

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

September 4, 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 September 4, 2009.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim McElvogue, at 10:12 AM, with the following Executive Committee members present: Jay Brady, Dan Riney, Scott Wienands, Gary Schellhorn, Murat Akyurek, Darin Jacobs, Fred Bayer, Jim McElvogue, Jonathan Brown and John Ringelestein. Also present were: Lance Aldrich, Edward Askew, Jim Rasmussen, Jim Stricker, Kris Evans, Eric Evans, Maryann Ryan, Jim Utter, Laurie Twitchell and Bob Watson.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Gary Schellhorn, and seconded by Murat Akyurek, to approve the minutes of June 9, 2009 as printed. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The Secretary/Treasurer distributed balance sheets taken on January 1, 2009, and September 3, 2009. The Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the changes in the various accounts. Assets are up \$32,069.62 since the first of the year. The Operations account is up \$27,122.26 since the first of the year. This increase includes approximately \$6,000 in contributions to the EPA Peak Flow Guidance Policy effort. The Regional Checking account is up \$1,283.03 since the first of the year. The Special Projects Account is up over \$2,000 due to the return of the funding for a research project at Iowa State University which did not take place. It was moved by Jay Brady, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to approve the report of the Secretary/Treasurer as printed. Motion carried.

B. Directors' Report

Scott Wienands discussed the workgroups that the delegates group has established. The four workgroups are: Communicating the value of WEF, Funding, Infrastructure and Asset Management, Image Enhancement and WEF/MA relationship. All of the workgroup efforts relate to the dissatisfaction of the MAs with the WEF. Scott is serving on the WEF/MA Relationship group. On August 5-6, conference calls were held between WEF and MA delegates and officers. Scott distributed copies of the notes Phyllis Ross, WEF, drafted of the IWPCA's conference call. As a result of the efforts of the workgroups, the MAs have gotten the attention of the WEF! WEF is hearing about the same problems nationwide. The Executive Committee discussed the possibility of the Iowa Only members becoming members of WEF. Consensus was that most Iowa Only members are not interested in WEF membership. An MA contact person will be assigned to the IWPCA in the near future.

C: Regional Directors

Region 1: Jonathan Brown reported the Region 1 fall meeting will be on October 28th at Manchester. Jonathan has been involved in the selection of the Operator of the Year award for Region 1. He will also bring up the discounted charge for members with the Region 1 officers.

Region 2: Darin Jacobs reported Region 2 meeting will be held on October 8, 2009 at NIACC and will feature water issues. L.D. McMullen will be discussing Emergency Response for Floods and Water Chemistry.

Region 3: Jim Virelli was unable to attend due to work-related activities.

Region 4: Mike Tripp was unable to attend due to work-related activities

Region 5: Fred Bayer reported the Region 5 planning committee met yesterday to plan the fall meeting. The meeting will be held on October 28th in Newton at the Iowa Rural Water Building.

Region 6: Jay Brady reported Region 6 does not have a fall meeting. Planning for the spring meeting will begin before the holidays.

D: Correspondence

- a. Jim McElvogue sent thank you letters to people who went above and beyond the call in their efforts for the Water Quality Academy. He also distributed an article written by Bob Watson.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. CVENT – Contract and Implementation Discussion

The contract has been signed with CVENT. Jim McElvogue, Julie Erickson and John Ringlestein have been going through training on setup for conferences. Julie is practicing setup by using past conference flyers. Lance Aldrich has set up separate email accounts for each conference. A merchant account is being set up for credit card clearing.

B. AWWA/IWPCA Short Course ad hoc Committee

Jim McElvogue discussed our meeting with the AWWA Board. The only real outcome of the meeting was the agreement to establish an ad hoc committee to investigate what Dave Scott and Gigi do for the short course and to see if CVENT could be used. The Committee discussed alternatives for the short course. Apparently the short course is being used to cover a substantial portion of Dave Scott's contract with the AWWA even though Dave Scott said they did not charge for the short course work. Members of the ad hoc committee are: AWWA – Mark Duben, Jim Oppelt, Gigi, Ted Corrigan and Bob Greene, IWPCA – Scott Wienands, Mike Fields, Eric Evans and Jim McElvogue.

C. Annual Conference Committee

The Executive Committee discussed the makeup of the annual conference committee. Consensus seemed to be that the committee would have several sub-committees such as local arrangements, program, on-site registration, exhibitor and spouse.

D. EPA Peak Flow and Blending Policy/Fundraising Report

Jim McElvogue reported a letter concerning the IWPCA efforts on the EPA Peak Flow and Blending Policy and the funds needed for the effort was sent out over the listserve. John Hall is working on a response to the draft Policy. Approximately \$10,000 has been raised for the effort.

E. TDS/Chloride/Sulfate WQS-EPC Meeting on 9/15/09

Jim McElvogue has a list of points to make to the EPC at the meeting. He encouraged attendance of IWPCA officers and members at the meeting.

F. WEFMAX Invitation

The Sec./Treas. distributed copies of an email received from WEF inviting the IWPCA to host a WEFMAX meeting in 2011. After discussion, it was moved by Gary Schellhorn, and seconded by Fred Bayer, to accept the invitation from WEF to host a WEFMAX meeting in 2011. Motion carried. Gary Schellhorn volunteered to head up the effort.

G. Other Items

Ed Askew distributed the final report on the Water Quality Academy. The meeting came in under budget and was very well received. Ed is in discussions with Ted Gartner in an effort to get WEF to participate in sponsoring the Advanced Water Quality Academy in the Chicago area in a year and a half. The IWPCA thanked Ed Askew, Jay Brady and Stanley Consultants for their efforts on behalf of the Water Quality Academy with a round of applause.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 PM for lunch and reconvened at 12:35 PM.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS

Y: Young Professionals: Kris Evans reported the tail gate event will be held next Saturday. The committee is looking at hosting a social activity at the annual conference on Wednesday night. Eric Evans is working on the design project for 2010 and distributed a draft copy.

Ad Hoc Curriculum Committee: Bob Watson reported a meeting is taking place at Kirkwood Community College today to see how much they are willing to participate in the curriculum project. The curriculum project is anticipated to start in 2010 after accreditation for the curriculum is received. A scholarship fund has been set up with the DMACC Foundation. The committee is looking for funding for an endowed chair. Bob contacted the Governor's office and they have agreed in principle to establish a statewide Water and Wastewater Industry Workers Week. Bob also contacted Workforce Development to discuss support for students and to investigate the Federal Internship project. The IWPCA thanked Bob for a great job with a round of applause!

B: Awards: Jim Utter reported the Awards Committee is made up of 8 sub-committees and according to our handbook; the PWO Director is an integral part of the process. We do not have a PWO Director! We need to appoint a PWO Director or rewrite the handbook. It was moved by Gary Schellhorn, and seconded by Murat Akyurek, to appoint Jim Utter with the authority to fulfill the duties of the PWO Director as it pertains to the Awards Committee until the next election at the annual business meeting. Motion carried.

C: Biosolids: Steve Troyer reported by email that the committee is working on the next annual conference.

E: Education: Short course is coming up next week.

F: Exhibitors and Vendors: Jay Brady reported there were 48 exhibitors and several sponsors at the annual meeting.

H: Government Affairs: Jim McElvogue reported the committee is setting up a four state Government

Affairs meeting and has been authorized to provide lunch.

K: ISU Water Quality Club: Kris Evans reported the Club has a new president, Sara Schmiegl. The Club is looking into a new name in an effort to broaden membership possibilities. The Club will be competing at WEFTEC on a design project. The Club is working on the agenda for the next semester.

L: Laboratory Practices: Maryann Ryan reported the lab session at the annual meeting went very well. Maryann has been in contact with Chuck Corell at IDNR and has managed to get laboratory people included as stakeholders in the process of developing rules and regulations. She has also noticed an increase in contact with the WEF Laboratory Practices Committee.

M. Local Arrangements: Contract has been signed with the Gateway Hotel. Recruitment of committee members is the next item.

N: Maintenance: Jim Rasmussen reported the committee will be meeting in October to begin planning next year's meeting. They are looking forward to CVENT!

O: Membership: Jim McElvogue sent letters to Water Quality Academy attendees inviting them to join the Association. Dan Riney reported there will be life membership nominees presented at the annual meeting.

P: Newsletter: Jim Stricker reported the conference edition is out thanks to Kris and Eric Evans. Eric reported they are working on the next edition, deadline for submissions is today. The newsletter needs more advertisers! The Executive Committee discussed the newsletter funding cap for the remainder of the year.

R: Operator Certification: Jim Utter reported the committee has not seen a lot of activity this year. A subcommittee is looking into the water treatment and water distribution license renewal requirements for CEUs. This topic may be a wastewater issue in the future when collection certification becomes a reality.

S: Program: Jim Rasmussen reported the program committee will be meeting in Des Moines on October 8.

T: Public Relations/Public Education: Laurie Twitchell reported the committee met a few weeks ago. Laurie reviewed the activities for the coming year. The committee will be attending the Science Teachers Conference and hope to present a talk on the Water Resources curriculum. The committee will be working on presentations at the Children's Water Festival next spring. The committee has also taken on the task of looking into a name change for the Association. The idea is to present a positive image for the industry. The Executive Committee the name change idea.

X: Web Page: Lance Aldrich reported there was nothing new to report.

ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

President McElvogue declared the meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringlestein, Secretary/Treasurer