

CENTRAL STATES WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION, Inc.  
Draft Minutes (to be approved at the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting)  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
Wednesday, May 10, 2006; 4:00 p.m.  
Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL

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1. Call to Order - President Scott Trotter called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm.
2. **LaMont Albers moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Leonhard to approve the Minutes of the May 24, 2005 Annual Meeting. Approved.**
3. 2005 Annual Fiscal Report – Dan Lynch presented the annual fiscal reports including copies of the 2005 year end fiscal audit, which was the Association’s first full audit, rather than the compilation audits prepared in the past. All Association federal and state taxes and required reports have been completed and submitted. It was noted that detailed fiscal reports, including profit and loss statements, budget reports and the annual audit are posted at [www.cswea.org](http://www.cswea.org) for all to review.  
**Jim Roth moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth Vogt to accept the fiscal report. Approved**
4. President Scott Trotter introduced Bill Bertera, our WEF Representative and thanked him for his participation in the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Bill noted that he was pleased to be on hand at our Annual Meeting and encouraged members to seek him out with any questions or comments regarding WEF Activities.
5. President Scott Trotter presented the Annual Report from the President via way of a power point presentation which highlighted the many accomplishments of the past year. Included were the establishment of student chapters at IIT and Northwestern University, the University of Wisconsin at Madison and the initial development of an additional student chapter at the Fox River Technical College, in Wisconsin. The success of our Student and Young Professional committee was also acknowledged with the Association’s first entry in the Student Design Competition at WEFTEC ’05. For 2006, the team from Northwestern will represent CSWEA in Dallas at WEFTEC ’06. President Trotter also thanked all of the Exhibitors at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and our many sponsors for their continued support of CSWEA. Finally, Scott had the Executive Director unveil the CSWEA Marketing tool, a narrated power point introduction of CSWEA to be used for prospective members.
6. WEF Directors Report – Rick Ashling encouraged all in attendance to see him or Bob Clavel with any questions or concerns regarding WEF. Eric Lecuyer discussed WEF’s ongoing work to create a group membership category and indicated that the intent is to provide another membership option.
7. State Section Reports
  - a. Wisconsin – Randy Wirtz, WI Section Chairperson reported on Wisconsin Section activities including several highly successful seminars. The Section remains strong with a healthy treasury. The WI Section has a Stockholm Junior Water Prize winner representative attending the National competition in Atlanta.

b. Minnesota – Patti Craddock highlighted various MN Section events including the annual conference with the Air and Waste Management Association and the Innovative Workshop in February have added to the healthy treasury. The popular Children’s Water Festival was nominated for WEF’s Public Education Award. Minnesota will also be sending a Stockholm Junior Water Prize contestant to the National competition.

c. Illinois – Joe Slevnik discussed the Section’s continued successful co-sponsorship of the annual Government Affairs Seminar with IWEA and will host another Quick Talks Seminar in the summer and a second in the early fall of 2006.

## 8. Committee Reports

a. General Awards- It was noted that four CSWEA Members have been submitted for WEF awards. Members were encouraged to forward nominees for the many WEF awards available.

b. Technical Program Committee- It was noted that an excellent technical program had been presented at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Over 60 abstracts had been submitted for consideration. Scott Fronek and his committee were congratulated on an excellent program.

c. Annual Meeting- Dean Wiebenga noted that registration was over 400, with more than 100 full conference registrations and many exhibitors attending the full conference.

d. Education Seminar- Jim Fisher noted that the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Seminar will be hosted again at the Monona Terrace on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 with the traditional reception held on Monday. The topic will be Sludge Digestion and Handling.

e. Website- Eric Sedmak had been on hand with a booth at the Exhibit Hall. On-line registration and credit card payments had been a popular addition to the site. A suggestion was received and will be implemented to create a “get involved” button and questionnaire.

f. Public Education- Patti Craddock reported that the SJWP winners from WI and MN are set to travel to Atlanta for the National event.

g. WISILLMINN- Eric Lecuyer reported that contributions have been outstanding, leading to a 40 page format and that advertising sales have been strong, nearly selling out all available space.

h. Students & Young Professionals- Tim Tack reported on the Student Design and Paper Competition and explained that two Student Design Teams were able to compete at the Education Seminar and both teams had done an excellent job. Ultimately Northwestern University was selected over the University of Wisconsin Platteville and will represent CSWEA at WEFTEC ‘06. Tim encouraged all to support S&YP activities and to work more closely with the S&YP Committee. Tim also acknowledged the work of Dan Busch in making sure the Student Design competition was successful.

i. General Membership- It was reported that membership remains stable and follow-up efforts are consistently undertaken by the committee for delinquent members as well as to welcome new members.

j. Regional Trade Show- Jay Kemp and Dan Lynch reported that the First Annual Midwest Water Industry Expo was highly successful and vastly exceeded expectations. This event, co-sponsored with the Wisconsin Water Association will be held again on February 14&15, 2007 at the Kalahari Resort at the Wisconsin Dells.

k. Resolutions (Necrology) – The passing of Ray Odde was noted and a moment of silence was observed for all CSWEA members who have passed since the last annual meeting.

9. Nominations Committee Report and Election – Chuck Hansen reported that the Nominating Committee has placed Tim Tack in nomination for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Dan Lynch for the position of Treasurer. It was noted that the nominees had been profiled in WISILLMINN.

Scott Trotter called for nominations from the floor for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President three times. **Rusty Schroedel Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Roth to close nominations and instruct the Secretary to record a unanimous vote for the election of Tim Tack to the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Approved**

Scott Trotter called for nominations from the floor for the position of Treasurer three times. **Moved by Rusty Schroedel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Miller to close the nominations and instruct the Secretary to record a unanimous vote for the election of Dan Lynch to the position of Treasurer. Approved**

10. Old Business – Scott Trotter

- a. CSWEA-CSX '05 – Scott Trotter listed a number of positive initiatives that have been undertaken as a result of our first Committee and Section Exchange and encouraged all Officers, Section and Committee members to plan on attending future CSX's
- b. State Section Policies & Procedures – Dan Lynch discussed his posted report on the State Section Policies & Procedures and how each section had adopted these to replace the previous by-laws. Dan also noted that these documents will need to be updated constantly in order that they remain relevant guidance documents for our Sections.
- c. Committee Roster (VIP List) – E. Lecuyer asked that all updates and corrections for the Committee Rosters be submitted to him as soon as possible to assure that the most up to date roster is published in the July issue of WISILLMINN and posted on the website.

11. New Business – Scott Trotter discussed the need for a modest CSWEA Dues Increase, based on a number of new programs that have recently been initiated, including the Student Paper and Student Design competitions, and the development of several Student Chapters.

**Tom Bunker moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaMont Albers to approve the dues increase as Published in the March 2006 issue of WISILLMINN, of \$5.00 per all categories except Retirees and Students. CSWEA Dues for Active, PWO, Corporate and Dual members are proposed to increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per year beginning in January of 2007. Approved.**

12. **LaMont Albers moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Miller to adjourn. Approved.**