesday, October 25. Topics will include updates from DNR and talks on monitoring. They are expecting a good attendance.

Region 2: Mark Simms reported the fall meeting will be held at NIACC in Mason City on October 5th. This meeting will focus on water and will be presented by DNR. A brief discussion of the gift law was held concerning give away items at meetings.

Region 4: Mike Tripp reported their fall meeting will be in Griswold on October 6th. Alternative treatment methods, which can be used to meet new discharge requirements, will be the topics.

Region 5: John Ringlestein reported the Region 5 meeting will be held on October 26th in Newton. The flyer came out recently.

D. Correspondence

a. Jim McElvogue discussed the Governor's High School Science Summit and the invitation to be a sponsor for the event. This is a statewide competition for juniors and seniors and will be held on October 15th at the State Capitol. It was moved by Gary Schellhorn, and seconded by Jerry Rattenborg, to sponsor the event in the amount of \$200. Motion carried.

b. The Sec./Treas. received a letter from WERF Executive Director, Glenn Reinhardt, thanking the IWPCA for the \$750 donation to the WERF effort.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Co-sponsorship of lagoon course

Jim Reynolds discussed the proposal from Aceops to co-sponsor a lagoon course at DMACC. It was moved by Gary Schellhorn, and seconded by Jerry Rattenborg, to support the proposal. Motion carried.

B. Old computers

The Sec./Treas. discussed the old, outdated IWPCA computers he has stored at his house. It was moved by Jerry Rattenborg, and seconded by Mark Simms, to authorize the Sec./Treas. to dispose of the old IWPCA computers at his discretion. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 11:48 AM for lunch and reconvened at 12:11 PM.

C. Strategic Planning progress

Tim Snyder reported Carla Schumacher has agreed to chair this effort and will be getting started soon.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS

D. Education

Jim Reynolds reported the fall short course was held on September 12 and 13 with 255 people in attendance. The spring short course will be on April 24 & 25, 2007. The planning meeting is tentatively set for November 3rd. The group discussed how the short course compares to other course offerings. The role IWPCA should play in education programs was discussed.

N. Local Arrangements

Hank Pangelina discussed the arrangements for the 2008 annual meeting in Council Bluffs. The site will be the Mid America Center and the dates will be June 3-6, 2008.

M. Laboratory Practices

Maryann Ryan discussed the situation concerning the use of EXCEL in the electronic reporting program and the problems and discussion it has generated.

C. Biosolids

Hank Pangelina reported the committee is meeting on October 12th to begin planning the 2007 meeting.

K. Industrial Pretreatment

Gary Schellhorn reported the committee is planning to hold a specialty conference in the Amanas in the first part of February.

Y. Web Page

John Dunn reported the full membership list serve group will be ready for use next week and will need to be promoted to the membership.

Q. Newsletter

Gary Schellhorn reported Keith Hobson has agreed to be copy editor.

S. Operator Certification

Jim McElvogue reported the certification committee was setting up a sub-committee to look into plant reclassification. Paul Nolan volunteered to act as liaison to the sub-committee.

U. Public Relations/Public Education

Jim McElvogue asked if the committee should continue the activity calendar. The unanimous response was YES.

The next meeting will be November 3rd since the 10th is a holiday.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

President Snyder declared the meeting adjourned at 1:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringlestein, Secretary/Treasurer