



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

**Wisconsin Section CSWEA  
Committee Reports  
Winter Board Meeting  
February 22, 2008**

**Trustee's Report – Ken Sedmak**

The most recent meeting of the Central States Executive Committee was held on Thursday, December 6 and Friday, December 7, 2007 at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Bloomington, MN; and a teleconference was held on January 23, 2008.

**Financial Report:**

Scott Trotter and Eric Lecuyer explained that the balance sheet shows the combined amounts now that State Sections figures are blended into the Association financial reports. Dennis asked about the loss of approximately \$10,000 and Eric responded that this “loss” will be offset when the Sections’ proceeds from their events are reported after the end of the year. There are also still three outstanding payments from the October Reception sponsors. Eric also explained the process of his own “pre-audit” prior to the actual, professional audit. **Overall, Scott and Eric stated that the Association is financially sound and where they expected it would be.** Fiscal 2007 final reports approval will take place via a teleconference in January 2008.

**WEF Directors Report:**

Rick Ashling and Dan Lynch reported that the WEF Directors meeting at WEFTEC was well attended with 19,198 people. The WEF message seemed to be that WEF would like to become the “go-to” entity for industry expert information, especially for the media and the public. Building relationships with other organizations to coordinate activities is a big part of “One Voice for Water”. Rick and Dan reported that unfortunately, issues with AWWA are not improving and specialty conferences have not been working as joint events.

**State Trustee Reports:**

**Minnesota:** Dave Raby stated that the Section’s Nov. 7. Conference on the Environment is expected to be financially successful. The Biosolids Committee is working with MWOA. They want to expand license renewal and educational opportunities. The Operations Committee is very active. Dave also reported that Doug Henrichson is the new Section Chair; Jane Costello the new Vice Chair and Eric Evans needs to be replaced as Secretary/Treasurer as he is moving out of the state.

**Illinois:** Joe Slevnik's report stated that Gary Scott coordinated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Quicktalks/Maintenance & Safety Seminar which was attended by 39 registrants and included 9 speakers. The Government Affairs conference, a joint event with IWEA, was planned for Jan. 16, 2008. New Section Chair, Sue Baert is working on the IL schedule of events for the CSWEA website and organizing the job duties of each chair position.

**PWO Representative Report:**

Howard Jacobson reported that the 2007 Operations Challenge teams, the Shovelers and the Pumpers exceeded their expectations in placing 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, respectively with a special thanks to Team Coaches, Rick Ashling and Jim Miller. He also thanked all of the sponsors and Paul Nehm of Madison MSD for hosting the training sessions. A discussion ensued, regarding encouraging Challenge team members to attend the Annual Meeting. **It was suggested that each Section Chair appoint one member from each team to their Section's Operations Committee.** Travel reimbursement needs to be expedited and Howard was asked to make sure no one is left out of the opportunity to participate due to financial issues. Central States WEA will make sure rooms for team members are blocked.

**Committee and Activity Reports**

**a. Education Seminar:** Jay Kemp reported that the brochure will be distributed very soon and the event will again be at the Monona Terrace in Madison on April 1 with a reception the preceding evening. The general topic will be activated sludge, focusing on efficiency and performance.

**b. General Awards:** The Bedell committee has completed its selection and the recipient will be announced at the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting. The Hatfield Award sub-committee has selected Steve Reusser of the Madison MSD. The Operations Awardees selected by each State Section will go to Greg Brunst and the Village of Addison in Illinois, Jim Thalke, of Sussex, in WI and Dean Nelson, in MN. The Burke Safety Award is from Crystal Lake and the CSWEA Facility Safety Awards will go to Springbrook WWTP in Naperville, IL and Watertown, WI. There were three nominations from the IL Section, one from WI and none from MN. The Radebaugh Award will go to Jay Kemp, Dennis Egge and Dan Zitomer for their paper "Effect of Iron Addition on Thermophilic - Mesophilic Anaerobic Digestion. The Collection System award will go to Steve Woodman, of Beloit WI. The Industrial Achievement Award will go to Armour-Erich Meats, in MN. The Laboratory Excellence Award will go to Nora Erlandson of Racine WI.

**c. Internet:** Eric Lecuyer reported that the website advertisers are being invoiced and contracts renewed. Additionally, there are approximately 900 email addresses in the "constant contact" system and he has received no requests for an address to be deleted.

**d. Central States Water:** Eric Lecuyer provided the following publication mailing schedule: The next issue promoting the MWIE, Jan 4; April 4, promoting the Annual Meeting (deadline is Feb. 15), July 18, featuring a follow-up on the Annual Meeting and Sept. 26, promoting WEFTEC '08.

**e. Nominations:** The Nominating Committee, Chaired by Jim Roth's proposed a slate of candidates for the Association executive positions was distributed. The nominees are James Miller for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Carol Strackbein for Treasurer, and Scott Trotter

for WEF Director 2011. Rachel Lee was nominated for YP Representative, pending approval of the addition of the position to the Executive Committee by the General Membership at the Annual Business Meeting in May.

**f. Public Education:** Patti Cradock stated that the Sections are working together to offer time for SJWP winners to present at the Annual Meeting in MN. Roger Gyger is looking for a partner utility to provide a public speaking opportunity for students to use the “Water is Life and Infrastructure Makes it Happen” materials. There was a discussion about this WEF initiative being a pilot program and they are still looking for good successful programs around this initiative.

**g. Students and Young Professionals**—Dan Busch reported:

i. Student Paper Competition: Rick Hussey has taken charge of this effort and very positive feedback was received from Lindsey Bergsven, winner of the WEF Student Paper Competition.

ii. Student Design Competition: Paul Davidson scored high on his presentation at the WEF Competition and the feedback was that the team’s presentation included more research than actual design. This is good information to keep in mind as the Sections and Association select the winning design team to send to the WEF event. **The Section committees will select their winners on the morning of the day preceding the upcoming Education Seminar.** It was the consensus of the Executive Committee that if a Section has more than one really strong team candidate and can afford it, the Section can decide who and how many they wish to send to the Annual Meeting competition.

iii. Student Chapters: There are still contact information issues to resolve. It is expected that there are 30 to 35 professors between the three Sections’ Chapters. Dan handed out a solicitation package that he wants to distribute pending Rich Hussey’s input.

**h. Young Professionals:** Kris Evans, Chair:

Illinois YP Report: Rich Hussey wants to get a couple of IL YP events going before June. A mass email went out as well as an ad in Central States Water soliciting identification of YPs. They received about a dozen responses back requesting that they be included in the YP database. **He also reported that WEF now identifies YP as a new membership category and the Association now has a database of 400 members that could be considered YPs.**

**i. General Membership:** Greg Stonehouse reported that one of the ideas coming out of CSX was an electronic survey but this has not been proven cost-effective and would like to leverage WEF’s initiative, i.e., their marketing firm that could do this if we provide a contact list. WEF is also looking for MA support for their Membership Committee and Greg would like to encourage Operations folks to sit on this committee. Eric Lecuyer added that on WEF’s membership form, they had the wrong dues amount. WEF will have to make up the \$5 per allowance and approximately \$280 is due the Association from WEF. He also expressed concern over the WEF website geographic selection for prospective members that has no identification for MN or WI and IL only has IWEA as a selection for an MA for Illinois. WEF is looking into this problem.

**j. Midwest Water Industry Expo:** Jay Kemp, Chair: Dan Lynch brought up the issue of CEUs. MN will honor the same CEUs as WI but there is no commitment from

Illinois. Receiving CEUs is important to help get people to the event. Central States will have a booth there to promote its other events.

### **Annual Meetings:**

**a. 2008 Minnesota:** Dennis is at the Sheraton in Bloomington, MN.

i. Technical Program Committee added collections systems to the program.

ii. Rooms have been blocked at \$125 a night.

**b. 2009 Illinois:** The contracts had been signed with Lincolnshire Marriott.

**c. 2010 Wisconsin:** Consideration is given to either Madison or perhaps LaCrosse.

### **Old Business:**

**a. Scott Trotter** reported that the **2007 CSWEA/IWEA WEF Reception** remained revenue neutral and plan to repeat a similar event in '08 with time limits on the cash bar and simple food offering. He received no complaints.

**b. Dennis Lindeke and Eric Lecuyer** referred to the **CSX'07 follow-up posted report item #1 as the WEFTEC meeting with IWEA** illustrated the need to continue to be respectful of the other organization.

**c. Scott Trotter** reported that the **Local Host Booth at the 2007 WEFTEC was well-manned** and the volunteers were appreciated. He also reported that half of the '08 Local Arrangements Committee will be Central States members and half will be IWEA members. They've done this before and know what is expected. They are establishing a golf, budget and tour committee. Eric Lecuyer said he will get rooms blocked for the Executive Committee and Operations Challenge.

**d. WEFMAX '08 hosted by CSWEA:** Doug Henrichson's reported the event will be held at the Bloomington Sheraton, March 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. The event is designed for the leadership of MAs and Association committee chairs. Section committee leaders are encouraged to attend.

**e. USEPA/CSWEA Asset Management Workshop:** The USEPA Asset Management, Region 5 will take place at Monona Terrace in Madison, WI on either Sept. 8-9 or Sept. 9-10, 2008. Plans are proceeding well and on budget. The USEPA Energy Management Workshop is being planned with a proposal prepared and forwarded to WEF. There is a conference call planned for tomorrow (Jan. 24, 2008) with the committee. Eric expects that CSWEA will ask to manage that workshop which will probably in 2009. Funds for this event were included in the approved FY 08 Budget.

**f. WEF/CSWEA NPDES Workshop:** Eric Lecuyer noted that the Association's responsibility will be to advertise and promote the event and set up a Central States display. It is planned for June 10<sup>th</sup> in Milwaukee.

**g. CSWEA –CSX '08:** Eric Lecuyer reported the dates for the exchange will be Noon on July 17<sup>th</sup> and end at Noon on the 18<sup>th</sup> 2008. YPX is slated for a separate room on July 18<sup>th</sup> and work to assure effective crossover. The focus of the agenda will be the Public Sector. How do we encourage membership from this arena? Greg Stonehouse would like to include Iowa and other regional YPs.

**h. CSWEA – YPX '08:** Eric reported for the committee that initial discussions regarding format have begun. The Association will provide the room and the committee will run the meeting.

**New Business:**

**a. Appointment of Eric Lecuyer Executive Director, 2008**

**b. Adoption of the 2008 Fiscal Budget:** This was discussed at great length and a new item was added to increase CSWEA's sponsorship of "WEFTEACH" at WEFTEC'08 to \$2,000 and added a second co-sponsored EPA Workshop on Energy Management using the same amounts for the Asset Management Workshop. There was a great deal of discussion about changing the way we budget for donation to Water for People in addition to the MWIE raffle with WWA, projecting 50% of net gain for this year to be \$2,500. \$1,250 for software maintenance fee was also added in anticipation of investing in registration/marketing software. Changes were made on-site to the proposed budget for final review by the Executive Committee.

**c. 2008 WEFMAX Presentation:** Dennis Lindeke reported that brainstorming sessions will include WI Section's Committee on Committees, the Education Seminar, MWIE and Student Chapters. Also included: Central States "reinventing itself", highlighting the activities and introducing the "go-to" person. The event is "going to be big!"

**d. Constitution and By-laws amendment,** There was a discussion of providing for a 2-year term for an YP at Large (representing all Sections) to sit on the Executive Committee. It was noted that only Treasurer can hold a position for more than one term. Action was deferred on this issue. Eric proposed to put to the general membership at the Annual meeting, two separate motions to change the Association's Constitution and By-Laws to address this issue. The proposed revisions had been posted and reviewed by those present at the meeting.

Another discussion ensued about Association only membership. The membership could be offered for \$20 which is what the Association receives from WEF. A majority of MAs have MA-only members and this may help to capture more public sector members. It was suggested that maybe we should actively pursue PWO members. Eric said he will get details from other MAs, draft language and distribute proposed amendment to the Executive Committee.

**e. The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2008, at The Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Bloomington, MN.** Eric will poll the Executive Committee and set-up a January teleconference to complete business that needed to be deferred until after the end of the calendar year.

### **WWOA Liaison's Report – Dennis Egge**

The WWOA board meet on December 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in Stevens Point to review the 2007 conference, committee activities and proceed with the 2008 conference planning. Most of their business dealt with making preliminary arrangements for the fall Conference. Liaison D Egge report to the board that the Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environment Association was held on November 8<sup>th</sup> 2007 at the

Holiday Inn Hotel in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Egge also reported that there will be 2 Collection Systems Seminars: one in Watertown on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and one in Marshfield on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Egge also reported that Kay Curtin drafted a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.W. Library to purchase wastewater educational material. The U. W. Library will act as the lending agency and the WWOA and CSWEA will provide the wastewater educational material. Other committee reports included the following: **Promotional Report**, Carlson reported that he had purchased \$450.00 of new promotional and sold \$621.00, **Membership** committee McKee reported the WWOA has 1,930 members with 169 in arrears, McKee sent the regional officers a copy of the members in arrears, **Clarifier**, McKee reported that Jon Butt is doing all the Clarifier invoicing, **Career Development**, Doerr and Thalke will be attending the Guidance Counselor Conference in Stevens Point in February, **Awards**- Bond stated that awards pictures were sent to the Clarifier staff for the December Clarifier. Curtin provided the Board with a copy of the proposed limited criteria for the "Rookie of the Year Award". After discussion the Board directed Curtin to bring to the March meeting a detailed criteria and qualifications for the "Rookie of the Year Award" and the Board will address this award then. The Rookie of the Year Award would include both lab and operations. The criteria would include how the winner would be selected. **Operator Training**- Rick Mealy has approached Carlson with a topic for 2008. He is interested in providing training on the changes to NR 149. Ron Altmann of Walworth Co. Metro would like to see the WWOA sponsor a soils class. This class was given a few years ago. Gary Wolf from Applied Industrial Technologies is interested in providing a maintenance class. The Board instructed the Operator Training Committee to investigate sponsoring these classes. **Directory**- McKee reported that the 2007-2008 Directories were available at the Conference in La Crosse. Tom Kruzick has asked to be put on the Directory Committee. McKee and Kruzick will be working on some major updating of the Directory for the 2008-2009 Directory. **Publicity**- Doerr reported that the Publicity Committee has been busy submitting press releases to local community newspapers for the Regional Awards. Doerr provided the Board with a list of winners and the newspapers he contacted with October winners. **Regional Coordinator**- Thater reported that he has been working with Bond on updating the awards nomination for Regional Operator of the Year and the Region of the Year award process. Thater is working with the Regional Officers to ensure meeting brochures, reports and minutes are communicated to him, the Board, the Clarifier, and the website. Thater will encourage the Regional Officers to attend the March Conference Board meeting and the October Regional meeting at the 2008 Conference and to ensure submittal of their annual reports at that meeting. Thater provided the Board with a summary of the meeting schedule for each of the regions. Thater will update the Regional Policy Book. Thater discussed the involvement in the Municipals Utilities Legislative Rally. They are looking for an endorsement. Curtin stated that we cannot sponsor or endorse but we could provide it as an information item on our website. The Board requested that McKee get a legal opinion on sponsorship or endorsement if possible. **Government Affairs**- Thater reported the Government Affairs Committee met on November 7, 2007 at Strand Associates in Madison. The Committee set a tentative agenda. Topics include Keynote DNR Secretary Matthew

Frank, NR149 update final rule, legacy pollutants, Great Lakes Compact, TMDL panel, pharmaceutical drop-offs, transition planning, sustainable infrastructure, mercury PMP, DNR update. The Committee hopes to keep the fee at \$65.00 for pre-registered or restrict any increase to \$70.00. The Seminar will be held on February 28, 2008 at the Madison Marriott West. Bernie Robertson will chair the event for the WDNR. **Biosolids Symposium-** Egge reported the Biosolids Committee meeting was on September 24, 2007. The committee chair for 2008 is Bill Marten of CSWEF. Marten submitted a formal agenda for 2008. The Symposium will include a DNR Update, EPA Update, Centrifuge Regrowth, and Milwaukee PCB'S in Biosolids, Dane County Septage, UW Extension/Phosphorus Study Completion, Panel Discussion and The Tale of Two States. All speakers have been selected and the Committee is currently confirming the speakers. The Biosolids Symposium will be on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008. McKee will make arrangements to provide a cash box, cash, and receipt book this year. **Web-Site-** Bartel reported that the Web-Site Committee met in La Crosse at the Conference. Interesting ideas came out of the meeting. Unfortunately Scott Thompson was unable to attend. The Committee has agreed to meet in Green Bay in January 2008. The Board Pages have been updated for this year and photos of the award winners have been posted. Also the Regional Officers information has been updated. Scott Thompson reported that updating of the web site has slowed down because every thing goes through GBNet for updates. WWOA gets billed for the updates. The Committee may be looking to change to another provider. Eventually Scott is hoping that they give him more freedom to update the web site as needed. The employment and events pages have been the top two pages visited the past few months. The Conference page was third in October, while the Region page was third in November. **Technical Program-** Bartel reported that the "Call for Papers" will go out in December and will be published in the December Clarifier. The members of the Technical Program Committee have been set and the Technical Program Committee will meet in Stevens Point at the Holiday Inn on February 19, 2008. The Committee has selected the entertainment for the Awards Banquet. They have selected Dr. Jim Wand, a hypnotist. A discussion ensued. Peterson made a motion to sign Dr. Jim Wand, Bond 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion Carried.

The Committee has three thoughts on Keynote speakers. One is Larry McCarren, a former Green Bay Packer and currently a sportscaster in Green Bay. The second is Tom "Sky" Skibosh. Tom used to be the media relations director for the Milwaukee Brewers. The third person is Eric Alexander from Higher Summits out of Colorado. A discussion ensued, after the discussion Carlson made a motion to enter into an agreement with Larry McCarren as the Keynote for a cost of \$2,500.00, Thater 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion Carried. **Exhibit Committee-** No report. McKee informed the Board that Booth setup will be done by Valley Expo.

Thalke told the Board that he had talked to Strackbein and Shaw regarding combining the Exhibit Committee and the M&C Committee into one. A discussion ensued. A Motion by Curtin to combine the two Committees into one, Egge 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion Carried. Strackbein will be Chair of the new combined Committee. **Operators Competition-** Bartel summarized the October

2007 Operators Competition for the Board. Bartel stated that Doerr is the new chair for the operators competition at the Stevens Point for 2008. The First Place Team was “The Certifiable Operators”; Second Place Team “Meet the Flockers”; and the Third Place Team “The Deuce is Loose”. **Local Arrangements-** Thalke introduced Kim Halverson and Eric Niffenegger from the Stevens Point Wastewater Treatment Plant. Kim and Eric will be putting together Local Arrangements, Spouses Program, and Golf Outing/Sporting Clays. Halverson informed the Board that they would have people available to help at registration. The Mayor of Stevens Point would be available to open the Conference with a welcoming statement. **Spouses Program-** Halverson will be putting together spouses program and will come back to the Board at its next meeting with some suggestions for the program as well as some suggested items for the gift pack. Halverson will consider a 2- tier program in 2008. **Golf Outing/ Sporting Clays-** Niffenegger will contact area golf courses and come to the Board meeting with some suggestions for golfing. He will also investigate some locations that can host the Sporting Clays. **Permanents Arrangement-** No report. **Resolutions and Bylaws-** No report, **Historical-** No report

Carlson made a motion to accept the Committee Reports, Bond 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the Motion Carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Others-** No report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Secretary Compensation and 2 year contract- The Board went into closed session to discuss Secretary Compensation. The Board reconvened in open session. The Board informed McKee that they decided to increase his compensation by \$400.00 for the 2008-2009 fiscal years and by \$500.00 for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The Board requested that McKee bring the Vouchers to the Board Meeting. McKee informed the Board that the vouchers are available at each meeting for review.

The Board requested that McKee provide the Board with monthly time sheets, an updated inventory list, and an updated job description. The Board requested McKee provide the President with a backup of all WWOA data recorded on flash drive. The Board would like McKee to speed up on-site Registration. McKee informed the Board that he will work with Chad McKee and will come back to the Board with the cost that will be required to update the application software and hardware so there can be more than one computer terminal. McKee reminded the Board that the application software has not had an update since it was developed in 1999. McKee will budget for and arrange for people that are experienced in computer data entry and processing.

Bartel informed the Board that he was contacted by the person from Arizona who would like to setup the “history of wastewater” display at our conference.

He will be in Chicago at WEFTEC and would be willing to bring the display at our conference. There would be some cost associated with bringing the display to Stevens Point. Bartel will contact him and find out how much it will cost and report back to the Board.

The Board will develop a customer service policy based on feed back of information and cost from McKee.

Doerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Thater 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. on December 14, 2007

Respectfully Submitted by : Dennis Egge, WWOA Liaison

## Collection System Committee–Todd Stelmacher, Chair

### Collection System Committee Meeting January 8, 2008 Applied Technologies, Brookfield, WI

#### Meeting Minutes

1. Review previous committee meeting minutes
  - a. October 24, 2007 @ WWOA in LaCrosse, WI – **no comments**
  - b. November 8, 2007 @ CSWEA in Fond du Lac, WI – **we were told to assume that the way we are processing money is acceptable for the time being. We will be notified if anything changes.**
2. Collection System Award - Nominee submitted
  - a. Steve Woodman/Beloit – **this was the only award packet that was submitted. It was updated and submitted to CSWEA (is this correct?)**
3. Committee Membership
  - a. Dennis Egge/Janesville: **New WWOA Liason**
  - b. Kari Dennis/McMahon
  - c. Randy Belanger/Visu-Sewer – **taking Keith Alexander's place**
  - d. Gary Buntrock/Fredonia
  - e. Goal to add one additional WWOA member – **Craven to talk to John Rickert about joining our committee.**
4. Seminar Promotion
  - a. CSWEA and WWOA websites? (Dennis) – **to be completed in the near future.**
  - b. APWA meeting? (Beier) – **Poster was displayed at meeting.**
  - c. Clarifier? Article in recent issue
  - d. Rural Water? – **Beier will take poster and display at the meeting.**
  - e. **Regional WWOA meetings – anyone in attendance should ask chair of meeting to mention upcoming events in Watertown and Marshfield.**
  - f. **Poster should also go to Gov Affairs, Spring Biosolids, WRWA Annual Meeting and CSWEA Ann Meeting.**
5. Marshfield Seminar
  - a. Contract signed with Holiday Inn – **no money was required to secure location. Money will be required 7-10 days prior to event.**
  - b. Planning during a separate meeting?: Set date, location – **Planning will take place after the Government Affairs Seminar**
  - c. New Clerk – **Ron Dickrell's staff – Jean Coy - will be trained by Ruth DeLay.**
  - d. Subcommittee? – **Dickrell, Stelmacher, Beier, Dennis, Lange, Scharfe**

6. 2008 Watertown Seminar – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual
  - a. Review 2007 Speaker Evaluations
  - b. Brainstorm for speakers/topics – Pump Station Rehabilitation
  - c. Brochures – design and mail out
  - d. Awards or other recognition at Seminar
  - e. Vendor Program (Beier/Lecey)
    - i. Vendor letter – **need to finalize one or two vendor letters for both Seminars.**
    - ii. Vendor list – **everyone on committee needs to review and comment by late Jan/early Feb.**
  - f. Fees/Expenses – **stay the same from last year (Classic Seminar); What about fees for Northwoods seminar?**
  - g. Duties of committee members – **refer to list at end of meeting minutes**
  
7. Important Dates:
  - a. February 28, 2008 Next meeting @ Gov't Affairs Seminar
  - b. Feb 2008 – Publicity & Vendor Letter(s) (Bob L.)
  - c. Mid-Late Mar 2008 – Finalize/Confirm speakers/agenda & Brochures design & to printer
  - d. Apr 2008 – Mail Brochures – **April 14, 2008**
  - e. May 2008 – Advance Registration Deadline
  - f. June 5, 2008 – Watertown Seminar
  - g. August 14, 2008 – Marshfield Seminar
  
8. Other business
  - a. Conference Calls? – **We have been told by the Wisconsin Board of Directors that there is money available for conference calls if we want to use it.**

### **Collateral Duties**

Andy Craven – Vice Chair/Secretary & Speaker Evals (Watertown)

Bob Lecey – Exhibitor Letters

Carl Scharfe – Marshfield Subcommittee

Frank Tiefert – Soda Sponsor (Flygt)

Jim Beier – Awards Subcommittee, Vendor Program

Jim Fratrack – Speaker gifts, DNR Credits

Randy Belanger – Brochures (printing)

Mike Krosnosky – Awards Subcommittee  
Mike Spence – Brochures (design)

Paul Lange – Watertown Facilities (Turner Hall, Food, etc)

Ruth DeLay – Finance, Awards Poster & Watertown Clerical

Todd Stelmacher – Committee Chair, Marshfield Subcommittee

Tom Krueger – Awards Subcommittee/Poster & Brochures (mailout)

Ron Dickrell – Marshfield Facilities (Holiday Inn, Food, etc.)

Marshfield Clerk – Jean Coy

Mark Kolczaski – Door Prizes

Dennis Egge – WWOA liaison

Tom Nejedlo – Publicity (WWOA & CS-WEA WI)

Nancy Schultz –

Kari Dennis – Marshfield subcommittee

Gary Buntrock -

#### **Tentative List of Topics/Speakers for Watertown**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Time Allotted (minutes)</b>	<b>Speaker/Affiliation/Responsible Committee Member</b>
<b>WEF Collection System Committee</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Joan Hawley – WEF CSC Chair / Craven</b>
<b>Pump Rehabilitation</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>Crane/Beier</b>
<b>New Pumping Station Design</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>Dennis to recruit speaker</b>
<b>Instrumentation/Control in PS Projects</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>LW Allen / Craven</b>
<b>Safety</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Jerry Hirt</b>
<b>WISWARN</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Dan Lynch / Dennis Egge will talk to Dan</b>
<b>Emerging Technologies</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1. Marshfield – lateral replacement program / Dickrell 2. Sanipore @ Mequon / Belanger 3. Grease Control – Oconomowoc / Lecey</b>

### **Miscellaneous Discussions/Questions:**

1. **We need to determine if Bob L's vendor letter will have only the Classic Seminar mentioned. It's looking more and more like that's the case. If we have 2 vendor letters, we're probably going to have 2 brochures.\_**
2. **Mike Spence will do the Northwoods brochure as well**
3. **Mailing costs will be double then – 2 vendor letters and 2 brochures.**
4. **We will set timeline for Northwoods seminar at Gov't Affairs meeting.**
5. **How/When will Ruth 'train' the Marshfield clerk?**
6. **How do we handle the \$\$ for those vendors that want to take advantage of the 2 for 1 registration deal? That note needs to be in vendor letter 1, and money should probably go to Ruth. She should keep track of those vendors that plan to exhibit at both seminars and then transfer \$\$ after the June Classic seminar when she's closing out her check acct for the seminar.**
7. **Bob L to draft BOTH vendor letters and get chair/vice chair comment on them in early Feb.**

## **Government Affairs Committee – Jane Carlson, Chair**

### **Status report - update on current year committee plan, roster, etc.**

Current committee members and assignments are listed at:

<http://www.cswea.org/wisconsin/governmentaffairs/>

Brandon Koltz has volunteered to serve as GAC vice-chair. Bill Oldenburg will not be able to be an active GAC member because of his significant CSWEA and other obligations.

### **Draft of next year's committee plan (May 2008-May 2009)**

A draft of the 2008-2009 annual committee is being prepared. It has not yet been discussed with the GAC as a whole. We will discuss it and prepare a final version prior to the May 2008 Board meeting.

### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

The GAC had a face-to-face meeting during the breakout session at the November Board meeting. Joan Hawley, Brandon Koltz, Bill Oldenburg, and Jane Carlson attended. We discussed the committee's charge as listed in the Wisconsin Section Policy and Procedures document. We discussed the initiatives we are currently tracking and agreed they were appropriate. We discussed information from Dan Lynch on the Lobby Rally on January 31, 2008; a few Wisconsin Section members plan to attend, and we will consider having a GAC member attend in 2009 as well. We also discussed the Government Affairs Seminar and topics that Brandon Koltz and Joan Hawley are interested in presenting. We agreed that it would be appropriate for all GAC members to have input to the Government Affairs Seminar. This has not been the norm at least in recent years, and Jane will look into it further. Brandon Koltz volunteered to be GAC vice-chair, and he is also our liaison to the national WEF Government Affairs Committee.

The committee "met" again by e-mail in late January and February. Updates to regulations or other initiatives are attached. Of particular note are the following:

1. Wisconsin DNR Phosphorus Standards: the DNR has formed a Technical Advisory Committee and the proposed criteria appear very stringent (from 0.005 mg/L for Lake Superior to 0.105 mg/L for rivers).
2. The Rock River Basin TMDL is scheduled to be released for public comment around March 31, 2008.
3. The Fox River Basin TMDL scope of work has been posted on the DNR's web site and they are accepting comments until February 22, 2008.

4. There are two Bills in the House & Senate which could result in public notification for every SSO with potential to impact public health.
5. A new Great Lakes Compact has been drafted and there is opportunity for public input.
6. Comments on draft temperature standards are due to DNR on February 28, 2008, and the GAC would like to submit comments on behalf of CSWEA.

We encourage all Wisconsin Section members to review these items and provide comments either to the GAC or directly to the DNR.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be by e-mail so that we can report on regulatory initiatives in time for the May 2008 Annual Meeting in Minnesota.

c: All committee members (Dave Taylor, Paul Kent, Gil Hantzsch, Chad Olsen, Bill Desing, Joan Hawley, Brandon Koltz, Keith Haas) and committee board liaison (Ken Sedmak)

## **Regulatory and Other Initiatives Updates**

### **February 2008 Attachment to Government Affairs Committee Report**

The primary focus of the Government Affairs Committee is to identify and track various regulatory/legislative initiatives that may have a significant impact on Wisconsin Section members. Attached please find reports prepared by individual committee members summarizing activities in the areas that they are responsible for tracking.

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#### **Biosolids-EPA Initiatives and National Biosolids Partnership EMS Program**

**By David Taylor; Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District**

*<No Update This Report – See Previous Reports >*

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#### **CMOM – Wet Weather Issues**

**BY: Joan B. Hawley, P.E., Superior Engineering, LLC [joan@superior-eng.com](mailto:joan@superior-eng.com)**

#### **National Update:**

1. Blending (Proposed Peak Wet Weather Policy) and SSO Rule are still being reviewed by the EPA Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Comments were given to EPA from WEF Government Affairs and Collection System Committee. Speculation is that these will not be approved quickly.
2. National Association of Clean Water Agencies, (NACWA), WEF via the Government Affairs and Collection System Committee (CSC), and WERF are reviewing national/standard collection system consensus practices for all size utilities. Goals and objectives are currently being developed.
3. The WEF Collection System Committee has completed a Private Property Virtual Library Database to assist utilities in locating accurate information on what other utilities are doing. To access this FREE site [www.wef.org/PrivateProperty](http://www.wef.org/PrivateProperty). The CSC committee is looking for other utilities to provide their information. If anyone is interested in providing information – please contact Laurie Chase/FMSM Engineers – CSC Project manager at [lchase@fmsm.com](mailto:lchase@fmsm.com)
4. Wet Weather
  - a. The WEF Collection System Committee recently completed a risk based approach for wet weather alternative analysis and level of service determinations. This risk based approach is taken in part from WEFs Guide to Managing Peak Wet Weather Flows in Municipal Wastewater Systems (Guide) – WEF 2006. This publication - Technical Practice Update (TPU) on *Wastewater System Capacity Sizing Using a Risk Management Approach* - is available at: [www.wef.org/ScienceTechnologyResources/TPUs](http://www.wef.org/ScienceTechnologyResources/TPUs). (FREE for WEF members!)

- b. Wet Weather Workshops for this publication are being held in 2008 - St. Louis, April 9 & 10, and Portland Sept 8 & 9.
5. WEF is sponsoring a Sustainability Specialty Conference 2008 June 22 - 25, 2008 “*Green Practices for the Water Environment*” at Gaylord National on the Potomac, National Harbor, Maryland. Abstracts Due November 12<sup>th</sup>. Sustainability issues to cover all aspects of wastewater.
  6. From WEF – Government Affairs Committee – via the Collection System Committee Liaison. There are two Bills in the House & Senate which could result in public notification for every SSO with potential to impact public health.
    - a. House Bill 2452 – Raw Sewage Overflow Community Right to Know.
    - b. Senate Bill 2080 – A bill to amend the Federal Clean Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor and report discharges of raw sewage and could potentially be used for other reporting mechanisms.
    - c. EPA has three drafts out covering Monitoring, NPDES-ISIS and Wet Weather Significant Non-Compliance. These are proposed to be permit fee-funded. Will result in separate reporting to state and federal systems.

#### **Wisconsin Update:**

1. DNR has a draft administrative rule to address Sanitary Sewer Overflows and Capacity Management Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) Programs. The DNR had hoped to release this for public review in 2007, but it appears that a significant level of effort will be needed to release this document. Anticipated release will be in 2008 – probably later in the year.

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#### **NUTRIENT CRITERIA**

**By Jane M. Carlson, P.E./Strand Associate, Inc.**

**The DNR has formed a technical advisory committee (TAC) which has met once (on February 1) to discuss draft phosphorus criteria and associated rules. CSWEA had requested in 2004 and again in early 2008 to be a member of this committee, but DNR declined, saying they felt they had adequate point source representation already. Municipal WWTP point sources are represented by MEG and Madison and Milwaukee MSDs. There are also several municipal stormwater representatives. Industrial point sources are represented by Midwest Food Processors and the paper council. CSWEA is included on the list of interested parties and we will receive all the information the TAC receives. We plan to attend all of the TAC meetings.**

**The draft P criteria appear very stringent. For example, Lake Superior is 0.005 mg/L, Lake Michigan is 0.007 mg/L, inland lakes and reservoirs may range from 0.015 to 0.040 mg/L, streams 0.075 mg/L, and rivers 0.105 mg/L. These numbers are primarily based on USGS studies for streams and rivers and work completed in other studies or other states for lakes. The DNR does not intend to discuss implementation issues such as how these criteria would be translated into effluent limits until the April TAC meeting. Presumably some dilution will be allowed, unless perhaps upstream P concentrations exceed the criteria or the stream is effluent-dominated.**

**At least for now, nitrogen is not included in the proposed rulemaking. The USEPA is undertaking a nitrogen TMDL for the entire Mississippi River Basin including the Gulf of Mexico. This process may result in waste load allocations for total nitrogen for treatment plants.**

**DNR expects to have rules available for public comment in late 2008 and rule adoption around mid 2009.**

In the mean time, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) has proposed that the EPA and states adopt technology-based phosphorus and nitrogen effluent standards for WWTPs. These may be as low as 0.1 to 0.3 mg/L for phosphorus and 3 mg/L for total nitrogen. They want secondary treatment redefined to include biological nutrient removal. We will continue to track this.

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**NR 214 - LAND TREATMENT OF INDUSTRIAL LIQUID WASTES, BY-PRODUCT SOLIDS AND SLUDGES**

**By Jane Carlson/Strand**

*<No Update This Report – See Previous Reports >*

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**Summary of Key Legislative and Rulemaking Activity  
By Paul G. Kent of Anderson & Kent sc  
Legal Counsel for the Municipal Environmental Group  
Wastewater Division**

*<No Update This Report – See Previous Reports >*

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**Government Affairs Seminar Committee Report  
By Gil Hantzsch, P.E., MSA Professional Services Inc.  
*<No Update This Report – See Previous Reports >***

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**Stream Re-classification/Proposed Revisions to Chapters NR 102, 104, and 106 as Related to Stream Classification & Outstanding and Exceptional Resource Waters**

**February 16, 2007**

**By Chad T. Olsen/McMahon Associates, Inc.**

*<No Update This Report – See Previous Reports >*

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**TMDLs**

**Jane M. Carlson, P.E., Strand Associates, Inc.**

A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) is a calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards, and an allocation of that amount to the pollutant's sources. Section 303 of the Clean Water Act requires States to identify waters not meeting State water quality standards (303(d) list), sets priorities for development of a TMDL for each pollutant for each water body listed as being impaired. The USEPA is responsible for the management of the program and issues guidance to the States for development and implementation of TMDLs. Following is some recent information for Wisconsin:

- The DNR has just released the 2008 draft 303(d) list for public comment. The proposed changes since 2006 can be viewed at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/2008/2008Updates.htm> . Public comments related to listing methodology and proposed changes are due to the DNR by **March 19, 2008**.
- The USEPA has hired a consultant to perform a phosphorus and sediment TMDL for the Rock River watershed. They have developed P targets that are close to the above-mentioned P criteria, and they are in the process of developing sediment targets. They will update the previous SWAT modeling for the watershed and will then make load and wasteload allocations for agricultural, municipal stormwater, and WWTP sources. The DNR is helping to guide and manage the project and has formed a Technical Advisory Team for this TMDL which includes Wisconsin Section Government Affairs Committee members Jane Carlson and Dave Taylor. The draft TMDL is scheduled to be released for public comment on **March 31, 2008**. For more information please see: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/RockRiverTMDL/>
- The USEPA has hired a consultant to perform TMDL work on the Lower Fox River watershed (Green Bay). They will develop a P target for the bay and then do watershed modeling and make load and wasteload allocations. The DNR has developed a proposed scope of work for the next phase of TMDL development, and public comments on the scope are being accepted through **February 22, 2008**. For more information please see: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/FoxRiverTMDL/>

The DNR continues to develop nonpoint source TMDLs. For more information see: [http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/Draft\\_TMDLs.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/Draft_TMDLs.html)

We encourage Wisconsin section members to review these documents and draft reports and provide comments to the GAC or directly to the DNR, particularly as they pertain to technical feasibility, costs, and attainability of water quality goals.

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## **Wastewater Security**

**By Bill Desing, CH2M Hill**

There is a relatively strong possibility that water/wastewater utilities could soon lose their current exemption for chemical security regulations - Chemical Facility Ant-Terrorism Standards or CFATS (6 CFR Part 27, Department of Homeland Security). Loss of the exemption would mean some utilities that use chemicals like gas chlorine, gas ammonia and sulfur dioxide could have to prepare chemical vulnerability assessments and be required by DHS to implement security system upgrades. In addition, the legislation could require evaluation of alternatives to using gaseous chemicals such as using UV or hypo to replace gas chlorine.

The following additional information about this is from NACWA:

NACWA and representatives from other water sector organizations met with minority staff on the House

Homeland Security Committee Dec. 17 to discuss concerns with draft legislation establishing security requirements for chemical facilities. Under the [draft legislation](#), clean water and drinking water agencies would no longer be exempt from Department of Homeland Security (DHS) chemical security regulations that apply to privately-held chemical manufacturers. The existing regulations expire in 2009, and Congress wants to broaden them and make them permanent. Also of concern in the bill are provisions calling for “methods to reduce the consequences of a terrorist attack,” a new phrase considered to be a euphemism for inherently safer technologies (IST). NACWA worked hard in the previous Congress to ensure clean water agencies were exempt from the DHS regulations because they were considered burdensome and duplicative and inappropriate for wastewater and drinking water facilities whose goal is the protection of public health and the environment. Without the exemption, DHS has the discretion to require clean water agencies to submit vulnerability assessments to DHS and implement facility security plans approved by DHS if they meet certain threshold criteria, such as their proximity to population centers, their size, and the types of chemicals they store.

NACWA will continue to advocate for legislation that acknowledges the actions that utilities have taken to protect their facilities and believes Congress should allow more time for the existing DHS program to be implemented. Republican staff members have said that since they are no longer in the majority, they lack the ability to successfully incorporate the exemption for clean water agencies and drinking water facilities and may not be able to strip out the IST provisions. NACWA will continue to provide committee staff with information about its members’ valuable work and leadership in the water sector on developing and implementing water security measures that are viewed as a model for other industrial sectors.

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### **Compounds of Emerging Concern**

**By Brandon Koltz/Symbiont**

*<No update for this report>*

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### **Miscellaneous Issues**

**By Jane Carlson/Strand**

Wisconsin DNR Temperature Standards public comments are due February 28, 2008, and the GAC would like to submit comments prepared by CH2M Hill with a cover letter from the CSWEA Board. There have also been recent developments in the area of mercury limits in permits, and this will be discussed at the Government Affairs Seminar in Madison on February 28.

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### **Great Lakes Issues – The Great Lakes Compact**

**By Keith Haas/Racine Water and Wastewater Utilities**

The long-awaited Great Lakes Compact for Wisconsin is out in draft form for comment. An informational hearing was held on February 14, 2008 in Madison. The 130 page draft includes information pertinent to many communities in Wisconsin. The Compact defines straddling communities and how interbasin transfers will be regulated and handled. It also specifies how conservation measures will be implemented and reported. The compact also defines how the capacity of a water user is determined and what the process is to increase a withdrawal amount once a limit is established.

The agreement will afford several communities the luxury of increasing its usage of Lake Michigan water while at the same time putting restrictions on how much water can be withdrawn and diverted to new territory within the basin. Three files are attached that will expand your knowledge of the compact if you haven't seen them already. (For a PDF of the entire preliminary draft compact, please contact Keith Haas or Jane Carlson.)



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

*Terry C. Anderson, Director*  
*Laura D. Rose, Deputy Director*

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

FROM: John Stolzenberg, Chief of Research Services

RE: Contents of Great Lakes Compact Draft, LRB-3207/P7

DATE: February 12, 2008

The table in this memorandum, prepared at the request of Senator Mark Miller, Chair of your committee, identifies the contents of the preliminary draft, LRB-3207/P7. This draft ratifies and implements the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact.

### **Contents of LRB-3207/P7**

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			council actions.	
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Page 30, line 5		(4p)	Water management and regulation; management and regulation of new or increased withdrawals and consumptive uses.	
Page 31, line 5		(4r)	Water management and regulation; decision-making standard.	
Page 32, line 15		(4t)	Water management and regulation; applicability.	
Page 34, line 13		(4v)	Water management and regulation; exemptions.	
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Page 47, line 17		(2)	Determinations concerning applicability of requirements.	
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Page 51, line 12		(3m)	Automatic approval for existing interbasin transfers.	
Page 52, line 1		(4)	New or increased interbasin transfers.	
Page 60, line 12		(4e)	Determining initial withdrawal amounts for withdrawals from the Great Lakes basin.	
Page 62, line 19		(4m)	Water use permits required in the Great Lakes basin.	
Page 63, line 2		(4s)	General water use permits for Great Lakes basin.	
Page 68, line 12		(5)	Individual water use permits for Great Lakes basin.	
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			<b>compact takes effect.</b>	
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Page 81, line 20		(2)	Determinations concerning applicability of requirements.	
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Page 85, line 8		(4)	Diversions.	
Page 94, line 5		(4m)	Water use permits required in the Great Lakes basin.	Placeholder.
Page 94, line 10		(4s)	General water use permits for Great Lakes basin.	Placeholder.
Page 99, line 16		(5)	Individual water use permits for Great Lakes basin.	Section not yet amended to reflect all drafting instructions.
Page 111, line 14		(5e)	Requirements for water supply service area plans for public water supply systems in the Great Lakes basin.	
Page 115, line 1		(5m)	State decision-making standard.	
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Page 118, line 3		(7)	Exemptions.	
Page 118, line 10		(8)	Statewide water conservation and efficiency.	
Page 120, line 1		(9)	Tribal consultation; public participation.	
Page 122, line 17		(11)	Information, reports, and assessments.	
Page 124, line 10		(14)	Penalties.	
<b>Page 124, line 18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>281.348</b>	<b>Regional water supply service area plans for public water</b>	<b>Pre and post compact</b>

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			<b>supply systems.</b>	<b>implementation.</b>
Page 124, line 20		(1)	Definitions.	
Page 125, line 14		(2)	Determinations concerning applicability of requirements.	
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Page 128, line 17		(4)	Withdrawal amount in certain plans.	
Page 129, line 8	7	281.41 (4)	No title [part of notice to downstream communities].	Pre and post compact implementation.
Page 129, line 15	8	281.98 (1)	No title [part of ch. 281 penalties].	Pre and post compact implementation.
Page 129, line 22	9	283.41 (3)	No title [part of notice to downstream communities].	Pre and post compact implementation.
Page 130, line 4	10	283.83	Continuing planning process.	Section renumbering.
Page 130, line 5	11	283.83 (2)	No title [part of notice to downstream communities].	Pre and post compact implementation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at the Legislative Council staff offices.

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**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
**FROM THE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**  
February 12, 2008

This is a preliminary version of implementing legislation for the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact.

The main provisions in the draft are contained in four new sections of the statutes. Section 281.343 contains the language of the compact itself. Section 281.344 contains provisions that will take effect before the compact is ratified by all of the party states and Congress. Section 281.346 contains provisions that will take effect when the compact takes effect, setting forth the way in which this state will implement the compact. Section 281.348 establishes a water supply planning process for public water supply systems throughout the state. Sections 281.344 and 281.346 both contain registration, reporting, and water conservation provisions that apply statewide and other provisions that apply only with respect to water withdrawn from the Great Lakes basin.

The draft does not include an analysis. It does not yet make the changes to current law that are needed to reconcile the provisions in the draft with current statutes. In addition, it is important to note that there has not yet been a thorough review of the draft for matters such as the consistent use of terminology.

The postcompact portion of the draft is not yet complete as it relates to applying the consumptive use decision-making standard to increased water withdrawals. As I understand the instructions, with certain exceptions, that decision-making standard will apply when a water withdrawal increases to the extent that one of the withdrawal decision-making standards applies and the water lost to the basin from the increased amount of the withdrawal, considering all increases since the beginning of the water withdrawal permit term, averages more than 2,000,000 gallons per day in any 30-day period. I believe that this is the main substantive aspect of the compact implementation language that is not yet complete.

In addition, this version of the draft does not include the requirement, included in the instructions and drawn from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) concept paper dated December 19, 2007, that a withdrawal decision-making standard apply to an increase in a withdrawal amount needed to supply water for a new or increased interbasin transfer before the compact takes effect. Adding this requirement would be difficult and time-consuming for a number of reasons, including that the requirement would take effect earlier than the rest of the precompact provisions relating to withdrawals (such as withdrawal permitting) that provide the framework for applying a decision-making standard to a withdrawal. In determining whether to add this requirement, please consider whether it would be a meaningful addition, given the stringent standards applicable in the draft to the approval of an interbasin transfer.

I have attempted to accurately reflect the major policy decisions communicated to me through written instructions and meetings and I believe that the draft comes close to that. However, it should be recognized that this is a very complex proposal and there has not been time to have thorough review by the policy makers, or technical feedback from the experts at the DNR, for many provisions in this version of the draft.

Please contact me with any questions.

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The 2008 Spring Biosolids Symposium will be held on March 18, 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point. Another excellent program is in store, as noted below, with a mix of national, state and local speakers participating.

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- 2:55 pm UW Extension Update – *Dick Wolkowski*
- 3:30 pm Adjourn

**Membership Committee – Rob Szekeress, Chair**

No report received. Rob is looking for a new Chair.

**Operations Committee – Troy Larson, Chair**

No report received.

## **Management Seminar – Paul Nehm, Chair**

The Management Seminar is sponsored by the Wisconsin Section of CSWEA, the Wisconsin Water Association, and the Department of Natural Resources. The initial planning meeting of the committee will take place in Wauwatosa on March 5. We have two new CSWEA members on the committee this year – Ken Sedmak and Paul Christensen

Last year the venue for the seminar was changed from Madison to Cabela's in Richfield. The seminar was well attended with the Wisconsin's share of the profits being \$1,548. More importantly, the topics and the speakers received very good ratings by the attendees.

Cabela's is available in August of this year. They have made some suggestions on how to better arrange the food line to facilitate traffic flow during lunch. Unless there is strong opposition on the committee, I expect that the seminar will be held there again this year. At the March 5 meeting the committee will decide on the topics to be included and possible speakers to address those topics. Assignments will be made to various committee members to contact speakers and to arrange for printing, publicity, local arrangements.

If anyone has suggestions on topics for the seminar, please have them contact me at (608) 222-1201 ext 252.

## **Students and Young Professionals Committee – Rachel Lee, Chair**

### **Student Chapters**

The UW-Madison chapter had their first chapter meeting for the semester on February 5, 2008. They plan on having monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month this semester. Their new President is Jonas Balistreri. The group is considering a name change. The suggestion that seemed to catch hold was Water Environment Organization (WEO). The S&YP committee supports this change as UW AWWA/WEF is quite a mouthful. The club is trying to build a list of potential contacts for summer internships and permanent positions. If anyone would like their organization put on the list, please contact Jonas directly, [balistreri@wisc.edu](mailto:balistreri@wisc.edu). They group is also planning speakers and tours. If anyone is interested in volunteering to host a tour or be a speaker, please let Jonas or me know.

There is no report on other chapters at this time.

### **Student Paper / Student Design Competition**

*The Student Paper and Student Design Competition requirements have been distributed and are available on CSWEA's website. Dan Busch is updating the materials. The competition will take place at the Education Seminar.*

### **Stockholm Junior Water Prize.**

*No update here.*

### **YP Events and News**

The Aeration and Process Theory Workshop hosted by ITT-Sanitaire was a success. The joint event (WWA and CSWEA) was attended by 17 people. ITT-Sanitaire did an excellent job of putting together the program and hosting us. Most people I talked to enjoyed the event and found it to be very informative. Look for an article about it in the next Central States Water magazine.

We are planning a SP-YP happy hour after the Education Seminar. The details are still being worked out. It will be on April 1 after the seminar. We can do it at the Monona Terrace or offsite. If we do it at the Terrace, there is a \$300 minimum drink purchase to pay for the bartender.

As I mentioned last report, there is going to be a YP Exchange next summer as part of the CSX event. This will require planning and support from our section. Some of the potential topics for the day are: networking, CSWEA organizational involvement, mentoring, leadership skills, communication, technical education topics, project management skills, conflict management, negotiating, and a plant tour. We need to identify speakers and potential attendees. Please help the YP group by budgeting time and money for your YPs to attend.

## **Public Education and Awareness Committee – Dale Doerr, Chair**

Dale has recently assumed Chair responsibilities and is getting acquainted with the functions of this committee.

## **Safety Committee – Jerry Hirt, Chair**

No report received.

## **Watershed Management Committee – Hans Holmberg, Chair**

No report received.

## **Spring Biosolids Symposium – Bill Marten, Chair**

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