

ILLINOIS SECTION
CENTRAL STATES WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
SECTION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2001
CSWEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN

Section Chair, Ross Nelson, called the meeting to order. 18 members attended.

Attendees included: Ross Nelson, Eric Lecuyer, Beth Vogt, Ron Lyman, Tim Bachman, Chuck Hansen, Darrel Gavle, Phil Morgan, Shelly Cumbow, Al Rae, Dennis Streicher, Bob Clavel, Jim Daugherty, Emil Cook, Ken Johnson, Mohammed Haque, Danette Stout, and Dean Falkner.

Approval of Previous Meeting Notes

Meeting notes from the January 17, 2001 meeting at the Government Affairs Seminar were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the notes was made by Ron Lyman, seconded by Eric Lecuyer. The motion passed and the notes were approved.

Treasury Report

Copies of the year 2000 treasury report, which was approved at the January meeting, were made available to the attendees. The section had a net decrease in funds in 2000 due to disbursement of the education funds received from Central States in 1999. The section ended 2000 with \$5,311.52.

The current treasury balance is \$6,751.10. This includes proceeds from the Government Affairs Seminar at \$443.57 and the CSWEA membership fee increase of \$1,525. Year to date payments include six student reimbursements for the Education Seminar totaling \$528.99. This is a significant balance for the section.

Summary of Previous Year Section Activities

1. Urbana-Champaign Quick Talks – The annual Quick Talks event was held in Urbana on November 1, 2000. Fifty-one people attended to hear talks from 7 presenters. The talks were followed by lunch and a plant tour of the Urbana-Champaign S.D. Northeast Plant. The event was a success.
2. Government Affairs Seminar – The joint CSWEA Illinois Section and IWEA Government Affairs Seminar was held on January 17, 2001. The seminar was well attended and netted \$443.57 for the section. An Illinois Section meeting was held following the seminar and new section officers were elected.
3. In 2000, the section adopted the following changes:
 - The Illinois Section will increase its monetary support for the Illinois Operator’s Challenge participant to \$500. This support follows employer contribution and CSWEA contribution up to \$750.
 - The Illinois Section will reimburse Illinois students for expenses incurred (up to \$100 per student) for attending the annual CSWEA Education Seminar and the Annual Meeting when held in Illinois. The maximum total student reimbursement from the section will be \$1,000 per year.

Announcement of 2001-2002 Illinois Section Officers

The following new Illinois Section Officers were nominated and elected at the January section meeting.

Chair:	Ross Nelson, Lake in the Hills Sanitary District
Vice-Chair:	Beth Vogt, Greeley and Hansen
Secretary-Treasurer:	Shelly Cumbow, Danville Sanitary District
CSWEA Trustee:	Dennis Streicher, City of Elmhurst (second year)

Past Chair: Tim Cardella, City of Naperville

2001-2002 Committee Chairs List

Section Chair Ross Nelson has filled all of the committee chairs for the 2001-2002 year with the exception of the membership committee. A volunteer for this position was requested. Ron Lyman of the Urbana and Champaign Sanitary District volunteered for the position. Al Rae distributed a CSWEA Committee Structure list, which includes all committee chair names and contact numbers. It was noted that the Collection Systems Committee nominates individuals for the newly established Golden Manhole Award.

Trustee's Report

Dennis Streicher presented a summary of current Central States information.

1. Central States is looking for a new secretary-treasurer to replace Al Rae when he retires from the position next May. The goal is to have a new person in place to work with Al prior to his retirement. A position description is being prepared at this time.
2. WEF conducted a Regional Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa this spring for MAs. Each MA in attendance made a presentation of its activities. John Leonhard presented on behalf of Central States. Each State Section within Central States was also represented at the meeting.

New Business

1. 2001 Quick Talks Location – A volunteer agency is needed for the 2001 Quick Talks. Dean Falkner of the Rock River WRD volunteered his facilities for the fall event.
2. Statement by incoming section chair Ross Nelson – Ross indicated that his main goal for the year would be to establish an ad hoc committee to develop a strategic planning initiative for the section. The Wisconsin Section has gone through this process and established over 50 goals to be accomplished in the next 3 years. Ross indicated that strategic planning might be a good way to determine what the section wants to focus its efforts on and what things the section may choose not to do in the future. Ross will be contacting section members in the upcoming months to form the committee.
3. WEF has been asked to advise in the updating of 10 States Standards. WEF is looking for a person from each section to be involved in the advisory committee. Interested individuals should contact Mike Dorn.
4. Student Chapters – Establishing a student chapter at Urbana-Champaign has not gone forward due to the lack of a faculty champion. Tim Bachman will investigate whether or not a faculty member is required to have a student chapter. A suggestion was made that possibly the consulting firms that hire summer interns could be the sponsors of a student chapter, which would not be tied to any specific school. Additionally, Environmental Resource Training Center in Edwardsville associated with Southern Illinois University may be interested in establishing a student chapter.
5. CSWEA has donated \$1,000 to the Boy Scout Jamboree to cover costs for pins.

Upcoming Events

1. Volunteers are needed to serve at the CSWEA/IWEA booth at WEFTEC in Atlanta on October. One-hour slots are available on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Contact Dennis Streicher or Greg Cargill for details.
2. The 2002 CSWEA Education Seminar is scheduled for April 9, 2002. Dennis Stretcher will be the technical committee chair. The seminar will focus on Activated Sludge.

Statements by WEF President and Incoming Central States Presidents

1. WEF President Joe Stowe – WEF has been working on the following areas over the last year:
 - a. Increasing membership in the organization,

- b. Being the leading organization on water anywhere in the world, and
- c. Equal support of MAs around the world.

The planned areas of focus for the upcoming year include:

- a. Starting student chapters and focusing on increasing membership of young professionals,
 - b. Assessing whether WEF should be more or less of a global organization, and
 - c. Determining what support WEF is giving to utilities and whether or not a utility membership should be created.
2. Incoming President David Lane – The following areas will be the focus for Central States in the upcoming year:
- a. Creating student chapters, with the Wisconsin Section currently lining up UW – Stevens Point and Minnesota and Illinois are still looking for an appropriate school.
 - b. Replacing Al Rae, who has served the organization as secretary-treasurer so well, with a new volunteer and making that transition.
 - c. Continue involvement with the Stockholm Junior Water Prize by encouraging students to participate.

David also commented on the strength of the three-state organization that allows us to share information and responsibilities across a wide group of individuals.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned.