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To: CSWEA Executive Committee
From: Kenneth L. Sedmak
RE: Wisconsin Section Trustee Report
Date: November 30, 2007

The annual business meeting of the Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environment Association held on November 8, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The following summarizes the meeting and the latest activities of the Wisconsin Section.

Treasurer's Report: The current balance in the Section's accounts is \$31,754.75 as of November 2, 2007. The section has \$15,000 in two CDs. The report showed total receipts of \$2,108.36 and disbursements of 954.72. The receipts were for the Collection System Seminar and Management System Seminar.

WVOA Liaison Report: Dennis Egge presented a written and verbal report. The written report can be found on the CSWEA Wisconsin Section website. Key points were:

- The WVOA Board met on September 13th, 2007 in La Crosse. Most of the business discussed at the meeting dealt with the final details for the WVOA Annual Meeting in October.
- Details of the UW Water Library initiative were discussed. Kay Curtain drafted a memorandum of understanding and will be meeting with the head librarian to finalize an agreement. The issue is complicated by the pending retirement of the head librarian. Kay Curtain believes the first installment will be two copies of three texts totaling \$400.
- WVOA decided to pass on sponsoring and planning the EPA Advanced Asset Management workshop.
- Bruce Bartel has received 3 team commitments from 2 regions for the 2008 Operators Competition.
- The WVOA Board met on October 22, 2007 at the WVOA Annual Meeting in La Crosse. A full slate of reports were given. Highlights of the reports include:
 - Next years operator training will be on the changes to NR 149.
 - Five Operators Competition competed at the conference.
 - The Board presently consists of Past President Kay Curtain President, Jim Thalke President, John Bond President-Elect, and Bruce Bartel Vice President. Directors are Dave Carlson, Randy Thater, Dennis Egge, Wade Peterson, and Dale Doerr. Dennis Egge is the new CSWEA Wisconsin Section liaison.

Committee Reports

Collection Systems: Chair Todd Stelmacher noted the date for the 2008 Collection System Seminar is June 5th, 2008. The Marshfield Collection System Seminar is August 14th, 2008. Dave Arnott still has to check with Eric Lecuyer about if there is a problem with WI Section and thus CSWEA, accepting net profit from a seminar from an organization (WWOA) that does pay taxes. CSWEA is a tax exempt organization.

Government Affairs: Chair Jane Carlson reported the following:

Joan Hawley of Superior Engineering is a new Committee member. Joan will track CMOM, SSO, and wet weather related regulations.

The DNR will be forming a technical advisory committee for nutrient standards in 2008.

The Government Affairs Seminar Planning Committee met on November 7th, 2007 to set the agenda and start planning for the 2008 Government Affairs Seminar.

Industrial Waste: Bill Oldenburg presented an oral report.

Bill reported that the planning for the Pretreatment Seminar is moving forward. A draft agenda has been completed. The City of Oshkosh has an existing account with the seminar facility so it is not necessary to have money initially. The seminar is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday June 18, 2008. Topics for the seminar include regulatory updates, mercury update, lessons learned and hauled waste.

Membership: Chair Rob Szekeress indicated that he will no longer be able to serve as Chair. Rob agreed to stay on as Chair until a new Chair is found.

Operations Committee: Committee member Dave Arnott reported that planning for the Lab Excellence, Operations and Hatfield awards is underway.

Public Education/Public Awareness: No written report received. No oral report presented.

Safety: Chair Jerry Hirt submitted a written report saying that the Burke safety award selection has been made.

Watershed Management: A written report was received by Dave Arnott late and was not able to be incorporated into the report compilation. No oral report presented.

Student Activities: Chair Rachel Lee submitted a written report and an oral report.

A Young Professionals event at Sanitaire in Brown Deer is being planned for the end of January. Further details will be forthcoming.

Management Seminar: Paul Nehm, Ken Sedmak and Paul Christensen will be involved with Planning for the 2008 Management Seminar.

Spring Biosolids: Bill Marten reported that planning the seminar is progressing and everything is on track for the March 18, 2008 event. Topics include: regulatory updates, pathogen regrowth PCB's in Milorganite, sampling protocols, and land application discussions.

Water/ Wastewater Education Association: Tom Mulcahy will coordinate with the DNR to get the events posted.

Election of Officers

The election was unanimous for Jim Beier for Section Vice President and Dave Arnott for Section Secretary/Treasurer.

Old Business

Strategic Plan Implementation Update: Steve Godfrey is heading up the Section plan update. Steve recommended that a Strategic Plan Committee be formed to better address the various initiatives.

2007 Section Budget: Dave Arnott presented a draft 2008 budget worksheet for review. The 2008 budget as finalized (see attached copy) projected revenue of \$4,600 and expenses of \$14,500 for a net deficit of \$9,900.

The additional deficit was partly due to two additional seminars that will be started in 2008. These consist of the Northern Wisconsin Collection System Seminar and the Pretreatment Seminar. Both these seminars are budgeted with a negative net income because this is the first year they will be held.

Additional support of the Operations Challenge was incorporated into the budget. A general sponsorship line item of \$1,000 to CSWEA was included as a new expense. Also, the maximum participant reimbursement for travel expenses was raised from \$500 to \$1,000. It is expected that some of this money will be used to pay for attendance and registration to the following year CSWEA Annual Meeting. The Section feels it is important to recognize past Operations Challenge participants. Having them at the CSWEA Annual Meeting would be an effective way to recognize them and promote membership.

\$400 was included in the budget for the UW Water Library initiative. This will be a new program in 2008 in conjunction with WWOA.

\$1,500 was included in the budget for WI Section CSX support. The money is to encourage Committee Chairs and Officers to attend the CSX event each year. It was thought that some employers may not be willing to pay for expenses since this is not a traditional seminar. This may be reducing participation from the Wisconsin Section. A maximum of \$250 per person will be used to offset travel expenses. If more than 6 people (or \$1,500) want to attend, the expenses will be split evenly.

New Business

Status Report on Awards Nominations: Bill Marten led a review of the status of award nominations for the 2008 CSWEA Annual Meeting. Based on the committee reports, it appeared that the Wisconsin Section would have nominees and supporting documentation for all awards.

Committee Chair/Roster Changes:

The Membership and Public Awareness/ Public Education Committees are looking for a Chair.

Lobby Rally on 1/31/08: Jane Carlson explained that there will be a chance for municipal officials and other water environment stakeholders to voice their opinions to legislators on January 31st, 2008. The lobby is sponsored by Rural Water, MEG, Wisconsin Water Association and the Wisconsin Electrical Utilities Associations. The lobby has been held in the past. The question came up as to whether WI Section CSWEA is interested in being a sponsor. The only cost involved may be individual lunches. Bill Marten will check with Eric Lecuyer about sponsorship and inform Dan Lynch.

WisWarn Sponsorship: Dan Lynch asked if WI Section CSWEA would be a sponsor. Through previous e-mail, the Board approved this.

Night with Industry Dinner: Rachel Lee reported that the UW Madison Chapter is sponsoring an event in which students and professionals in the field of water and wastewater can meet and network. The idea is to have students get a better idea about the day-to-day life of water environment professionals. The event is December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the UW campus Pyle Center

Announcements

The following announcements were made:

- The Midwest Water Industry Expo is scheduled for January 23 and 24, 2008 in Wisconsin Dells, WI.
- The Winter Board Meeting for the Wisconsin Section is scheduled for February 27, 2008 at the Marriott Madison West at 2:00 p.m.
- The Government Affairs Seminar is scheduled for February 28, 2008 at the Marriott Madison West.
- The Spring Biosolids Symposium is scheduled for March 18, 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point.
- The CSWEA Education Seminar is scheduled for April 1, 2008 at the Monona Terrace in Madison.
- The Collection System Seminar is scheduled for June 5, 2008 in Watertown, WI.
- The Pretreatment Seminar is scheduled for June 18, 2008 in Oshkosh, WI.
- The CSX is scheduled for July 17 and 18 in Wisconsin Dells.
- The Young Professionals Exchange is scheduled for July 18, 2008 in Wisconsin Dells.
- The Northern Wisconsin Collection System Seminar is scheduled for August 14, 2008 in Marshfield, WI