



CENTRAL STATES WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Draft Minutes

(Posted pending Approval at the 81st Annual Business Meeting)

Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Monona Terrace Convention Center, Madison, WI

1. Call to Order: Carol Strackbein called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Minutes of the May 10, 2006 Annual Meeting: **Moved by LaMont Albers, 2nd by Scott Trotter to approve the minutes. Approved.**
3. 2006 Annual Fiscal Report: **Moved by LaMont Albers, 2nd by Dean Falkner to approve the 2006 Audit. Approved.**
4. Recognition of WEF Representative Michael Read: Carol Strackbein introduced Michael Read.
5. Annual Report from the President: Carol Strackbein indicated that she was “commented out” but thanked the Local Arrangement Committee as well as Eric and Anne Lecuyer.
6. WEF Directors Reports: Rick Ashling referenced the written report prepared by Bob Clavel and himself and expressed his appreciation to Michael Read for his leadership at WEF. **Moved by Dan Lynch, 2nd by Jim Miller to approve the WEF Directors Reports. Approved.**
7. State Section Reports:
 - a. Wisconsin – Tom Mulcahy and Rusty Schroedel reported that the Section has invested in a certificate of deposit. A Service Award was awarded to Tom Sigmund who is moving to Green Bay as Director of the GBMSD. A Collection System Seminar is scheduled for June 7 and a second one planned for Marshfield in 2008. Bill Martin and Steve Godfrey will be the Section Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. Rusty thanked Dan Busch for his service and thanked the Association for the opportunity to serve on the Executive Committee as WI Section Trustee.

b. Minnesota—Marion Graham reported that Eric Evans will replace John Smith as Section Secretary/Treasurer and Jane Costello was elected as Section Vice-Chair. She remarked that she really appreciated people calling up to volunteer and invited all to check out the Section activities on the web site.

c. Illinois—Joe Slevnik reported that the Lab Seminar is scheduled for June 20 and Quick Talks in July in Champaign. A Safety Seminar is scheduled for November. Sue Baert will serve as Chair and Roger Gyger as Vice Chair with Shelly Cumbow continuing as Secretary/Treasurer. Roger Gyger is looking for several committee members and Section Chairs for the Water is Life initiative.

8. Committee Reports:

a. General Awards – Dennis Lindeke explained the awards, commenting that the Schropfer Award, Public Education Award and MA Award nominations have been submitted to WEF and expects to hear results in June.

b. Technical Program -- Carol Strackbein reported for Bill Marten, commenting that the Technical Papers were very good and the presentations were well attended.

c. Local Arrangements – Paul Nehm reported that there were 177 full and one-day registrations. There were 150 registered exhibitors manning 72 exhibit booths. Paul provided an updated schedule and invited all to attend the social hour and banquet. Paul was thanked for his efforts in chairing the Local Arrangements Committee.

d. Education Seminar – Jim Fisher reported that the 2007 event was attended by 190 and plans are starting up for the 2008 seminar planned for April 1.

e. Website – Eric Lecuyer commented that the new web master was updating the website to include links to the Student Chapter pages and was researching improvements to the registration process. Eric is following up on website advertisers.

f. Public Education (SJWP) – Patti Craddock thanked Dan Busch for getting the students to the conference. The Wisconsin and Minnesota committees are in need of volunteers.

g. *Central States Water* magazine – Eric Lecuyer reported that June 1 is the deadline for the next issue which will feature “pharmaceuticals” in the water and the Radabaugh paper as well as a larger point size in type.

h. Students & Young Professionals – Dan Busch reported that the Central States winner of the Student Paper competition, Lindsey Bergsven, will be going to WEF. The University of IL students (who will also represent CSWEA at the WEFTEC) will be introduced at the Banquet and Dan offered his thanks to the Sections for their financial support of the committee’s programs. As of Tuesday, the S & YP committees will become two committees and they look forward to Dennis Lindeke’s leadership in “figuring out how” the two committees should function.

i. General Membership – Dennis Lindeke reported that the committee has been fairly active in following up on delinquent members and it is a priority of his to find ways to increase membership.

j. MARC Committee – The committee has agreed to follow-up with exhibitors with an e-mail survey to determine how best to handle exhibits at the 81st Annual Meeting. They are looking at format changes.

k. Midwest Water Industry Expo – Jay Kemp referred to his written report, highlighting that attendance has increased and they were able to make a nice contribution

to Water for People. The events have been evidence of a successful relationship with WWA.

1. Resolutions (Necrology) – There were no reports of members having passed away in the past year, however, a moment of silence was observed for members that had passed away.

Moved by LaMont Albers, 2nd by Dan Lynch to approve the Committee Reports. Approved.

9. Nominations Committee Report and Election: Dan Lynch announced the nominations for four positions: 2nd Vice President – Rusty Schroedel from Wisconsin; PWO -- Howard Jacobson of Minnesota; WEF Director – Dan Lynch from Wisconsin and Treasurer – Scott Trotter from Illinois. **Moved by Dean Falkner, 2nd by LaMont Albers to close the nomination and cast a unanimous vote for Rusty Schroedel for 2nd Vice President. Approved. Moved by Dennis Lindeke, 2nd by Jim Miller to close the nomination and cast a unanimous vote for Howard Jacobson for PWO. Approved. Moved by John Leonard, 2nd by Dennis Lindeke to close the nomination and cast a unanimous vote for Scott Trotter as Treasurer. Approved. Moved by Rusty Schroedel, 2nd by Steve Lipinski to close the nomination and cast a unanimous vote for Dan Lynch as WEF Delegate. Approved.**

10. Old Business:

a. CSWEA-CSX '06 – Carol Strackbein reported that the '06 event was a good exchange and the group came up with 10 great ideas which the committees are working on implementing. She referenced the “Teacher and Professor of the Year Award” and asked that the Sections work on submitting nominations.

b. State Section Policies & Procedures – Dan Lynch commented on his posted report regarding the signing of contracts. Sections should include language in their SOPs that states that all contracts should be reviewed by the Executive Director prior to signing.

c. Committee Roster (VIP List) – Eric Lecuyer asked that all new rosters be updated with contact information as soon as possible and is taking a cautious approach in how this information will be published in the magazine.

11. New Business:

a. CSWEA-CSX '07 – Dennis Lindeke reminded all that the event will be held at the Kalahari, July 19-20 and encouraged all committee members to attend. Central States will provide lunch for participants and pizza dinner for the families. A continental breakfast will be provided for participants at the following morning meeting.

b. Constitution and By-laws Amendments – Carol Strackbein provided copies and remarked that the changes were mostly “housekeeping”. The big change is in the membership portion of the draft posted on 5.13.07. **Moved by John Leonhard, 2nd by Dan Lynch to approve the amendments to the Constitution and By-laws as posted on 5.13.07. Approved.**

12. Adjournment: **Moved by LaMont Albers, 2nd by Dennis Lindeke to Adjourn. Approved. The Meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm.**