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To: CSWEA Executive Committee  
From: Kenneth L. Sedmak  
RE: Wisconsin Section Trustee Report  
Date: September 21, 2007

The most recent meeting of the Wisconsin Section was held on August 15, 2007 at Ruekert/Mielke, Inc. Waukesha, Wisconsin. The following summarizes the meeting and the latest activities of the Wisconsin Section.

1. The current balance in Section accounts is \$30,601.11. The Section has \$15K in CD's. The reserves should be maintained at one year's worth of seminars and workshops, approximately \$10,000. The Section has been trying to reduce reserves by providing financial support to Student Activities and Young Professionals. Other ideas to reduce reserves needs to be identified or a reduce fees for seminars and workshops. The committees have been told to set seminar fees at a break even level, however, the seminars are more successful than expected.
2. WWOA Liaison Randy Thater reported that the annual conference is in La Crosse October 22-25. They are working with UW Water Resource Library to provide reference books on loan to operators in preparation of the certification exam. Also WWOA has been contacted by USEPA Region 5 asking if their association would sponsor an Asset Management Workshop in 2008 or 2009. WWOA believes this is too large for their association and suggested that CSWEA consider the sponsorship. This needs to be discussed with the CSWEA Board.
3. Most committees continue to be very active. Some items of note include:
  - a. 2007 Collection Systems Seminar was held June 7 with a profit of \$1,100. In 2008, the Collections Systems Committee is planning a second seminar during the year in Marshfield August 14. Jim Beier mentioned that the Collection System Seminar has their own checking account, which is open and closed each year for just for the seminar. All three State Sections are set up with a tax exempt ID number and do not pay taxes since each Section is a nonprofit organization. All three State Sections' finances are rolled up into the Central States Water Environment Association. The

question came up on whether it is OK for the Wisconsin Section and thus CSWEA, to be accepting net profit from a seminar from a separate checking account from an organization (WWOA) that does pay taxes. Dave Arnott is to review the past Collection System Seminar reports and discuss this issue with Eric Lecuyer.

- b. Jane Carlson, chairman of the Government Affairs Committee, is reviewing new topics to track for the Section.
- c. Brian Molenaar is the chair of the Industrial Waste Committee. The committee is planning an inaugural Pretreatment Seminar tentatively scheduled for June 18, 2008.
- d. The Management Committee participated in a seminar on August 1 with AWWA Wisconsin Section. The seminar was held at Cabela's conference room and with more than 60 people in attendance.
- e. Operations Committee is developing an Awards Evaluation form for review by the Section Board.
- f. The Students & Young Professionals (S&YP) Committee held a social event at a Brewer's game in Miller Park. The event was a success with 5 YP's and 2 Students in attendance.

4. Upcoming meetings were noted as follows:

- a. Government Affairs Seminar – February 28 – Madison
- b. Spring Biosolids Symposium – March 18 – Stevens Point
- c. Collections Systems Seminar – Early June – Watertown
- d. Second Collections System Seminar – August 14 – Marshfield
- e. Industrial Seminar – June 18 – Stevens Point

5. CSX was discussed with the Board. The Big Ideas list was distributed and discussed.

6. The Student and Young Professionals Committee administration was discussed. The committee is to consider dividing into two committees, one for students and the other for young professionals. The issue was tabled until the November Section Meeting.

7. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7 with location to be announced.