

IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 21, 2004

The minutes of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Ames Water Pollution Control Plant, Ames, Iowa, on September 21, 2004.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Carla Schumacher, at 10:11 AM, with the following Executive Committee members present, Jay Brady, Gary Schellhorn, Dave Elias, Steve Moehlmann, Jim Stricker, Carla Schumacher, and John Ringelestein. Also present were Charles Stevens, John Dunn, Jim McElvogue, and Bob Haug from the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Gary Schellhorn, and seconded by Jim Stricker, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF August 3, 2004

It was moved by Dave Elias, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to approve the minutes of August 3, 2004 as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Balance sheets taken on January 1, 2004, and September 20, 2004 were distributed. Assets have increased approximately \$3435 since the first of the year. There are still some expenses coming for the annual meeting (CEUs). Changes in various accounts were reviewed. Expected expenses and revenues for the balance of the fiscal year were reviewed. No results have been reported from the Spring Short Course. It was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Steve Moehlmann, to accept the report of the Secretary/Treasurer as presented. Motion carried.

B. Directors' Report

Carla reported that Chuck Pietscher had been informed by WEF that the IWPCA had 510 members as of September 15, 2004. We are still above the 500 mark so we will retain our second Federation Director.

C: Regional Directors

Region 1: No report.

Region 2: Steve Moehlmann reported Lynn Pitts has requested that the spring regional meetings be devoted to security. The region has to provide a place that will meet the requirements provided by Lynn. Region 2 appears to have some problems due to their meeting rotation and also lack of appropriate facilities in the Region.

Region 3: No report.

Region 4: No report.

Region 5: Jim Stricker reported the fall meeting for Region 5 will be held on October 27 at the Adventureland Inn in Altoona.

Region 6: Dave Elias reported Region 6 will hold their next regional meeting in May. A planning meeting will be held in December or January.

D. Correspondence

a. Letter from WEF

A letter was received from WEF congratulating Charlie Stevens on his election as a Federation Director.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Funding request for pilot study-Joung Lee, University of Iowa

No information available. Dave Elias will contact U of I and follow up.

B. Member/Non-Member pricing for IWPCA technical training

General discussion was held concerning the various practices in pricing training sessions.

C. IAMU Energy Conference and IWPCA and AWWA keynote speakers

A flyer for this conference gave the impression that the conference was endorsed by IWPCA and AWWA and were supplying keynote speakers. Further investigation revealed this was a miscommunication due to a previous employee of IAMU. A reminder was made that the President or their designee is the official spokesperson for the IWPCA.

D. October 22, 2004 Governor's Volunteer Award Ceremony Attendance

Information on time and location of the ceremony was distributed.

E. Sierra Club August 22, 2004 letter to IDNR

Considerable discussion (almost two hours!) was held concerning the Sierra Club's letter to EPA, the DNR timeline developed in response and the Sierra Club response to the timeline. John Hall has been contacted to provide assistance to the IWPCA and others in reacting to this matter. It was moved by Jim Stricker, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to fund the project with John Hall up front from the Special Projects Fund and solicit funds from several cities and other associations to replace those funds. Jay Brady offered an amendment to cap the project at \$12,000, which was accepted. Motion, as amended, carried. It was moved by Dave Elias, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to contribute \$2,500 to the project from the IWPCA. Motion carried. The Government Affairs Committee will develop an agenda to discuss with John Hall. In the future, we intend to develop an alternate proposal to discuss with the Sierra Club and the IEC.

F. Other Items

a. Contract for 2007 annual meeting

The Five Seasons Center has been contacted and they will be providing a contract for the 2007 meeting. It was moved by Gary Schellhorn, and seconded by Dave Elias, to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to execute the contract for the 2007 meeting providing it meets our requirements. Motion carried.

b. Dave Elias inquired as to how the Executive Committee interacts with the specialty conferences and the regions. Guidelines and the effect on the annual meeting were discussed. This will be a topic at the annual retreat in January.

c. A brief discussion of the possibility of another joint IWPCA/AWWA annual meeting was held.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Aims and Objectives: No report.

B. Awards: No report

C. Biosolids: Charlie Stevens reported the committee met on July 19th. The next committee meeting will be on October 19th to start working on the next annual biosolids meeting (March, 2005). Jim Reynolds also serves on the national Biosolids Committee and is working on getting a national biosolids meeting in Iowa.

D. Collections Systems: No report.

E. Education: John Ringlestein reported Terry Parker had called this morning to report the committee will meet on September 23rd to begin planning for the spring short course. The fall meeting earlier this month had a total attendance of 276.

F. Exhibitors and Vendors: No report.

G. Financial Review: No report.

- H. Government Affairs: No report.
- I. Great Plains Management Conference: No report.
- J. Historian: No report.
- K. Industrial Pretreatment: No report.
- L. ISU Water Quality Club: Jason Carroll could not attend due to Engineering Day at ISU. The Club will be holding an informational meeting for students in engineering on October 11. The Club plans to make presentations at the Ames Middle School during the school year. A large diorama has been developed to use in presentations. The Club is working with other groups on campus to develop local environmental cleanup projects.
- M. Laboratory Practices: No report.
- N. Local Arrangements: No report.
- O. Maintenance: No report.
- P. Membership: Ed Brinton will be the new chair of the committee. Carla thanked Dan Riney and Rhonda Guy for their past service as co-chairs.
- Q. Newsletter: Gary Schellhorn reported the conference issue will be out at the end of September. The deadline for the summer issue is the first part of November. The committee will be meeting soon.
- R. Nominating: No report.
- S. Operator Certification: Jim McElvogue reported that changes in Chapter 81 had eliminated the double credit provision for CEUs used for upgrades. The joint certification committee is working on a proposal to substitute 2 years of DRC for the third year of education. Steve Jones and Larry Trout are looking at developing a focused study course for education requirements. A subcommittee is exploring the next 5-year strategic plan.
- T. Program: Gary Schellhorn reported a call for papers is being made.
- U. Public Relations/Public Education: Jim McElvogue reported the committee is preparing for the annual Iowa Science Teachers Conference. Bob Watson will be setting up the booth and distributing the Water Resources CD. A handout on the Stockholm Jr. Water Prize will also be available. The committee is working on the new IWPCA brochure. The next committee meeting is in December.
- V. Research: No report.
- W. Safety: No report.
- X. Water for People: Charlie Stevens reported engineering students are working on the design for the Xicotepec project. The group is working with local Rotary Clubs to generate funding for the project.
- Y. Web Page: John Dunn reviewed some statistics from the reports for the website. The site has had 423,000 hits since startup. Hits are averaging 185 per day with 2,281 unique visitors this year. The Executive Committee briefly discussed items which should be placed on the website and the possibility of a members only part to the site.

Charlie Stevens reported IOWATER is looking for nominees for IOWATER awards. An artist from Ogden has created a sculpture using material collected from streams. The sculpture was on display at the DNR building at the Iowa State Fair during the fair's run this year. It will be on display at the Wallace Building after November 1st.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. President Schumacher declared the meeting adjourned at 2:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringelestein, Secretary/Treasurer