



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

**Wisconsin Section CSWEA
Quarterly Officer/Committee/Representative Reports
Annual Business Meeting
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Trustee's Report – Rusty Schroedel, Trustee

The most recent meeting of the Central States Executive Committee was held on October 22, 2006, at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas, Texas, in conjunction with WEFTEC. The following summarizes highlights of the Executive Committee Meetings.

1. WEF has approved the changes in its organizational structure, pending final approval of from the House of Delegates.
2. Executive Director Eric Lecuyer has been exploring options for publication of the WisIllMinn. He has contacted Craig Kelman & Associates, who publish for several other Associations and organizations. The proposed change is as follows:
 - a. The magazine would be produced on a quarterly basis (i.e., 4 times per calendar year).
 - b. Each issue would be a MINIMUM of 32 pages, printed in FULL PROCESS COLOR, on white gloss magazine paper.
 - c. Each issue would not exceed a ratio of 40% advertising to 60% editorial, and would continue to increase the number of pages in each issue as advertising space increases.
 - d. Each issue would be direct mailed via a mailing house to approximately 2,000 individuals from a list supplied to CK by the CSWEA.
 - e. A media rich electronic version of each issue of the magazine would be produced by CK and provided to CSWEA for inclusion on its web site.
 - f. CK would be given the opportunity to produce a Membership Directory for CSWEA, if the Association considers undertaking such a venture in the future.

3. Central States funds continue to be adequate and in order.
4. The Central States 2006 Operations Challenge teams again represented us well. One of the teams actually won the laboratory section. Jim Miller and Rick Ashling were the coaches. PWO representative LaMont Albers noted the need to consider increased funding, sponsorships, or other means to defray the cost to the participants.
5. CSWEA Social Function at WEFTEC: Central States again hosted a social function on Sunday night from 5 to 7 PM at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dallas. The event was well attended. Over 30 firms provided sponsor funding.
6. Education Seminar: The 2007 Education Seminar will be held on April 3 at the Monona Terrace in Madison. Jim Fisher is chair.
7. Constant Contact: Eric Lecuyer can send out emails to large distribution lists. It was an effective tool used to promote the Education Seminar and Exhibitor registration. Constant Contact costs \$30 per month. Of the emails distributed through this way, 25% were opened, 25% clicked through to the website. No spam reports have been received and only one person asked to be removed from the list.
8. Eric Lecuyer continues to work with our Webmaster to improve timely posting of information. The website is an excellent source of information.
9. President Carol Strackbein will move into the Past-President position at the annual meeting in May of 2007. A new 2nd Vice-President from Wisconsin will need to be elected then. Other positions to be filled include director from Wisconsin, Professional Wastewater Operator (PWO) Representative from Minnesota and treasurer from any section
10. The team from Northwestern University competed at WEFTEC in Dallas. Our members in attendance stated they did an excellent job and were surprised they did not win one of the top positions. Congratulations to the team for an outstanding presentation and project.
11. Midwest Water Industry Expo: The next event is planned for February 14-15, 2007 at the Kalahari and it is expected that there could be as many as 150 exhibitors.
12. Annual Meetings: The 2007 meeting Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) is being chaired by Paul Nehm. The event will be May 22 – 25, 2007 in Madison. The host hotel this time will be the Concourse Hotel. The 2008 meeting will be held the Sheraton South in Bloomington on Monday, May 19 through Thursday, May 22, 2008. Doug Henrichsen is the Local Arrangements Committee Chair.

13. The next CSX event is scheduled for July 19-20, 2007, at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.
14. The Students and Young Professionals Committee, chaired by Dan Busch, continues to be very active. A new student chapter from Fox Valley Technical College has been formed subject to WEF approval. We need to continue to promote the Student Design and Student Paper competitions.
15. The call for papers for the 2007 Annual Meeting will be issued soon.
16. The Central States Lab Analyst Committee needs a member from Wisconsin.
17. The Expo Regional Trade Show needs another committee member.

The next meeting will be held January 25-26, 2007 at the Concourse Hotel in Madison, Wisconsin.

WWOA Liaison's Report – Randy Thater, Liaison

The WWOA board met on August 15, 2006 in Lake Delton. Most of the business dealt with final details for the annual conference in October. Liaison R Thater apprised the board of the CS-Wisconsin section Committee on Committee's work. Discussion focused on the assignment of committee oversight duties to the Liaison. President Kruzick expressed concern that the Liaison would be overburdened, but gave informal approval to the initiative.

The WWOA board met on October 2 and 3, 2005 in Lake Delton. Executive Secretary McKee presented the financial statement for 2005-06. Revenue exceeded expenses by \$25,314.70, versus a budgeted shortfall of \$5,625. Ending fund balance was \$133,862.57 including escrow accounts.

A full slate of committee reports were presented, highlights included:

Promotions Chair Carlson presented the new catalog. This will allow WWOA to offer a full slate of products, while minimizing the need for a large inventory. Ordering can also be done on-line.

Operators Competition Chair Bartel discussed the status entering the conference. Six teams signed to participate. Two teams had to withdraw on short notice, due to late notice of jury duty and no alternates available. This leaves only four teams to participant. Compared to only three last year, we still consider the switch to three man teams a qualified success.

Scholarship Chair Tomaro reported that by extending the deadline, we were able to award the two regular \$1,000 scholarships. However, we were not able to award the special \$500 scholarship from WALCOMET in memory of Steve Miller. The board discussed the situation. It is agreed that we do not want this to drag out beyond next year. Options were discussed. Action will be taken at a future meeting.

The Operators Competition was held on Wednesday at the conference. The winning team was the Flow Pokes representing Lake Michigan region. Members of the winning team were Jeff Smudde of Green Bay, Jason Ellis of Oshkosh, and Kim Williams of Green Bay. Second place was the Deuce is Loose from Southern Region, Brian Skaife, Rodney Knoble, and Kevin Bliss – all of Janesville.

Following elections at the WWOA business meeting on October 5, 2006, the board executive committee now consists of Past President Tom Kruzick, President Kay Curtin, President-elect Jim Thalke, and Vice President John Bond. Directors are Bruce Bartel, Dave Carlson, Randy Thater, Dennis Egge, and Wade Peterson. New committee assignments were made by President Curtin. Thater was renamed Central States Wisconsin section liaison. Thater will also chair the WWOA Government Affairs committee, with Jeff Mayou and Randy Herwig continuing to serve. Dennis Egge will chair the Biosolids committee with Rich Boden continuing to serve. Bruce Bartel will continue to chair the Operators Competition.

Collection System – Jim Beier, Chair

Collection System Committee Meeting
October 4, 2006 at 4:30 PM
Kalahari Resort, /Wisconsin Dells WI

Members Present: Jim Beier (Chair) (Crispell-Snyder), Todd Stelmacher (Vice Chair/Secretary)(Symbiont), Andrew Craven (Strand Assoc.), Carl Scharfe (MSA Prof. Svcs.), Paul Lange (City of Watertown), Frank Tiefert (Applied Technologies), Tom Nejedlo (Earth Tech)

Meeting called to order at 4:30 by Chairman Beier.

1. Chairman Beier welcomed Tom Nejedlo from Earth Tech to the committee. Tom has over 30 years experience working with collection systems.
2. Chairman Beier referred to the agenda which was emailed to the committee. Per a directive from the "Committee on Committees" each committee is required to publish an activity timeline. Chairman Beier referred to the Activity Timeline prepared for the committee. This was included as an attachment to the email.

3. The 2006 seminar financial figures have been finalized. Attendance was essentially the same as 2005 and revenue was essentially the same as 2005. Expenses were 13% higher, primarily due to the fact that printing charges for the seminar brochure have now been reported. These expenses were previously absorbed by committee member Alexander.
4. Speaker evaluations assembled by Andy Craven were discussed. Chairman Beier mentioned the nice list of suggestions for next year's seminar. These will be discussed at the January meeting.
5. Discussion changed to the Collection System Award. Chairman Beier advised that nominations are due on 12/1/06 as in the past. Bob Bradley, our nominee from last year, won the award for the whole Central States region. Chairman Beier mentioned that the nominations for Ned Pashke and Steve Woodman from last year will remain under consideration for this year. Chairman Beier then referred to an email from Tom Krueger which asked about membership in Central States as a requirement for nomination. Tom's email also identified that one of the nominees had already won the award and may not be eligible for the award. There was discussion about the requirement for membership in CSWEA and/or WWOA. One of the committee members suggested that we should offer a free one-year membership to CSWEA along with the award. Andy Craven asked about the cost of a CSWEA membership and the consensus was that it was over \$100, perhaps as high as \$140. There was a suggestion that a nominee be asked to join CSWEA but Paul Lange pointed out that someone winning the award would be asked to pay \$140 and they may not want the award. Andy Craven suggested that membership in either CSWEA or WWOA should qualify. Other committee members agreed. The consensus was that the committee should check with CSWEA if awarding a membership is acceptable. Jim Beier offered to talk with the Board about awarding to CSWEA or WWOA members. Chairman Beier said that Tom Krueger, awards subcommittee chair, will obtain background information on two more nominees to be considered along with Pashke and Woodman. Award nominations will be forwarded to the committee via email for consideration.
6. Chairman Beier mentioned that we need to focus on recruiting new members for the committee, particularly operators. Jim Beier mentioned that Al Wheeler from Racine has expressed some interest in joining the committee. He asked if any of the committee members knew Mr. Wheeler. Tom Nejedlo said that he knew Mr. Wheeler and he thought he would be an excellent member. Tom Nejedlo will call Mr. Wheeler to inquire about joining the committee.
7. Chairman Beier advised that he would like to look at the feasibility of holding another seminar in a second location or an alternate location to better serve the members in the northern and western parts of the state. The current thinking is to keep the Watertown seminar, either every year or every other year, while adding the second location. Jim said that we should throw out 5 or 6 communities in the northern and western part of the state and inquire as to interest. Chairman Beier has a draft letter which will be presented at the January meeting to be sent to these

communities. The consensus was that we need a community to “buy in” to sponsor the seminar, much in the way that the Watertown staff has. Frank T said that people will be reluctant to move from the Watertown location. Andy Craven said that we should keep the Watertown seminar and add a second location. Frank T suggested that we have the same agenda for both seminars. The thought was to keep the traditional early June date for Watertown and add a date in August for the second location. Since the letters will go out after the January meeting, we should shoot for the fall of 2008 for the first opportunity to hold the second seminar.

8. Chairman Beier mentioned that the Board has asked each committee to have two goals. Our two goals are: 1) Increasing committee membership by operators and 2) Investigating the possibility of holding a second seminar.
9. Chairman Beier advised that the next seminar will be the 20th. Coffee mugs were given for the 15th. Committee members are asked to think of ideas for a special gift to be given to attendees.
10. The next meeting of the Committee will be Tuesday January 9th, 2007 at the offices of Applied Technologies in Brookfield, WI. The meeting time will be 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Todd R. Stelmacher, P.E.
Vice Chair/Secretary

Government Affairs Committee – Bill Desing, Chair

No report received.

Industrial Waste – Brian Molenaar, Chair

1. Committee Plan

Currently the Industrial Waste Committee (IWC) does not have a committee plan, however, we are in the process of drafting the 2007 plan.

2. Award Nominations

At this time one industry has expressed an interest in submitting a nomination for the Industrial Achievement Award. We are in the process of working with this industry and plan to have selections completed prior to the December 1, 2006 deadline.

3. Draft Committee Plan

See attached

4. Budget

At this time the IWC has not developed a detailed budget for our 2007 activities. However, we would like to request a budget of \$500 to pay for conference calls and other miscellaneous expenses related to developing our Industrial Waste Seminar.

5. IWC Meeting Minutes

No minutes to report.

6. Next IWC Meeting

November 2006 Board Meeting

Membership – Rob Szekeress, Chair

No report was received.

Operations Committee – Troy Larson, Chair

LaMont Albers reported that the Operations Competition Team was prepared that included Wade Barkstom, Jeff Mayou, and Jeff Smudde. Wade needed to withdraw because of family reasons and was replaced.

Nominees for three awards are currently being reviewed by committee members with decisions scheduled for early November. Nominations from 2005 are being considered if a committee member endorses the nominee remaining on the list.

Goals for 2006 have been discussed. Goals will center primarily around a theme of soliciting more nominations for awards and getting more information to base voting decisions on.

Specific goals include.

- Find a Safety Committee Member
- Create forms for nominations to allow committee members better information when voting
- Communicate more proactively to solicit nominations

Public Education/Awareness – Rich Knoelke, Chair

No report received.

Safety – Chair Vacant

No report was received.

Watershed Management – Hans Holmberg, Chair

Status Report/Update on Current Year Committee Plan

An annual plan does not currently exist for the committee. We typically hold quarterly meetings, the last one on July 11, 2006. Some committee members are assigned to watershed groups for tracking developments and contributing to their activities. We also try to stay abreast of developments at DNR related to water quality issues and watershed controls, such as development of nutrient criteria and TMDLs.

Draft Committee Plan for Upcoming Year

The Annual Plan for the upcoming year is being developed and is included with this report as a separate file. It is currently in draft form and will be reviewed and revised by committee members and resubmitted prior to the Winter Board meeting.

Budget Request for Committee Activities

The budget of \$100 included in the draft budget is appropriate. Minor expenses may be incurred for committee conference calls.

Minutes of Committee Meetings Since Last Quarterly Report

A committee meeting was not held since the July 11, 2006 meeting reported on in the last quarterly report.

Date of Next Scheduled Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is being scheduled for early December, 2006.

Students & Young Professionals – Dan Busch, Chair

Student Chapters

Tom Foltz and Dan Lynch have been successful in establishing a student chapter at UW-Madison. The UW Madison student chapter was recognized and chartered by WEF at WEFTEC in Dallas. Tom and Dan spent a lot of time on this, they should be commended. Tom continues to be the primary liaison and has signed up additional members.

I met with the group of international students at Fox Valley Technical College on October 11. This will be a very unique student chapter. Bruce Hannemann and I will be working together to get this student chapter ready for CSWEA Board approval in May of 2007 with the intent of getting it chartered by WEF at WEFTEC in San Diego.

Jim Crovetti (ASCE faculty advisor) and Dan Zitomer from Marquette see an opportunity to establish a joint AWWA / WEF student chapter under the umbrella of the present ASCE student organization. This work needs to begin yet this Fall to make this a reality. Several CSWEA members who are alumni of Marquette and work in the Milwaukee area are ready to assist.

Student Paper / Student Design Competition

This year Student Paper and Student Design competitions will again be held the afternoon before the CSWEA Education Seminar. The change from the Annual Meeting is the result of discussions over the years where students and faculty expressed the opinion that the May time line was difficult for students to attend and present.

All Wisconsin Student chapters and Wisconsin Universities will be informed and invited to participate in both Student Paper and Student Design Competition.

Stockholm Junior Water Prize.

I will be moving the responsibility for this event to the Public Education and Awareness committee this year (2007). Last years delegate from Wisconsin was a finalist in Atlanta. CSWEA and WI Section sponsor the Wisconsin delegate by picking up the travel for the student and teacher. CSWEA pays the first \$500 and WI Section picks up any balance

Student & Young Professionals Proposals

I have identified several new opportunities in the S & YP budget request for 2007. Several of them are roll outs from the Excess fund survey conducted last year.

WEFMAX and YP Summit

This event will be held in Chicago during 2007. CSWEA will be assisting WEF with arrangements and activities associated with the Young Professional Summit

Spring Biosolids Symposium – Bill Marten, Representative

The Planning Committee had its first meeting a couple weeks ago. No other information received.

Water/Wastewater Education Association – Tom Mulcahy, Chair

No report received.