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To: CSWEA Executive Committee
From: Dave Raby, MN Section Trustee
Re: MN Section Trustee Report
Date: October 5, 2007

1. Public Education Committee Report (Patti Craddock)

Stockholm Junior Water Prize

MN Chair: Pamela Ann Kiel Massaro, P.E.

This year the MN Section acknowledged three students for the 2006 SJWP as listed below. The winner, Gregory Thompson, represented Minnesota at the WEF SJWP competition this June in Phoenix. MN Section supported his travel to the competition; lodging is handled by WEF. Cash prizes and certificates were presented to the three winners. MN Section thanks the judges: Pamela Kiel Massaro, Bill Arnold and Timothy LaPara.

MN's Winner: Gregory Thompson

Project Title: "The Impact of Beaver Dams on Southeastern Minnesota Streams"

School: John Marshall High School, Rochester, MN

MN's 1st Runner up

Name: **Kevin Roberston and Sara Gleason**

Project Title: "The Use of a Rain Garden to Diminish the Impact of Urban Road Runoff on Scanlon Creek-Phase II"

School: Cloquet High School, Cloquet, MN

MN's 2nd Runner up

Name: **Devin Ninneman**

Project Title: The Effects of Industrial Metal Slag Piles and Mineral Sediments on Stream Water Quality--Phase II

Kevin Roberston presented his work from 2006 at the Annual Meeting in Madison this May. This was the first time the SJWP finalists have presented at our Annual Meeting. MN Section supported his travel, lodging, and meals. Check out the "Published Papers" link and other for SJWP at www.cswea.org to read the students papers/abstracts.

Children's Water Festival (CWF)

CSWEA MN Section participated in the September 2007 event – our 10th year! The festival provides an opportunity for over 1,000 children to learn about water related

issues. Seven classrooms attended the CSWEA's session on Flush! The Wastewater Story. MN Section also sponsored the event by providing WEF's Water Sourcebook in CD format to each of the 45 classroom teachers. Go to <http://metrocvf.org/> for more information.

Water is Life and Infrastructure Makes it Happen

MN Section has had no one come forward to assist with this subcommittee work and participate at the CSWEA committee level. Check out the display at the Conference on the Environment to see the materials WEF provides. *SEEKING* committee members and utilities to pilot use of these materials. Learn more at <http://www.waterislife.net>

Public Education Expenses 2007 – TOTAL ESTIMATE \$1,550

- Children's Water Festival: Water Sourcebook CD – \$450
- Stockholm Junior Water Prize: State awards - \$150 (to confirm distribution); Transportation to WEF Mtg for student and chaperone - \$250 (CSWEA covered \$500); travel/lodging/meals – Kevin Robertson to attend CSWEA Annual Mtg in Madison, May 2007 - \$700 (to confirm)

2. Student and Young Professionals (S&YP) Committee Report (Kris Evans)

The S&YP Committee has been busy with the following activities:

- Working with the WEF S&YP committee to launch the liaison program. Liaisons will act as an intermediary between the MAs, student chapters, YP groups, and WEF. They will also help direct new members to the appropriate MA groups and help student chapters get off the ground, if needed. Kris Evans has been appointed as liaison for CSWEA. Expect more information on this program after WEFTEC.
- Working with vendors to set up presentations; many have been focused on WEFTEC so we expect more activity after October.
- Contacted local YPs to develop a list of activities and events they would like to see hosted by the YP group; haven't received much response yet.
- Trying to organize a YP happy hour to be held after the Conference on the Environment (Nov. 8)

3. Biosolids Committee Report (Jay Kemp)

The biosolids committee has not been active in recent years. However, goals for the committee are to develop a one day seminar on biosolids issues or to develop a dedicated session at the Conference on the Environment. We hope also to provide updates to the membership on biosolids issues on the State and national trends that will impact our members. We expect to work closely with MPCA in these efforts and expect to have MPCA represented on the committee. The committee will be more active in the next 6 months and will recruit new members.

I will be relocating back to Wisconsin in 2008 and will transition my chair of this committee to another MN Section member by the next annual conference.

4. Student Chapter Report (Keith Redmond)

The students have been participating in club challenges at St. Cloud Technical College (SCTC) and will continue to participate in those events as they come up. The WAMM club recently assisted with the lower Sauk River water fair. The students participated in the local event held in St. Joseph, MN, aimed at educating young grade school children in the areas of water conservation, source water protection and treatment.

The WAMM group has two locations with students (SCTC & Metro). The club has held meetings at both locations and will again meet before the end of the month. Recently we elected new officers for the club to include a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Our next meetings will involve decisions as to what we as a club will pursue this year. We will be doing a clothing drive starting in October. This is when students will have an opportunity to purchase clothing items with the program logo.

The WAMM club participated in several events last year and will likely partake in the events this year if possible. Two students, again, presented at the annual innovative conference in St. Cloud and the metro group assisted the MPCA with their annual conferences. They also participated in water fairs around central Minnesota.

Look for our students to again this year take an active roll in our water communities.

The WAMM Club has various responsibilities as a club at SCTC. On a regular basis we participate in club challenges, attend Student Senate meetings, attend/assist with conferences, assist with career days and water festivals, promote the water & wastewater industry through various activities, raise monies and donated items for various charitable organizations, participate in earth-day activities, hold club parties and social gatherings, purchase supplies and equipment for student use in the WETT program as well as many other activities that may be planned or un-planned.

I would like to thank everyone, again, for their support of our Water Environment Technologies program, SCTC, our students and the WAMM student organization. We really do appreciate your support and confidence in our efforts.

5. Secretary/Treasurer Report (Eric Evans)

The Minnesota Section, Central States Water Environment Association Board of Control developed a budget for 2007. The 2007 budget is shown adjacent to the 2006 budget in the table below. The Annual Meeting Scholarship and Teacher Award expenses have been budgeted for 2007, but implementation is not likely until 2008. Requests for reimbursements from committees have only been received from the Operations Committee so far this year.

Activities	2007	2006
	COE (NOV)	\$3,750.00
INNOVATIVE (FEB)	\$1,500.00	\$100.00
COLLECTION (W/ MWOA)	\$0.00	\$0.00
CSWEA DUES SHARING	\$1,763.33	\$1,765.00
NEWSLETTER (for historical)		\$0.00
COMMITTEES		

Government Affairs	(\$100.00)	
Collection Systems	(\$100.00)	
Industrial Wastes	(\$100.00)	
Membership	(\$100.00)	
Safety	(\$100.00)	
Operations	(\$150.00)	
Education (Public Ed, SJWP)	(\$1,500.00)	(\$1,500.00)
Biosolids	(\$100.00)	
Laboratory	(\$100.00)	
Students & Y. Professionals		
**	(\$1,500.00)	(\$3,040.00)
CSWEA Breakfast		
Challenge Games	(\$1,000.00)	(\$750.00)
AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS		
Awards/Plaques	(\$150.00)	
CSWEA/MWOA		
Scholarship	(\$1,000.00)	
Annual Meeting Scholarship	(\$1,000.00)	
Teacher Award	(\$500.00)	
OTHER	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reserves (CD Purchase)		
ANNUAL NET CHANGE	(\$486.67)	\$75.00
CUMMULATIVE CHANGE	\$30,142.65	\$25,807.28

The checking account balance as of September 29, 2007 was \$20,755.12 with one remaining reserve CD valued at \$8,140.15. Deposits from June 1, 2007 through September 29, 2007 consisted solely of cashing the \$10,000 reserve fund CD, which reached maturity in June 2007. Interest accumulated to \$543.90 on the CD for a total deposit of \$10,543.90. Payable expenses between June 1, 2007 and September 29, 2007 included:

- Business check purchase
- Plaque purchase
- SJWP travel reimbursement
- MWOA scholarship funding
- Earle Browne Heritage Center deposit for 2007 Conference on the Environment
- Postage reimbursements
- Innovative Planning Meeting reimbursements

The sum of payable expenses was \$6,222.85. The Board approved \$1,000 for MWOA scholarship funding June 22, 2007. This funding is available from excesses of \$4897.04 received in 2006. Discussion to consider this as a recurring, budgeted expense will be taken up during the next business meeting. All other expenses were budgeted or approved as discussed in the previous trustee report.

6. Collection System Committee Report (Tim Keegan/Steve Lipinski)

No report.

7. Industrial Wastes Committee Report (Clay Watson)

The Industrial Waste Committee met twice this year and selected Armour- Echrich Meats from St. James, Minnesota as the Minnesota Section Industrial award winner and they will now be considered for the Central States Award. The award will be handed out to Armour- Echrich at the Conference on the Environment on November 8, 2007. Armour- Echrich will also be giving a talk at the conference on their achievements in the wastewater field.

8. Laboratory Committee Report (Patti Mettler)

The lab committee had a training session in St. Cloud on June 20 & 21, 2007. The topics were Nitrate and Ammonia analysis and regulations. The main speaker was Mike Raynovic with North Central Lab. The session was well attended and was very informative. The next laboratory training session is still in the planning stages. Likely topics will be going through the new lab regulation and possibly QA/QC. We are tentatively planning the session to be held in St. Cloud in late June of 2008. For the MPCA annual meeting, the tentative topic will be BOD's. When the committee meets in November, we will be discussing possible donations to the MWOA and CSWEA from money left from the summer lab session.

9. Safety Committee Report (Sean Hancock)

Sean Hancock is the new chair of this committee and is in the process of recruiting other members and establishing the future direction of the committee.

10. Membership Committee Report (Greg Stonehouse)

The Central States Exchange '07, held in Wisconsin Dells in July, was partially focused on the issue of membership. There was substantial discussion of the need for heightened attention on recruiting "operations" level membership. The additional item of discussion was to work on the development of a professional membership survey that is concise, yet thorough enough to provide CSWEA leadership with the information necessary to improve our membership across the board. We have done a bit of research to try to find a professional IT company that can assist us in the development and execution of an on-line survey, as we feel that will most effectively attain the response levels we need to generate meaningful data. Discussions with several of these vendors indicate that the costs for such service can range from \$2400 to \$12,000 depending upon the association's needs and expectations. I suspect that we can get an above average product that meets our expectations in this effort for something between \$2,800 and \$3,500. The membership committee will be following up with Eric Lecuyer to determine a way ahead.

11. Government Affairs Committee Report (Jane Costello)

Jane recently became chair of this committee that had formerly been chaired by Dick Ottman prior to his retirement. She is in the process of recruiting committee members and establishing the future direction for the committee.

12. Operations Committee Report (Larry Rogacki)

The Operations Committee has been focusing on finalizing plans for the Innovative Wastewater Technologies Conference in February. The Keynote speaker will be Jonathan Yuhas, meteorologist for KARE 11 who will present "Understanding the Past, Current and Future of Minnesota Climate". There will be technical sessions on New Technology, Septage Management and Odor Control. The Howard R. Green and Short Elliot Hendrickson Companies have offered to sponsor the conference. We will also be recognizing 2008 as the 25th consecutive year for this conference.