



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

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
Wisconsin Section - Central States Water Environment  
Association  
May 24, 2007  
Concourse Hotel, Madison, WI**

The Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environment Association meeting at the CSWEA Annual Meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Mulcahy at 7:48 a.m. on February 28, 2007 at the Concourse Hotel in Madison, Wisconsin.

Board Members present:

- Tom Mulcahy, Chair
- Bill Marten, Vice Chair
- Randy Wirtz, Past Chair
- Rusty Schroedel, CSWEA Trustee
- Randy Thater, WWOA Liaison
- Dave Arnott, Secretary/Treasurer

**Approval of February 28, 2007 Winter Board Meeting Minutes:** Lamont Albers moved that the meeting minutes for the February 28, 2007 Winter Board Meeting be approved. Second by John Leonhard. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave Arnott presented the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance in the Section's accounts of \$26,791.72 as of May 18th, 2007. Rusty Schroedel moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Second by Lamont Albers. Motion passed.

**CSWEA Trustee Report:** Trustee Rusty Schroedel presented a verbal summary of significant items in his written report, which is posted on the Wisconsin Section website, including discussion of: WEF governance and the WEF House of Delegates, separating Student and Young Professionals into two separate committees, and how the CSWEA Board wants each section to put a plan together to reduce reserves.

**WVOA Liaison Report:** WVOA Liaison Randy Thater presented a verbal summary of key items from his written report which is posted on the Wisconsin Section website, including the October WVOA Annual meeting planning. Since the meeting will be in late October this year, there are initial thoughts about organizing a second event – a sporting clay shoot. A final decision on the clay shoot has not been made.

## **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 Jim Beier had submitted a written report. The 2007 Collection Systems Seminar will be held June 7, 2007 in Watertown. This will be the 20<sup>th</sup> annual seminar. In 2008, a second Collection System Seminar will be held in Marshfield. The date has not been determined, but it will be sometime in August or September. This seminar may require additional funding from the Wisconsin Section.

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

Jane Carlson will take over as Chair effective immediately.

**Industrial Waste:** Chair Brian Molenaar did submit a written report. No oral report presented, as Brian was not at this meeting.

**Membership:** Chair Rob Szekeress reported that the committee had its first official meeting for 2007 recently. The committee is working on broader objectives. The committee has four members.

**Operations Committee:** Chair Troy Larson had submitted a written report.

**Management Seminar:** The 2007 Management Seminar will take place on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 at Cabela's in Richfield. It is hoped that with the new location, attendance will be increased.

**Public Education and Awareness:** No report received and no oral report presented, as the Committee Chair was not at this meeting.

**Safety:** Chair Jerry Hirt submitted a written report. Dave Arnott presented an oral report that Jerry asked him to give in his absence. Jerry will be focusing on recruiting members over the next few weeks. The committee will be presenting a topic at the 2007 Collection System Seminar entitled "OSHA's Top Ten Most Cited Violations for 2006 and How They Pertain to Workers in Water/Wastewater Entities. Jerry said his committee would be interested in presenting safety topics at other seminars. The committee is interested in having an occasional safety article, that they would write, in Central States Water.

**Watershed Management:** Chair Hans Holmberg submitted a written report and presented an oral report. Hans reported that the committee's main purpose is to track TMDLs. There is a 20 percent reduction goal for phosphorous in the St. Croix Basin. There have been SWAT model activities in the Fox Valley and Milwaukee area. Bill Crill has accepted the role as Vice Chair. Hans reported that they want to diversify committee membership. A lot of members are consultants. Committee members were encouraged at the last meeting to consider suggestions for non-consultant members such as municipalities.

**Students & Young Professionals:** Dan Bush submitted a written report and an oral report. Dan indicated that the wrong written report was accidentally submitted. Dan reported that Lindsey

Bergsven from UW-Madison will be representing CSWEA at the student paper competition at WEFTEC in San Diego.

The CSWEA Student Design team is from Illinois. They will represent CSWEA at WEFTC in San Diego.

Megan O'Brien from Milwaukee, was selected to represent Wisconsin through CSWEA in the Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition.

Dan will be stepping down as Chair of the SYP committee. Rachel Lee will be taking over.

The SYP will be broken up into two separate committees.

## Representatives Reports

**Spring Biosolids Symposium:** Bill Marten had submitted a written report. Planning for the 2008 Symposium will start in August.

**Water Wastewater Education Association:** Rusty Schroedel presented an oral report. Rusty made the last meeting. The primary task of the Association is to maintain a training calendar to minimize conflicts with multiple seminars, meetings or training sessions. He encouraged members to look for gaps in the calendar when scheduling new training.

## Old Business

**Board of Control Liaison Committee Contacts:** Tom Mulcahy encouraged the Board to continue making contacts to their respective committees as was recommended by the Committee on Committees.

**Committee Annual Plans:** Tom Mulcahy stated that Annual Plans should be in place for 2007 giving committees focus and specific direction going forward.

**CD for Excess WI Section Funds:** Dave Arnott reported that the CD purchase approved at the February 28, 2007 meeting was executed.

**Management Seminar Status:** Bill Marten stated that the Wisconsin Water Association has more members in the planning committee than the Wisconsin Section. The committee is always looking for more members and greater representation during planning

## New Business

**Committee Chairs Changes:** The new chairs are summarized as follows:

Government Affairs Committee – Jane Carlson

Collection System Committee – Todd Stelmacher

Students and Young Professionals Committee – Rachel Lee

**Wisconsin Section Service Award:** Tom Sigmund was awarded the 2007 Wisconsin Section Service Award for outstanding Leadership and Dedicated Service.

**Passing of the Gavel:** As new Chair of the Wisconsin Section CSWEA, Bill Marten was passed the gavel from Tom Mulcahy. Bill Marten's first act as Chair was to award Tom Mulcahy with a plaque recognizing his tenure as Chair from May 2006 to May 2007.

**2007-2008 Wisconsin Chair Remarks:** Bill Marten stated he was looking forward to the next year. The section has built great momentum the past year with the new procedures outlined by the Committee on Committees. He wants to work to get young members more involved.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further new business Lamont Albers moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Rusty Schroedel. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

David W. Arnott  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Wisconsin Section - CSWEA