



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

**Minutes of the Winter Board Meeting
Wisconsin Section - Central States Water Environment
Association**

February 27, 2008

Marriott Madison West Hotel, Middleton, WI

Chair Bill Marten called the winter board meeting of the Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environment Association to order at 2:02 p.m. on February 27, 2008 at the Marriott Madison West Hotel in Middleton, Wisconsin.

Board Members present:

- Bill Marten, Chair
- Steve Godfrey, Vice Chair
- Ken Sedmak, CSWEA Trustee
- Dennis Egge, WWOA Liaison
- Dave Arnott, Secretary/Treasurer

In addition, the following individuals were present: Rachael Lee, Brian Molenaar, Dale Doerr, and Jane Carlson.

Approval of November 8, 2007 Annual Business Meeting Minutes: Bill Marten had several minor typographical changes. Dale Doerr moved that the meeting minutes for the November 8, 2007 Annual Business Meeting be approved. Second by Ken Sedmak. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Arnott presented the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance in the Section's accounts of \$32,383.23 as of February 21, 2008. It was clarified that \$1,000 would be given to CSWEA as a blanket endorsement for the Operations Challenge. It was agreed that the check would be written to CSWEA after the Government Affairs Seminar was finalized. Ken Sedmak stated that the CSWEA was very appreciative of the endorsement and they hope that other Sections will make a similar endorsement. Steve Godfrey moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Second by Dale Doerr. Motion passed.

CSWEA Trustee Report: Trustee Ken Sedmak presented a verbal summary of significant items in his written report, which is posted on the Wisconsin Section website. The most recent meeting of the Central States Executive Committee was held on December 6th, 2007 at the Sheraton Bloomington hotel in Minnesota.

Ken reported that the CSWEA is fiscally sound and in good shape. The CSWEA balance sheet shows a gain of \$7,754.91 compared to last year at this time.

For the PWO report, it was suggested that the Section Chair appoint one member from the Operations Challenge to that Section's Operations Committee. Dave Arnott questioned the logistics of such a policy. All agreed that this is something that needs further exploration.

For Committee and Activity Reports: Rachel Lee was nominated for YP Representative pending approval of the addition of the position to the Executive Committee by General Membership at the Annual Business Meeting in May.

Under Public Education, 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.

Under Students and Young Professionals, the Executive Committee would like to know the number of Student Paper and Design teams and the names of each student participating. Dan Busch has handled this for CSWEA, but it is unclear who handles this on the Section level. Rachel Lee will contact Dan about this.

For Young Professionals, Ken Sedmak reported that WEF now identifies YPs as a new membership category.

Under Old Business, WEFMAX will take place at the Bloomington, MN Sheraton on March 13th through the 15th. Planning for the USEPA Asset Management Workshop is progressing. The workshop will be in Madison, WI at the Monona Terrace either September 8th and 9th or September 9th and 10th 2008 .

The USEPA Energy Management Workshop is being planned. A proposal is being prepared and will be forwarded to WEF.

Under New Business, Eric Lecuyer was re-elected as Executive Director 2008. For Constitution and By-laws Amendment a 2 year YP at Large position to sit on the Executive Board was discussed. It was noted that the only other 2-year term is that of Treasurer. Further vote on this issue will take place at the CSWEA Annual Meeting.

The Association membership only was discussed. This would be another membership category that could be cheaper than the full WEF membership. The creation of this membership category is to encourage more public sector participation in CSWEA. A \$20 dollar membership fee was discussed. This is the fee that CSWEA receives from WEF.

WOWA Liaison Report: WOWA Liaison Dennis Egge presented a verbal summary of key items from his written report, which is posted on the Wisconsin Section website, including highlights of the December 13th and 14th WOWA Board meeting in Stevens Point.

Committee Reports

Committee reports can be viewed on the Wisconsin Section website. Noteworthy discussion items pertaining to each committee are summarized below.

Collection Systems: Chair Todd Stelmacher had submitted a written report.

Government Affairs: Chair Jane Carson had submitted a written report. Jane reported that there is a lot of regulatory activity going on right now.

DNR has formed a technical advisory committee (TAC) for draft phosphorus criteria and associated rules. The draft phosphorus criteria are very stringent. For example the DNR is considering a stream criteria of 0.075 mg/L and a river criteria of 0.105 mg/L. Jane reported that there will probably be provisions for dilution based on the nature and water quality of the upstream receiving water body. The DNR felt they had enough point source representation already on the committee and declined involvement from WI Section CSWEA. Point source representation from the committee includes the Municipal Environmental Group, Madison MSD, and Milwaukee MSD. WI Section CSWEA is listed as an interested party and will receive all the information the (TAC) receives. Members from the Government Affairs Committee have and will attend all the TAC meetings, which are open to the public. All agreed that it is important to make the DNR aware of the true cost of the rule proposed rule and the implications to sludge management and disposal.

The Rock River TMDL is scheduled to be released for public comment soon.

The Fox River TMDL process is just starting.

Industrial Waste: No written report was received. Chair Brian Molenaar presented a verbal report. Their committee will meet next on March 12, 2008. The main focus now is making final arrangements for the Industrial Waste Pretreatment Conference on June 18, 2008 in Oshkosh. They have a commitment for various speakers. A brochure will be ready and distributed in early April.

Membership: No report received and no oral report presented, as the Committee Chair was not at this meeting. We are presently looking for a new Chair for this Committee.

Operations Committee: No report received and no oral report presented, as the Committee Chair was not at this meeting.

Management Seminar: Chair Paul Nehm had submitted a written report.

Public Education and Awareness: Chair Dale Doerr presented a verbal report. Dale recently sent out an e-mail to individuals that he thought may be interested in the committee. He will be concentrating on recruiting committee members in the next few weeks. Dale has some ideas he would like to explore from his experience in Texas. Dale would like to create a Speakers Bureau to give presentations to schools and civic organizations about the water environment, He will be contacting Roger Gyger to see what materials WEF has published already. Dave Arnott mentioned that the idea of a Speakers Bureau was floated in the committee about 3 years ago and there was a concern then about the ability of a particular individual being able "to deliver" the presentation and speakers getting involved in contentious environmental issues. The Board thought that if materials presented are general and "canned" that this could still work. Dale will look into this issue further and work on getting a list of speaking volunteers, Ken Sedmak will talk with Patti Craddock about any protocols that should be followed from the CSWEA perspective. Dennis Egge stressed that we need to educate our young people.

Safety: No report received and no oral report presented, as the Committee Chair was not at this meeting.

Watershed Management: No report received and no oral report presented, as the Committee Chair was not at this meeting.

Students & Young Professionals: Rachael Lee gave an update of the committee's activities. The UW AWWA/WEF student chapter will likely be changing its name to the more simple "Water Environment Organization" (WEO).

The Student Paper/Student Design Competition is being promoted. Requirements have been distributed and are available on CSWEA's web site.

The committee is exploring a happy hour after the Education seminar. The details are still being worked out. The Board recommended further consideration and consultation with Eric Lecuyer.

The committee is looking for speakers for the YP Exchange at the CSX in the summer. The topic that the committee wants presented is whole-person skills. This would include complimenting an engineer's technical skills with communication skills, soft-skills, project management skills and conflict management.

The Brewer outing went over well last year and a similar event will be planned for this year.

Bill Marten encouraged the committee to have representation from Stevens Point and Platteville. He recommended that a point person be assigned for these chapters.

Steve Godfrey mentioned that the Stockholm Junior Water Prize is now part of the Public Education/Public Awareness committee.

Representatives Reports

Spring Biosolids Symposium: Bill Marten had submitted a written report. The 2008 Symposium will be held March 18, 2008 in Stevens Point.

Water Wastewater Education Association: No written report was submitted. Bill Marten encouraged members to check the training calendar when planning events and to post events on it. Mary Wegner is the contact at the DNR that can add events to the calendar.

Old Business

Committee Annual Plan: Bill Marten encouraged all committees to submit and finalize their annual plans for May 2008 through May 2009.

Municipal Legislative Day Sponsorship: Bill Marten reported that we checked with Eric Lecuyer and that it is OK for the Wisconsin Section to be a sponsor for the event. Wisconsin Section will not lobby for any particular issue.

Collection System Seminar Finances: Dave Arnott reported that after checking with Eric Lecuyer, it is OK for the Section to be associated with, and accept profit from, a committee that does pay taxes and that opens and closes a checking account each year. After the Collection System Seminar, the checking account is closed. The checking account does not exist at the time of the CSWEA audit.

Committee Rosters: Dave Arnott will compile a master list of committee members. The Vice Chair of each Committee should be posted in the Wisconsin Section part of the CSWEA web site. Dave Arnott will coordinate this effort.

Board of Control Liaison Activity: Bill Marten encouraged the Board to make their contacts to their respective committees. Ken Sedmak stated that he would like the written report created by the Committee on Committees to share with CSWEA.

Strategic Plan: Steve Godfrey is coordinating this effort. Steve will approach the Plan using multiple steps. Goals and objectives will be identified first. Then the details for how they will be accomplished will be filled in. Steve will run his ideas past the Board and Committee Chairs. Steve wants to do most of the coordination by e-mail and have formal approval with limited discussion at the CSWEA Annual State Section Breakfast.

New Business

CD Renewal: Dave Arnott explained how we have two CDs in place – an 8-month CD and an 14-month CD. Dave asked the Board if upon CD expiration, we should always roll the money over into another CD or if the Board should approve/disapprove a new CD each time. It was decided that the Board should approve/disapprove a new CD each time.

Dennis Egge encouraged Dave to investigate a high interest checking count that would pay a similar yield to a CD but be more liquid. Dave explained that liquidity should not be a problem since we are careful about not putting too much money in the two CDs. Nonetheless, Dave will investigate high interest checking accounts available through US Bank.

Submission of Comments to DNR on Draft Temperature Standards: Jane Carlson reported that a couple people from CH2MHill reviewed the above standard on behalf of the Government Affairs Committee (GAC). One issue that was identified was that existing WTFs could get a variance while new WTFs could not. There was a consensus on the GAC that all WTFs should be eligible for the variance.

The other issue was related to storm water. There was no mention of storm water in the draft standard, but there is also no mention that the rule does not apply to storm water. GAC felt that this should be clarified.

Upcoming Events

The following upcoming CSWEA/Wisconsin Section sponsored events were noted:

- The Government Affairs Seminar is scheduled for February 28, 2008 at the Marriott Madison West in Middleton.
- The Spring Biosolids Symposium is scheduled for March 18, 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point.
- The CSWEA Education Seminar is scheduled for April 1, 2008 at the Monona Terrace in Madison.
- The CSWEA Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 19-22, 2008 in Minneapolis Minnesota.
- The Collection System Seminar is scheduled for June 5, 2008 in Watertown, WI.
- The WEF/ CSWEA NPDES Permit Workshop is June 10-11 in Milwaukee, WI.
- The Pretreatment Seminar is scheduled for June 18, 2008 in Oshkosh, WI.
- The CSX is scheduled for July 17 and 18 in Wisconsin Dells.
- The Young Professionals Exchange is scheduled for July 18, 2008 in Wisconsin Dells.
- The Northern Wisconsin Collection System Seminar is scheduled for August 14, 2008 in Marshfield, WI
- WWOA Annual Meeting is September 30 – October 3 in Stevens Point.
- WEFTEC is October 18-22 in Chicago.

Next Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held during the CSWEA 81st Annual Meeting, specifically on the morning of Wednesday, May 21, 2008 in the Sheraton Bloomington South Hotel.

Adjournment

There being no further new business Dale Doerr moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Rachel Lee. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

David W. Arnott
Secretary/Treasurer
Wisconsin Section - CSWEA