

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

February 24, 1999

Nine Springs WWTP - Madison, WI

A board meeting of the Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environment Association was called to order by Chair Paul Nehm at 1:05 p.m. on February 24, 1999 at the Nine Springs WWTP in Madison, WI.

Chair, Paul Nehm presided and Secretary/Treasurer Tom Sigmund was present.

Board Members present:

- Paul Nehm, Chair
- Carol Strackbein, Vice Chair
- Tom Krueger, Past Chair
- Judy Tholen, WWOA Liaison
- Tom Sigmund, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent was Trustee Jim Shaw.

Also present were:

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| • Rusty Schroedel | • Dean Falkner |
| • Scott Thompson | • Dan Sauer |
| • John Leonhard | • Ken Sedmak |
| • Phil Budde | • Dan Lynch |

Corrections were made to the previously distributed minutes of the November 11, 1998 Business Meeting: the CSWEA Trustee's Report was presented by John Leonhard and Jim Nemke instead of Jim Shaw. Dean Falkner moved the meeting minutes be approved as corrected. Second by Judy Tholen. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Tom Sigmund reported that there was a balance in the Section's accounts of \$1,743.33 as of February 16, 1999. Carol Strackbein moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Second by Dean Falkner. Motion carried. Tom Sigmund presented an unaudited version of the 1998 Annual Treasurer's Report that will be forwarded to auditors Joe Mandella and Rick Pace.

CSWEA Trustee Report: John Leonhard and Tom Sigmund presented a written report for Trustee Jim Shaw. Allocation of distribution of a CSWEA dues increase to the state sections was discussed at the CSWEA January Board meeting. The dues increase will be brought to the membership at the May meeting for approval. A committee is considering a paid executive in the future to perform some of the duties of the secretary/treasurer and to take the lead in annual CSEWA conference planning. A committee is considering a change in the representation of the Section's at the CSWEA board that is now filled by the trustee for a 2-year term. Jim Smith is the Wisconsin representative to that ad-hoc committee. The members present had a discussion on the options for governance. The CSWEA Board is looking for input from the State Sections on the above topics.

A motion was made by Carol Strackbein authorizing the Wisconsin Section Board to forward a position statement the CSWEA Board on the Section Trustee role. The motion recommended that CSWEA stay with a separately elected Trustee with the provision for a current Wisconsin Section Board member to serve as a backup in case the Trustee could not make a CSWEA Board meeting. The backup, when needed as a replacement for the Trustee, would be a voting member of the CSWEA Board. Second by Dean Falkner. Motion carried.

WOWA Liaison Report: Judy Tholen presented a written report. A one-day maintenance seminar will be pursued at the state level. The WOWA Board suggested that the jointly sponsored seminars have one common registration rate as a means to ensure a positive cash flow from each seminar. Discussion followed on the topic, with reinforcement of Paul Nehm's request that each seminar chair prepare a budget that is sent to the Wisconsin Section and WOWA Boards for approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Collection Systems: Chair Steve Bruskiwicz submitted a written report. Planning is well underway for the 12th annual Collection System Seminar, which will be held in Watertown on June 3, 1999. Brochures are available. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled during lunch at the Government Affairs Seminar. The committee is looking for a new chair since Steve Bruskiwicz will be stepping down due to a new job assignment. Those present discussed the Golden Manhole Award which will be a Federation award and will be presented at the CSEWA Annual Meeting in 2000. It was noted that there is no limitation as to the number of awards that can be made to each member association.

Government Affairs: Chair Phil Budde presented a verbal report. The 1999 Government Affairs Seminar will be held tomorrow, February 25th at the Marriott in Middleton.

Groundwater Protection and Toxic Waste: Chair Dave Sauer presented a written report. He is seeking new committee members that will be active on the committee. The current members of the committee decided to focus their activities for this year to better match their interests. The committee is looking for ways to better collect and transmit information on issues important to the membership. Presentations at the CSWEA annual conference and posting information on the CSWEA web site were discussed by those present.

Industrial Waste: No report was received. Chair Joe Grinker has left the committee. Chair Nehm appointed Randy Wirtz as the committee chair. The committee will be asked to look at municipal pretreatment coordinators as potential committee members.

Membership: Chair Ken Sedmak presented a written report. Sedmak and Scott Thompson discussed their research into making the Wisconsin Section Membership Directory available online through the CSWEA web site. They have developed an approach where the directory could be updated frequently and be available as a read-only file on-line that could not be down loaded or printed. Sedmak and Thompson will prepare a presentation on the information to be made to the membership at the Section

meeting in May at the CSWEA annual meeting. The Wisconsin Section continues to get new members with the number of CSWEA members residing in Wisconsin staying steady or increasing slightly. Sedmak questioned as to whether the Wisconsin Section should consider a membership drive. It was requested that WEF application forms be made available at all Wisconsin Section Seminars and at the CSWEA Education Seminar. Sedmak will coordinate with CALS to make sure that the current Wisconsin Section membership information is included in their merged mailing lists for seminars.

Operations Committee & Management Seminar: Chair Dean Falkner presented an oral report. John Olson was suggested as the chair for the Operations Committee to take over for Falkner. Falkner is looking into developing a benchmarking clearing house. Falkner noted that there are some CSWEA/WEF awards that we are not nominating members for. Recommendations have been forwarded for the Hatfield and Operator of the Year awards. Falkner discussed the idea of a sewer fair as a potential topic for a future seminar.

Jens Hetzler is not able to continue as the Wisconsin Section representative to the Management Seminar committee. Chair Nehm discussed a teleconference that he participated in with the AWWA representative to the committee. The committee recommended not holding the seminar in 1999, changing the date of the seminar, changing the topic, and changing the seminar location in order to increase the attendance at the seminar. Bill Marten has agreed to serve as the Wisconsin Section representative to the Committee and to chair the seminar next time it is held.

Discussion that followed centered around asking the Management Seminar committee to identify and focus on topics that would be of interest to the identified group of potential attendees. The committee was encouraged to conduct research on areas including topics, name of the seminar, structure, location, and date. The seminar committee will make a presentation to the Wisconsin Section Board at the May 1999 meeting. The Wisconsin Section Board was asked to consider whether a Management Seminar should be held at all in 1999.

If a seminar is not held in 1999, separate provisions will have to be made for the Wisconsin Section Annual Business meeting, which has typically been held in conjunction with the Management Seminar.

Public Education: Chair Scott Thompson presented a written report. The committee received an order of 25 of the grade 9-12 Water Source Books from WEF. Central storage and accounting for the Water Source Books will now be done through Green Bay MSD. GBMSD will make the books readily available to anyone wishing to purchase a copy. Three copies of the grade 3-5 books were sent to Riveredge Nature Center for purpose of display and sale to teachers that tour the center.

A group from the committee attended the science teacher conference at Westfest in Appleton on February 20th. A group is needed to attend WSST in Lake Geneva on April 23rd.

It was recommended that the Public Education Committee petition CSWEA for money to be used for public education. A motion was made by Dean Falkner that Scott Thompson prepare a letter to the CSWEA Board under Chair Nehm's signature requesting \$1,500 for use by the Wisconsin Section for public education. Second by Ken Sedmak. Motion carried.

Safety: No report was received. The committee is looking for new members. The Board was encouraged to look for new members of the committee that would be more active and recommend those candidates to Chair Nehm.

Lab Practices: No report was received.

Watershed Management: Chair Mike Doran submitted a written report.

Spring Biosolids Symposium: Chair Dave Taylor submitted a written report. The seminar is scheduled for March 16, 1999 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point. There was discussion among the members present about some members not receiving the symposium brochure via the mail.

Water Wastewater Education Association: Representative Rusty Schroedel presented a verbal report. The calendar is now available on the web site at:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/es/science/faq.htm>

A second member from the Wisconsin Section will be recommended by the Board to serve on the WWEA board. Schroedel noted that the commitment is to attend two meetings per year. Dean Falkner suggested Greg Paul from La Crosse as the second representative.

Old Business

Constitution, By-laws, Statements of Policy Review: Tom Krueger reviewed the proposed changes to the documents. Chair Nehm asked the Board and committee chairs to review the proposed changes and forward any suggestions to Krueger. The changes will be reviewed again at the May business meeting. It was noted that the Statements of Policy need only to be ratified by the Section Board and do not require publication and approval by the general membership as is required for the Constitution and By-laws. The Constitution and By-laws will be published in the July issue of the WISILLMINN and will be voted on by the membership at the November meeting. Chair Nehm will clarify the requirement for membership in the Section for Committee Chairs. Krueger will review the CSWEA By-laws to see if there are any restrictions for the proposed changes to the Section's By-laws.

CSWEA Dues Resolution: Discussion of the revised resolution proposed by CSWEA on the method of sharing the proposed \$5 dues increase among the Sections. The method will share the dues based on the state of residence for the members as of the January membership listing from WEF for a given year.

New Business

WEF Regional Meeting: WEF will hold a regional meeting in Oakbrook, Illinois on April 23 and 24, 1999. Chair Nehm noted that the meeting is open to everyone to attend and would be important to those considering serving as a WEF officer in the future.

WEF Operations Specialty Conference: Dean Falkner noted that room moderators are needed for the upcoming WEF Specialty Conference in Milwaukee on June 5-7. If someone is interested in serving as a moderator for a ½ day session, they can attend the rest of the day without charge. Contact Dave Flowers if interested.

2001 CSWEA Annual Conference: John Leonhard noted that the dates for the CSWEA Annual Conference in La Crosse in 2001 will be changed with the Executive Committee meeting on Saturday, the golf outing and meet & greet on Sunday, and the technical program to go from Monday through mid-day on Wednesday. The dates of the conference will be May 12 – 16, 2001.

NR 101 Fee Increase: John Leonhard noted that in the Governor's draft budget there is a line item for increasing the cap on NR 101 fees. John encouraged the members present to make the Wisconsin Section members aware of the proposed change and to review the statute for comment to their legislators.

Dean Falkner moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Carol Strackbein. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas W. Sigmund
Secretary/Treasurer
Wisconsin Section - CSWEA

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