



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

**Wisconsin Section CSWEA
Committee Reports
CSWEA Annual Meeting
May 24, 2007**

Trustee's Report – Rusty Schroedel

The most recent meeting of the Central States Executive Committee was held on January 25 and 26, 2007, at the Concourse Hotel in Madison, Wisconsin. A report was provided on this meeting in February prior to our February 28 meeting. The next meeting of the Central States Executive Committee will be held on May 22, prior to the Central States WEA Annual Meeting. Therefore, there are only a few items to report.

1. WEF Report: A committee of 55 Delegates was formed to develop a plan whereby WEF will review and find common ground to determine how the House of Delegates (HOD) should function and what their role should be. WEF's president appointed a "Speaker of the House" and is looking to have that person be on the WEF Board of Directors and attend all WEFMAX meetings. Representatives of the HOD attended a meeting in Chicago on April 19 prior to the WEFMAX meeting on April 20 and 21.
2. Carol Strackbein, Dennis Lindeke, Rusty Schroedel, Dan Lynch, Scott Trotter, Tim Tack, and Eric Lecuyer attended the WEFMAX meeting in Chicago on April 20-21. It was the largest WEFMAX attended meeting ever, with over 50 attendees and presentations by 21 local association representatives. Excellent information and ideas were presented and shared.
3. WISILLMINN: *The Wisillminn/ Central States Water* was published for the first time in March/April. Eric Lecuyer will be continually looking for articles.
4. Students and Young Professionals: Wisconsin Section had two representatives at the YP Summit on April 19, 2007 in conjunction with WEFMAX in Chicago. Central States sponsored and provided some financial support for this event.
5. Annual Meetings

- a. 2007 Wisconsin: Registration packets are out.
 - b. 2008 Minnesota: The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) is proposing that there be one day of Exhibits and no competition from Technical Sessions, just committee meetings on that day, so there would be better attendance at vendor booths. Dr. James Barnhard is planned as the Keynote speaker.
 - c. 2009 Illinois: Dean Wiebenga and Debbie Ness will co- chair the LAC and will meet next month to discuss venues.
6. Substantial revisions to the WI Section Policies & Procedures Manual were proposed by Randy Wirtz. The document format and language was excellent and was recommended to be adopted. It was also suggested that other Sections review it and possibly incorporate similar changes to their SOPs.
 7. Dan Lynch updated and submit Central States nomination package to WEF for the MA of the Year Award.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2007, at The Madison Concourse Hotel, Madison, WI.

WWOA Liaison's Report – Randy Thater, Liaison

Annual Summary:

The WWOA is proud to continue to fulfill its mission of providing affordable and easily accessible training to wastewater operators in Wisconsin. Offerings ranged from the 2006 conference at Kalahari hosted by Baraboo, to the specialty training presented by DNR and WSLH personnel, to the numerous meetings in the six WWOA regions which is the real backbone of our organization. We are especially honored to continue and grow the seminars offered jointly with Wisconsin Section and our other partners. The Government Affairs Seminar, Spring Biosolids Symposium, and Collection Systems Seminar continue to be highlights on the yearly training calendar.

Meeting Reports:

The WWOA board met March 20, 2007 in Stevens Point, WI. Executive Secretary McKee presented the financial report and a list of vouchers for approval. A limited slate of committee reports relating to planning for the annual conference was presented. Of particular interest to CS-WI:

Local Arrangements is recommending Forest Hills golf course for that outing. Sporting clays was discussed as an additional outing, Final decision was held over. Details of the spouse program were discussed, including a riverboat cruise, The River Rat speaker, brewery tour, and a bus tour including lock and dam, scenic overlook, and shopping at Bauers. With lodging within walking distance limited, a shuttle bus service will be offered.

Operators competition will be set up same as last year, including 3 member teams and 5 events; maintenance, process control, safety, lab, and collection systems. The April 'Clarifier' included an article by Jeff Mayou of Marinette about his experiences both at the WWOA competitions and on the CSWEA team at WEFTEC in Dallas. We also reprinted the letter from Wrigley Bynum that had earlier appeared in the WISILMINN.

The board reviewed the latest drafts from Director Thater of policies regarding the WWOA Government Affairs and Biosolids committees. These new policies 'connect the dots' between the general committee policy which has little detail on specific committees and the memoranda of understanding that govern the joint planning committees and efforts between WWOA, CS-WI and the other partners. An updated Liaison policy that incorporates the updates to the CS-WI Policy and Planning and the new Committee planning and guidance initiatives was also presented. All these policies were adopted as presented.

Director Thalke presented a draft for a Region of the Year award and traveling trophy. This was discussed and Thalke was directed to represent at next meeting with changes and a more detailed judging structure.

Pricing from the current 'Clarifier' printer to do additional set-up and layout work was presented, discussed and tabled.

Finally a short agenda of regional issues was presented, as the meeting included 5 regional officers from 4 of the 6 regions.

On April 26 and 27, 2007, the board met in La Crosse, WI. A full slate of business was on the agenda, including continued planning for the annual conference and the annual budget.

Dave Carlson reported on the DNR Lab audit training provided in April and May by Rick Mealy and George Bowman and sponsor by WRWA and WWOA. Dennis Egge presented his draft press release for the annual conference. Jim Thalke presented his updated draft for the Region of the Year award, which was accepted. The first RY award will be presented at the 2008 conference.

Wade Peterson confirmed the details from the March meeting for Local Arrangements and Spouses program, with a spouse pre-registered cost of \$70. In addition, a quorum of the board checked out the Woods and Meadow facility in Warrens for the sporting clay. This event is a new alternative outing on Tuesday morning of the conference.

Randy Thater updated on the Government Affairs seminar, including preliminary financial figures showing a likely \$1,800 profit. This was greeted with relief since the previous seminar had run at a loss. Dennis Egge reported on the Spring Biosolids Symposium. The new venue generally worked well, although there were a few glitches with morning refreshments which should be correctable by next year.

Thater reported on the Central States – Wisconsin Section Board of Control meeting in February. Included was status of the Collection System committee, progress on the 2007 seminar, and the potential 2nd seminar in 2008. Thater also reported on the Management seminar discussion regarding moving the seminar, and the progress on a new location for 2007.

Bruce Bartel reported on the web site update progress. Scott Thompson is working with Green Bay Net on this. John Bond reports that the contracts for keynote speaker Mike Schlappi and banquet entertainment Tim Cavanaugh have been sent out. Dr. John Magnuson will be the farewell speaker. His topic is global warming effect on Wisconsin's waters.

There was continued discussion regarding status of the 'Clarifier' editor to replace Dan Busch this fall. Potential short term and long term options were discussed. Those involved wish to consult with Busch first before committing to a course of action. No final decision at this point.

Finally, the board passed a budget for 2007 – 2008, with projected income of \$156,050 and budgeted disbursements of \$185,145. Many budgeted costs are conservatively set at a not to exceed figure. Therefore the budgeted loss is not expected to be realized.

Collection System – Jim Beier, Chair

Collection System Committee Meeting
March 1, 2007 at Noon
Government Affairs Seminar/Middleton, WI

Members Present: Jim Beier (Chair) Todd Stelmacher (Vice Chair/Secretary), Andrew Craven, Jim Fratrick, Paul Lange, Ron Dickrell

Meeting called to order at 12:30 (following lunch) by Chairman Beier.

1. Chairman Beier advised the vendor letter for the June seminar has been sent out. Paul Lange advised there have been numerous responses to date.
2. Chairman Beier advised the seminar brochure is in development and should be complete by mid April.
3. Publicity was discussed and status is unknown. Jim Beier will follow-up with Tom N. and Frank T. Gil Hantzsch will mention the seminar during the afternoon session of the Govt. Affairs Seminar.
4. Paul Lange advised that arrangements have been made for the facilities. Jim Beier asked about the availability of fruit and other more healthy selections per recent

- comments from attendees. Paul will work on obtaining a "fruit medley" in addition to doughnuts and coffee.
5. The survey has been completed and is available for pick-up at the Gov't Affairs Seminar. A mention will be made during the afternoon session.
 6. No information is available on the status of the case study for Nekoosa.
 7. No information is available on the status of the speaker for public relations.
 8. The suggested speaker for the record keeping topic declined to speak. There was a suggestion for an alternate speaker. Andy will follow-up with the original and suggested speakers. Jim Thalke was suggested as another speaker on this topic. Jack from DNR and Menasha are also possibilities.
 9. The Safety Committee will be presenting the safety topic. Todd Stelmacher will follow-up with the Safety Committee to reinforce the need to focus on collection system issues.
 10. Bob Lecey is working on a speaker for the lift station maintenance topic. Bob has advised he hasn't located a speaker yet. Todd Stelmacher will follow-up.
 11. Chairman Beier mentioned that he discussed the possibility of nominating WWOA members in addition to Central States members for the collection system award with the Central States Board. Apparently this has been done before for other awards, so there is precedent. Rusty will discuss this and get back to the Committee.
 12. Keith Alexander and Mark Kolczaski suggested 3 alternatives for the gift to be given away at the Seminar. These items are: Mini multi-tool, Swiss army knife key fob, and leather coaster. The suggestion was to present the alternatives to the whole committee given the limited attendance. Todd Stelmacher will send an email to the members requesting a vote.
 13. Ron Dickrell has been making progress with the arrangements for the "Northwoods" seminar in 2008. The new Holiday Inn is the likely location. A sub-committee will be formed to assist with the arrangements. The sub-committee will meet at the June seminar. A meeting in Marshfield is also likely.
 14. Chairman Beier's term officially ends as of May 25, 2007, but will run through the June 7 seminar. Todd Stelmacher will be the new chair. Andy Craven has volunteered to serve as Vice Chair/Secretary. There were no other volunteers. All present congratulated Andy Craven on his new position.
 15. Kari Dennis from McMahan Associates sat through the meeting and offered to join the Committee at the urging of Chairman Beier. Todd Stelmacher will add her to the roster.
 16. The next meeting will be at the June seminar.
 17. Meeting adjourned at 12:51.

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

Post Meeting Follow-up:

Speakers have been confirmed for the pipe bursting case study in Nekoosa.

Beth Foy has been confirmed as the speaker for the public relations topic.

Brian VanderLoop has been confirmed as the speaker for the record keeping topic.

Bob Lecey has confirmed Dick Allen for the lift station maintenance topic.

Ben Nickel has been confirmed as the speaker on the safety topic.

Keith Alexander and Mark Kolczaski have assembled the information for the 20th Annual gift item. The committee has selected the item and Mark has coordinated it's purchase.

Emails have been sent to all members coordinating with speakers to confirm their time and to obtain an electronic copy of the presentation.

Government Affairs Committee – Bill Desing, Chair

No report was received.

Industrial Waste – Brian Molenaar, Chair

Status Report

We are in the process of formalizing our plan for an industrial waste seminar that we are proposing to have in June 2008. Oshkosh has been identified as the location and several speakers have been contacted to determine their interest. We have identified a budgetary cost for the 1 day event of approximately \$2,000, which we hope to recover with registration fees.

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.

Bill Oldenburg has been identified as the vice chair.

Award Nominations

No report.

Budget

In association with our planning efforts for the industrial waste seminar we would like to request \$2,000 to be appropriated in 2008. Our intent would be to recover this cost with registration fees.

IWC Meeting Minutes

No minutes to report.

Next IWC Meeting

To be determined.

Membership – Rob Szekeress, Chair

No report was received.

Operations Committee – Troy Larson, Chair

Awards

The committee confirmed with Tim Tack that no other information was required from this committee prior to spring meetings. Tim did not have other needs at that time.

Goals

No milestones were scheduled for prior to this meeting. More activity will be required prior to the summer meeting including preparation of the competition teams and work to complete goals related to the awards nominations.

Management Seminar – Pete Conine, Chair

No report received.

Public Education and Awareness – Rich Knoelke, Chair

No report received.

Safety – Jerry Hirt, Chair

Jerry has been working with the Collection Systems Seminar Committee. The safety presentation is entitled OSHA's Top 10 Most Cited Violations for 2006 and How They Pertain to Workers in Water/Wastewater Entities.

Jerry will be focusing on recruiting new members in the coming weeks.

Watershed Management – Hans Holmberg, Chair

A meeting of the Wisconsin Section Watershed Management Committee was held at 10:00 AM on May 14, 2007 via conference call. Participating in the meeting were Hans Holmberg (Chair), Jane Carlson, Troy Deibert, John Kennedy, Rick Reichardt. Committee members Max Anderson, Michael Doran, Ann-Marie Kirsch, Brandon Koltz, Bill Krill, Jeff Mazanec, Rusty Schroedel, and Nancy Schultz were not able to participate. The following items were discussed:

Committee Membership

It was noted that the committee membership is comprised largely of consultants and that a more diverse/balanced membership representing the greater Wisconsin Section membership is desired. Committee members are encouraged to consider suggestions for non-consultant members, specifically municipalities, and actively recruit them for the committee.

Reports from Committee Members Appointed to Watershed Groups

Jane reported on a recent St. Croix Basin meeting and the 20% reduction in phosphorus goal. There is a 40 ug/L site-specific standard being promulgated for Lake St. Croix and a work plan for implementation of a plan to meet the reduction goal is being developed and is planned for completion in 2009.

Jane reported on the Rock River TMDL. WDNR is updating the SWAT model and looking at phosphorus targets of 0.125 mg/L in non-wadeable streams and 0.080 mg/L in wadeable streams. A technical advisory committee is being formed and will include municipal stakeholders. The TMDL is expected to be completed in early 2008.

John reported on the Fox River TMDL. EPA's contractor, Cadmus, will be starting on an implementation plan later this year. They are beginning talks on targets for phosphorus and solids.

Reports on other Watershed Activities

Troy reported that the MMSD 20/20 Facilities Plan is due the end of June. A Clean Rivers/Clean Lakes conference was put on by MMSD and SEWRPC. Stormwater and bacteria are the major issues. Implementation of the plan may include considerations for regulatory changes to the standards.

WDNR/Regulatory/Government Affairs Updates

Rick reported that WDNR is looking at changes to the use of Technical Advisory Committees, bringing them on-board after WDNR has completed significant legwork on the issue at hand. This is expected to speed up the process of making regulatory changes or developing policy. Rick also noted that WDNR is tracking the potential change to ammonia criteria being

considered by EPA due to toxicity to mussels. Rick noted such a change may impact streams with threatened or endangered mussels or the major rivers such as the Mississippi River, Wisconsin River, and St. Croix.

Recent or Upcoming Conferences or Activities

CSWEA annual meeting May 22-24. Hans has two papers: one on the Lake Pepin TMDL on the Mississippi River being performed by Minnesota Pollution Control Agency with input from WDNR, and also a summary of a research project by WERF on Use Attainability Analyses.

Articles/information for WISILLMINN or Website

Jane Carlson will consider developing an article on the status of Rock River TMDL and potentially include status of the Fox River TMDL.

Nominations for Committee Vice-Chair

Bill Krill has accepted the Vice-Chair position and will transition to Chair in May 2008.

Schedule for Next Meeting

To be scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40 a.m.

Student Activities – Dan Busch, Chair

Student Chapters

The Student Chapter Charter for UW-Madison has been awarded. The UW-Madison student chapter is very active with continued support from Dan Lynch, Tom Foltz and Rachel Lee. Several students plan to participate at the Annual Meeting in Madison.

Student Paper / Student Design Competition

The CSWEA student paper is from Wisconsin. Lindsey Bergsven, UW- Madison will be representing CSWEA at WEFTEC in San Diego this October. Lindsey will be presenting her paper on Thursday afternoon, May 24 as part of the Technical Program. She will present at 1:45 p.m. in Hall of Ideas G.

The CSWEA Student Design team is from the University of Illinois. They will also be presenting on Thursday afternoon. They are presenting at 3:00 p.m. in Hall of Ideas G. They will represent CSWEA at WEFTEC this October in San Diego.

We did not have any design teams competing from Wisconsin this year.

Stockholm Junior Water Prize.

A delegate was selected to represent the Wisconsin at the National SJWP competition in June, 2007. There were five good papers entered for Wisconsin. Megan O'Brien, Milwaukee was selected to represent Wisconsin through CSWEA. If you recall, Megan was the Wisconsin delegate in 2006 and was a finalist at the National in Atlanta.

Megan will be presenting her Stockholm paper on Thursday afternoon as part of the Technical Program for CSWEA. She will be presenting at 2:15 p.m. in Hall of Ideas G.

Megan, along with the other student presenters will be introduced at the CSWEA Luncheon on Thursday.

WEFMAX and YP Summit

Rachel Lee and Trevor Ghylin attended the WEF YP Summit in Chicago on Thursday April 19, the day prior to WEFMAX. Rachel came back with some ideas for the WI Section S&YP Committee to use in the future.

Rachel will be chairing the WI Section S&YP Committee for 2007-2008. She is a high energy person with a lot of ideas and enthusiasm for Students and Young Professionals. She assisted in the planning of the Ice Breaker which was held right before the Meet and Greet on Tuesday.

Student Chapters

Tom Foltz and Dan Lynch have been successful in establishing a student chapter at UW-Madison. The student chapter will be brought to the CSWEA Board for approval in May and then forwarded to WEF for approval and chartering this October in Dallas. Tom and Dan spent a lot of time on this, they should be commended.

John Siczka (CH2M Hill) representing AWWA and I have been probing the Milwaukee schools for the past year or so. 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. We will begin efforts in September 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 were held on April 3, 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.

Two schools participated, UW Platteville (Wisconsin) and Northwestern University (Illinois). Each school had an excellent presentation. Northwestern was awarded the first place and the right to represent CSWEA at WEFTEC in Dallas. WI Section paid the travel costs associated with the UW Platteville team who had members coming from Arizona and Iowa.

Stockholm Junior Water Prize.

Wisconsin had two candidates register with WEF for the right to be the Wisconsin delegate to the National Stockholm Junior Water Prize Competition in Atlanta on June 22- 24.

Based on a committee evaluation and feedback, Megan O'Brien from Divine Savior High School in Milwaukee was selected to represent Wisconsin through CSWEA. The title of her research based paper is: **Zebra Mussels v. Quagga Mussels: Survival in oxygen deficient conditions.**

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

If the recommendation to direct some of the excess funds into student and young professionals is approved by the membership in May, I will work with the S&YP Committee to develop and present proposals for the August 2006 Meeting in Madison.

Spring Biosolids Symposium – Bill Marten

The 2007 Spring Biosolids Symposium was held on March 21, 2007 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point, attracting approximately 275 attendees. Another excellent program was delivered, with presentations from both national and regional speakers including:

EPA Update – Bob Bastian/US EPA.

DNR Update – Greg Kester/WDNR

National Biosolids Partnership, EMS for Small Facilities – Lori Stone/NBP

Nitrogen Recommendations in Soil Test Reports – Dick Wolkowski/UW Madison

Phosphorus Availability in Soil – Angela Ebeling/UW Madison

Northwest Biosolids Association – Maile Lono/NBMA

Class A Biosolids Experiences – Bob Hyde/Delahart SD, Sam Warp/West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility, Dave Taylor/Madison MSD, Jim Kirk/Grand Chute/Menasha and Ron Groth/Lakeland SD.

Septage Treatment Facilities – Jerry Tyler/UW Madison

California Land Spreading Issues – Dianne Gilbert-Jones/Los Angeles DPW

Final registration numbers and financial results are not yet compiled, but should be available in time for the Summer Board Meeting.

Finally, the 2008 Spring Biosolids Symposium will be held at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point on March 18, 2008.

Water/Wastewater Education Association – Tom Mulcahy, Chair

Tom is transitioning into the role as the Chair and working with Rusty Schroedel.