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To: CSWEA Executive Committee  
From: Dave Raby, MN Section Trustee  
Re: MN Section Trustee Report  
Date: December 3, 2007

**1. Public Education Committee Report (Patti Craddock)**

No activities since the October Report.

**2. Biosolids Committee Report (Jay Kemp)—December Update**

As indicated in the October Report, the biosolids committee has not been active in recent years. However, one goal for the committee is to develop a one day seminar on biosolids issues. To that end, Jay Kemp will be discussing this event with Jorja DuFresne/MPCA. In addition, he will be attempting to recruit new members to the committee for 2008.

**3. Student Chapter Report (Keith Redmond )—December Update**

The Water Environment Technologies Student club, WAMM, has been holding its monthly meetings at St. Cloud Technical College and at the Eden Prairie Water Treatment plant (our metro location). Members are usually treated to a pizza and pop luncheon then hold the business meeting. All officers have been elected at both locations with almost 100% of the students joining the WAMM club.

Activities to date have been the SCTC club challenges and Lower Sauk river water fair as discussed in the October report. Since then, the metro group has volunteered to assist with the group “feed our starving children” located in Chanhassen. As a club, all members attended and filled bags of food for impoverished nations. The club bagged enough food to feed 13 people for one entire year. Other upcoming activities include participation in conferences across the state, including the innovative conference where 2 SCTC students will do a presentation.

Current activities include preparation and decision making for club apparel. Since the last report, little activity has taken place with this issue, however, new price

quotes are on the way and we are hopeful to have new items sometime in the very near future.

**4. Secretary/Treasurer Report (Eric Evans)**

No update since the October Report. However, the annual Conference on the Environment was well attended and we expect to have an accounting of costs/revenues in the near future.

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

No report.

**6. Industrial Wastes Committee Report (Clay Watson)**

No activities since the October Report.

**7. Laboratory Committee Report (Patti Mettler)—December Update**

The next laboratory training session has been planned. The main topic will be going through the new lab regulation and QA/QC as time permits. The training session will be held in St. Cloud on June 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008. For the MPCA annual meeting, the topic will be BOD troubleshooting. The committee will be further discussing possible donations to the MWOA and CSWEA from money left from the summer lab session.

**8. Safety Committee Report (Sean Hancock)**

No report.

**9. Membership Committee Report (Greg Stonehouse)—December Update**

The committee is currently reviewing the member surveys from February 2006 in an effort to develop trend data and revitalize member recruiting efforts in Minnesota and across the entire CSWEA geography. With data that is only two years old, the recommendation for another member survey has been withdrawn for the time being. Our focus will be on recruiting across the board; however, a more concerted effort will be focused upon young professionals; consisting of students and graduates in both engineering and operations. We also need to develop stronger representation on the CSWEA Membership Committee from our operations counterparts in an effort to ensure that we move forward with a

perspective that addresses operations concerns as well as the technical engineering perspectives.

**10. Government Affairs Committee Report (Jane Costello)**

No Report

**11. Operations Committee Report (Larry Rogacki)—December Update**

Following are recent activities of the Operations Committee:

- a) Brochures are being finalized for the upcoming Innovative Conference. A third sponsor, Bolton and Menk, has been added to the list which also includes Howard R. Green Co. and SEH. On-line registration will be used for the conference for the first time.
- b) Nominations for the Operations and Hatfield Awards are being submitted. The Awards Committee plans on making a final selection prior to the December 12<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- c) Speakers for the Operations track at the upcoming CSWEA Annual Conference are being solicited.