

Minnesota Section, Central States Water Environment Association
Annual Section Business Meeting
November 10, 2005
Bloomington Thunderbird Hotel and Convention Center

Chairperson Patti Craddock called the meeting to order at 8:11 pm. Attendance was around 15.

The secretary/treasurer report was read. In summary, at the end of fiscal year 2003 the balance was \$22,055.81. At the end of 2004 the balance was \$23,235.37, a gain of \$1,179.56. 2005 year-to-date is \$23,042.39.

Committee Reports

Government Affairs (Dick Ottman)

Dick reported the committee of one has been active in the Conference on the Environment.

Industrial Waste (Clay Watson)

Meeting was held on September 28, 2005 at SB Foot Tanning to review their application for the MN Industrial Achievement Award. Determined schedule for meeting for the next 6 month period

Collection Systems Committee (Tim Keegan)

We did not conduct a fall workshop as planned...everyone just too busy to put it together. We will be having a spring workshop in 2006.

The collection committee had two seminars in the past year, one at Albert Lea MN in October, 2004 with about 40 attendees and one at Cat-Zeiglar in Bloomington in April, 2005 with about 80 attendees.

Membership Committee (Ed DeLaForest)

The new member welcoming program and the delinquent member program are now fully operational

In my last report I mentioned that we were attempting to institute a mentor program for new members. The concept is that each new member would be assigned a veteran member of the organization. The veteran member would serve as a point of contact and source of information, introduce the new member to others and generally help initiate the new member into the organization. I am sorry to report that I have been unable to give the mentor program any attention. I have a goal to solicit interest from veteran members and get the program going within the next three months

Safety (Al Sehloff)

The committee has been inactive. Al Sehloff reports despite his efforts, no one was willing to submit an application for the Burke Safety award.

Operations (Chip Lederer)

Todd Arlander reported the planning for the Innovative Conference coming up on February 21, 2006 at St. Cloud is progressing well. There is a need for more quickies (low cost projects which net operational benefits).

Public Education (Patti Craddock)

Water Festival

CSWEA MN Section participated in the annual Children's Water Festival, held in the Twin Cities on September 28, 2005. The festival provided an opportunity for over 1,000 children to learn about water related issues. Six classrooms attended the CSWEA's session on Flush! The Wastewater Story. Patti Craddock will be submitting the Children's Water Festival as a candidate for the WEF public Education award.

Stockholm Junior Water Prize

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

This year the MN Section acknowledged three students as reported in the May 2005 Trustee Report. Our MN winner, Elizabeth Welsh went on to become a finalist in the national WEF competition. She received a \$500 award for herself and \$1,000 for her school from WEF, in addition to \$100 from the MN Section. She will be presented with the WEF 2005 Finalist Award at the MN Section's annual Conference on the Environment, Nov. 10, 2005. MN Section supported her travel to the 2005 WEF competition. MN Section thanks the judges: Pamela Kiel Massaro, Michael Semmens, Bill Arnold and Timothy LaPara.

Winner: Elizabeth Welsh (Senior)

Project Title: The Use of Barley Straw to Control Algal and Macrophyte

Growth on Wild Rice Lake

School: Proctor HS, Proctor, MN

Laboratory (Patti Mettler)

The laboratory committee had a training session in St. Cloud on June 20 & 21, 2005. The topics were BOD, Fecal Coliform analysis on Biosolids, and Mercury analysis and regulations. Speakers were Jeremy Olstadt, George Bowman with the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, and Rick Mealy with the Wisconsin DNR office. The session was well attended and was very informative. The next laboratory training session is still in the planning stages. Topics will be phosphorus and training on the new regulations from the Minnesota Department of Health. We are planning the session to be held in St. Cloud in June 15&16th. We are still lining up the speakers.

Biosolids (Carol Mordorski)

The committee had been formed when the 503 rules were new. The need for the committee is not as strong now. Carol has contacted the Wisconsin and Illinois biosolids committees.

Student and Young Professionals (Doug Henrichsen)

Student and Young Professionals (S&YP) Committee Report

This newly formed committee is chaired by Doug Henrichsen of HDR. An initial planning meeting was held October 26, 2005. This committee will handle the Student Design Competition, Student Paper competition, and other activities. The planning meeting established a committee mission and short and long-term goals. The committee has identified contacts at the University of Minnesota for the student design competition and student papers. One activity accomplished this fall: meeting with the U of MN students to tell them about WEF, CSWEA, and our MN Section, and invite them to our upcoming annual Conference on the Environment. A get-together for S & YP is planned at the conclusion of the COE. Future activities include bi-monthly facility tours. A December tour of the Eagle's Point WWTF is planned.

Undergraduate Student Paper Competition. The committee put out calls/emails to faculty, but did not find a student to participate. We are working now on finding students for next year.

Student Design Competition. We were unsuccessful in getting a student design team from Minnesota for 2005, but have laid the groundwork for next year's competition.

Mentors – we need you! Contact Patti at pcraddock@craddockconsulting.com or Doug at Douglas.Henrichsen@hdrinc.com.

Public Education and S&YP BUDGET REQUEST – TOTAL \$4,700 (to confirm actual costs)

Children's Water Festival: Water Sourcebooks - \$450 (NOT USED-2005)

Stockholm Junior Water Prize: State awards - \$175; Transportation to WEF Mtg - \$2,000;

TOTAL-\$2,250 (Actual-to confirm with Treasurer) (treas note: the cost was \$1203.56, with CSWEA reimbursing the section \$500 so actual education was \$840.69)

Student Paper and Design Competition Awards and Attendance at CSWEA meeting: \$2,000 (Not used in 2005)

CSWEA Trustee (Bob Peplin)

Bob's report for WEFTEC of 10-30-05 has been incorporated in this report. Dennis Lindeke, CSWEA Second Vice President, reported upcoming CSWEA events:

Feb. 1, 2006 CSWEA & WWA Midwest Equipment Exhibition, Kalahari Resort at Wisconsin Dells.

Apr 4, 2006 Education Seminar on Nutrient Removal at the Monona Terrace, Madison, WI

May 8-11 CSWEA 79th Annual Meeting Pheasant Run Resort & Spa, ST. Charles, IL
Planning for the 2008 CSWEA annual in Minnesota is underway.

MWOA Trustee

Joel Schmidt reported the MWOA officers for 2005-2006 are Rick Ashling, President; Randy Poore, Vice President, Keith Redmond, President-Elect. The MWOA governance is changing so that committees will be permanent and will be included in the bylaws. Steve Kleist of Vermillion Community College will chair the education committee. The 2006 MWOA Annual will be held at Grand Rapids. Hopefully, extensive road construction planned for 2006 at Grand Rapids won't interfere. Joel added his term as trustee of the MWOA to Mn CSWEA ends in 2006.

Old Business

The ad hoc committee for implementation of Minnesota Section Policy and Procedures (which will replace the Minnesota Section Constitution and By-Laws) met September 20. Next meeting is planned for November 28th. The goal is to amend the template developed by Dan Lynch by the January CSWEA Executive Committee meeting. Members are Jane Costello, Patti Craddock, Tim Keegan, Dennis Lindeke and John Smith.

Elections

John Glatzmeier was nominated for Vice-Chair for 2006 by Dave Raby. Chair Patti Craddock called for additional nominees three times with no further response. Dick Ottman moved and Dennis Lindeke seconded a motion that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for John. Motion carried.

Dave Raby was nominated for CSWEA Trustee for 2006-2008 by John Smith. Chair Patti Craddock called for additional nominees three times with no further response. Dick Ottman moved and Dennis Lindeke seconded a motion that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Dave. Motion carried.

There be no further business the chair closed the meeting at 8:37.

Respectfully submitted,
John Smith
Secretary/treasurer 2005-2007