



**The Wisconsin Section
Central States
Water Environment Association**

**Wisconsin Section CSWEA
Quarterly Officer/Committee/Representative Reports
November Annual Business Meeting
November 8, 2005**

Trustee's Report - Rusty Schroedel, Trustee

The Central States Water Environment Association Executive Committee last met on May 25, following the conclusion of the Annual Meeting in Rochester, Minnesota. This was reported on at the August Board meeting. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2005, at WEFTEC in Washington, DC. I will try to provide a report from that meeting prior to the Wisconsin Section Annual Business Meeting on November 8. One item of note:

From Eric Lecuyer: I'm passing along this exciting news on our CSWEA Student Paper competitor, Paul Davidson, who has won the WEF Competition.

Subject: 2005 Student Paper Competition

Date: Mon, 26 Sep 2005

From: Erica Huggins

To: Paul Davison

Paul, we would like to congratulate you as the winner of the 2005 WEF Undergraduate Student Paper Competition! Your paper on Bioremediation of Groundwater Contaminated with Agricultural Chemicals was selected because of your insightful research and the relevance to pollution control today. Great job representing the Central States WEA in this competition!

We hope that you will be able to attend WEFTEC and be a part of the Monday poster presentations as well as the Tuesday night banquet where you will be recognized. You will be receiving a letter with the check in the near future. At this time, there will be two other students that will be at WEFTEC presenting their posters as well. If you should have any questions before WEFTEC, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting you!

Thanks - Erica Huggins, S&YP Committee Student Paper Competition Chair

WWOA Liaison's Report - Jim Thalke, Liaison

WWOA Liaison Report to CSWEA Wisconsin Section
Holiday Inn of Fond du Lac

November 8, 2005

The WWOA board met on August 23, 2005 in Green Bay. Most of the business dealt with final details for the annual conference in October.

The WWOA board met on October 3 and 4, 2005 in Green Bay. President Tim Nennig reported for the Executive Committee to the full Board. A review of the 2004-05 activities included:

- Resolving of issues with the Spring Biosolids Symposium (SBS) relative to mailings and financial oversight.
- Creation of a WWOA Biosolids standing committee.
- Working jointly with CSWEA-WI and UW-Extension on electronic mailing list use for the SBS.
- Working jointly with CSWEA-WI and Collection System Seminar Committee on updating the CS seminar understanding of responsibilities.

The Operators Competition was held on Wednesday at the conference. Three teams were entered, Fecal Fanatics, W.C. Sewer Dogs, and Insufficiently Wasted. The winning team was Insufficiently Wasted representing Lake Michigan region. Members of the winning team were:

Dan Vanden Avond - GBMSD
Jeff Smudde - GBMSD
Jeff Mayou - Marinette WWTP
Jason Ellis - Oshkosh WWTP
Coach - Ron Austreng - City of Hortonville

Following elections at the WWOA business meeting on October 6, 2005, new committee assignments were made by incoming president Tom Kruzick. Randy Thater was named Central States Wisconsin section liaison. Randy Thater will also chair the Government Affairs committee, with Randy Herwig and Peter Conine continuing to serve. John Bond will chair the Biosolids committee with Rich Boden continuing to serve. Bruce Bartel will chair the Operators Competition team.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Thater
WWOA Liaison

Collection System - Jim Beier, Chair

Collections System Committee Meeting
Oct 5, 2005; 2:00pm
At WWOA Show
Green Bay, WI

Members Present: Jim Beier-Chair (Crispell-Snyder, Inc.), Jim Thalke (Village of Sussex), Tom Krueger (City of Grafton), Todd Stelmacher (Triad), Mike Krosnosky (Michels), Andy Craven (Strand), John Nelson (Visu-Sewer - for Keith A.), and Paul Lange (City of Watertown).

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm by Jim Beier.

1. Agenda distributed. First item of business was to review the 2005 Seminar as final numbers came in a few weeks ago.

	Attending	Exhibitors	Income	Expenses	Profits
2002	209	34	\$7079	\$5632	\$1447
2003	194	29	\$6320	\$5640	\$680
2004	188	26	\$7140	\$5768	\$1372
2005	219	32	\$8555	\$6846	\$1709
%	+16%	+23%	+20%	+19%	+25%

Overall a very good seminar that was well received by all. Most heard comment: try to keep conversation and noise in back of presentation room down – there were some issues with loud talking during the presentations that bothered some of the folks in the rear of the room.

Need copy of agenda at the door for those who forgot their brochure. Andy mentioned that since the speaker eval forms have the same data (speaker name/topic/order), he could have those out front and have Ruth coordinate handing those out to people as they come in the door.

2. Tom, Jim and Mike reviewed and discussed the final three nominees for the Collection System Award (Ned Pachke, Bob Bradley, Steve Woodman). Final packages for award submission are due to Jim Beier electronically by Oct 28th. Jim will distribute by email all three packages to all committee members for electronic voting prior to the Nov CSWEA business meeting. One submission due to CS by Dec. 1st. On a side note, the Golden Manhole past winners will take care of selecting this year's Golden Manhole award winner. The Collection System committee will have no (or limited) impact on that award. Question: should we make winners of the Collection System award a member of the Committee for at least one year? To be discussed further.
3. Todd Stelmacher of Triad Engineering has volunteered to be the Vice Chair and Secretary for this year.
4. Memorandum of Understanding between the C.S. Committee and our parent organizations: WWOA and CS-WEA is a complete issue. No further business needed.
5. Items still outstanding from last minutes:
 - Make presentations available on website for those interested (if possible).
 - More brochures will be needed, approx. 3000 most likely.
 - Electronic address list from WWOA and printing cost comparison (see #6).
6. Still working on understanding the mailing list questions/issues between our committee and the WWOA. New WWOA president Tom Kruzick wants to make list as available as he can to us for our mail out. Tom Krueger to follow up.

7. First discussion on potential topics for next year. Based on Andy's speaker eval forms, there was some interest in the Pros & Cons of TV'ing on your own. The committee thought that would make a good subject.
8. Dates were set for the January meeting and the 2006 Seminar. Potential dates for future meetings:
 - CSWEA Annual Business Meeting - November 8, 2005, Fond du Lac
 - Winter Collection System Seminar Meeting - Jan 10, 2006, Applied Tech
 - Government Affairs Seminar - February 23, 2006, Madison, WI
 - Collection Systems Seminar - June 8, 2006, Watertown, WI
9. Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Beier, P.E.
Secretary
Crispell-Snyder, Inc.

Government Affairs Committee - Bill Desing, Chair

No report was received. Committee representatives will be asked to report on significant issues at the Annual Business Meeting on November 8.

Industrial Waste - Brian Molenaar, Chair

General

Bill Oldenburg from our committee served on the state expert panel on the Management of Biological, Chemical, and Radiological Effluent and recently published "Recommendations for the Management of Effluent During Decontamination at the Hospital Site". This document provides detailed information on the management, containment, and disposal of decontamination wastewater. For additional information or copies of the document please contact Bill at boldenburg@gbmsd.org.

Randy Wirtz has also recruited another potential member for the Industrial Waste Committee - Mike Gitter of In-Sink-Erator. We hope to add him to the group in the near future.

Industrial Environmental Achievement Award

Lisa Williams has been actively recruiting a food manufacturer as one of this year's nominees. As always, we invite the membership to submit other worthy candidates for nomination. The committee plans to have a nominee named before the December 1st deadline.

Rule Developments

On September 27, 2005 EPA finalized its streamlining of the General Pretreatment Regulations (40 CFR Parts 9, 122 and 403) for existing and new sources of pollution. The final "pretreatment streamlining" rule is designed to reduce the burden to users; protect the environment; and

provide more flexibility in technical and administrative requirements affecting industrial users, municipal sewage treatment facilities, and state and EPA authorities.

The following is a summary of the major changes in this stream lining effort:

- Provides POTWs with the authority to grant monitoring waivers to industrial facilities where they document that pollutants are not present at the facility or anywhere in the wastestream. EPA notes that this authority is already available in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations for point sources discharging directly to surface waters.
- Authorizes POTWs to use general control mechanisms (e.g., permits) to regulate multiple industrial dischargers that share common characteristics.
- Clarifies that POTWs can use Best Management Practices (BMPs) as an alternative to numeric limits that are developed to protect the POTW, water quality, and sewage sludge.
- Clarifies certain requirements regarding the frequency of on-site industrial facility inspections to evaluate the adequacy of controls for "Slug Discharges".
- Provides greater flexibility in the use of certain sampling techniques, and establishes greater consistency with the sampling protocols in other parts of EPA's regulations.
- Provides the Control Authority with the discretion to authorize the use of equivalent concentration limits in lieu of mass limits for certain industrial categories, and allows the conditional use of equivalent mass limits in lieu of concentration-based limits where appropriate to facilitate adoption of new, water-conserving technologies.
- Authorizes POTWs to establish alternative sampling, reporting, and inspection requirements for certain classes of categorical Industrial Users (CIUs).
- Clarifies the definition of significant noncompliance (SNC) as it applies to violations of instantaneous and narrative requirements, and late reports, and provides additional options for publishing lists of industrial facilities in SNC annually in the newspaper. The rule also retains existing rules and policies regarding the application of Technical Review Criteria (TRC) and the use of the "rolling quarter" approach in determining SNC status.
- Provides updated references relating to requirements that POTWs must meet to adjust removal credits for combined sewer overflows (CSOs).
- Makes other miscellaneous changes designed to maintain consistency with the NPDES regulations or to correct typographical errors.

Further information can be obtained from the EPA website at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/index.cfm>.

Submitted by:

Brian Molenaar, Strand Associates (Chair)
Bill Oldenburg, Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District
Lisa Williams, Triad Engineering
Randy Wirtz, Strand Associates

Membership – Rob Szekeress, Chair

No report was received.

Operations Committee - Dave Arnott, Chair

- Wade Barkstrom (City of Brookfield), Jeff Smudde (GBMSD) and Mike Gelhar (City of Oshkosh) are the 2005 WEFTEC Operations Challenge Participants.
- An e-mail was sent out to the Operations Committee soliciting award candidates for the Hatfield, Laboratory Analyst Excellence and Operations awards. The DNR has been contacted and CMAR scores have been collected for evaluating several finalists for the Operations award.
- We are working with Eric Sedmak to see if the CSWEA roster can be "filtered" to show only Wisconsin Section members. It would also be useful to narrow down the list to all Wisconsin Section Operators and/or Laboratory Technicians. This would be used to identify candidates for the Operations and Laboratory Analyst Excellence Awards. The Operations Committee is trying to concentrate on identifying present members for awards instead getting award recipients to join CSWEA after they have been chosen to technically make them eligible.

Management Seminar - Pete Conine, Chair

The Wisconsin Section will be chairing the 2006 Management Seminar. Pete Conine has agreed to serve as chair, with help from Paul Nehm, Tom Krueger and Bill Marten.

Public Education - Max Anderson, Chair

No activity to report since the last meeting.

Safety - Chair Vacant

No report was received.

Watershed Management - Hans Holmberg, Chair

No activity to report.

Students & Young Professionals - Dan Busch, Chair

To: Bill Marten - Secretary / Treasurer Wisconsin Section
From: Dan Busch - Student & Young Professionals Committee Chair
Date: October 25, 2005
Subject: Student & Young Professionals Activities Committee Report
November Annual Business Meeting, Holiday Inn, Fond du Lac

Student Chapters

Progress continues with establishing several new student chapters in Wisconsin. Dan Lynch will be following up with interested students and professors at UW- Madison. They are exploring ways to establish a student chapter with various student associations already active in Madison.

A meeting is scheduled for November 4 with students from a consortium of Milwaukee Universities; Marquette, UW- Milwaukee and Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE). The student chapter presentation will be presented with the objective of encouraging a joint student chapter to represent WEF and AWWA. I will be looking for WI Section members who are willing to support student chapter activities in both Madison and Milwaukee once we get student chapters established.

Student Paper / Student Design Competition

Both of these were discussed at the CSWEA CSX last summer in Wisconsin Dells. The timing of the CSWEA Annual Meeting makes participation from college students a challenge. The CSWEA Executive Committee will be discussing this and considering if there are times of the year which would allow for more participation by college students.

Stockholm Junior Water Prize

There are no new developments in this area. WEF has been putting a lot of time and money in promoting this as an avenue to attract new young members in the years ahead. Max Anderson and I have discussed transferring the activities associated with the Stockholm Junior Water prize to his committee, Public Education. This is where the two other States have this responsibility. We should have a recommendation for the board in February.

Public Awareness – Steve Godfrey , Chair

Brochures

Brochures are presently available by contacting Tom Sigmund. Our committee will set out copies of the brochures each time the booth is set up and at other meetings as appropriate. The brochures are available for other committee use. At the annual meeting we need to discuss the best means for distribution to those who can use the brochures.

Display Booth

The booth was set up at the Wisconsin Water Association in September in La Crosse, at a cost of \$400. We will set up the display at Rural Water in 2006 and possibly at FET in 2006. We will coordinate with the Industrial Waste Committee for FET.

Award Recognition

Carl Michels sent out press releases for the award winners for distribution to local publications. The committee members will continue to present the awards after the Annual Meeting at the recipient's place of employment.

Steve Godfrey will check with Bill Marten and Eric Lecuyer to ensure the web site is kept up to date with the Wisconsin award recipients.

Student Participation

We plan to develop a PowerPoint presentation on WEF and CSWEA for use with student groups and others. The committee will work with the Students and Young Professionals

Committee to encourage student participation at CSWEA and WEFTEC events – primarily when they are in Wisconsin and Chicago.

We will be in contact with Dan Busch to discuss how the Public Awareness Committee can assist in outreach to the student and young professional groups. Possibilities include contacting and arranging for interested members to give presentations or sponsor student chapter meetings.

Industrial Membership Outreach

Tom Mulcahy will work with the Chair of the Industrial Waste Committee to discuss use of the brochure and the FET conference as a way of recruiting new members from industry.

Respectfully submitted by:
Steve Godfrey, Committee Chair

Spring Biosolids Symposium – Bill Marten, Representative

Planning is underway for the 2006 Spring Biosolids Symposium, scheduled for March 21, 2006. Greg Kester/WDNR is chairing the seminar. The preliminary program includes:

- EPA update (Rick Stevens, USEPA)
- WDNR update (Greg Kester, WDNR)
- Emerging pollutants (Joel Pedersen, UW-Madison)
- Phosphorus Management (Dick Wolkowski, UW-Madison & Dave Taylor, MMSD)
- NBP/EMS Presentation (Pete Machno, NBP)
- A.M. Speaker Q&A Session (Moderated by Art Peterson, UW-Madison)
- Operators Forum (Oshkosh, Sturgeon Bay, La Crosse, Burlington, and WDNR SER Pretreatment coordinator)
- Septage Management (Bart Sexton-Oneida Counties county-wide plan)
- Biosolids Management-Future Directions (Rufus Chaney, USDA or Sally Brown U. Washington as backup)

Water/Wastewater Education Association – Rusty Schroedel, Chair

Please check the WWEA Training Calendar, which can be accessed from the WDNR website, when planning any seminars, conferences or other training events. Contact Mary Wagner at WDNR to get events placed on the calendar (Mary has Peg O'Donnell's old phone number at WDNR).