



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

**Minutes of the Winter Board Meeting
Wisconsin Section - Central States Water Environment
Association
February 18, 2009
Madison Marriott West, Middleton, WI**

Chair Steve Godfrey called the Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environment Association Winter Board meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. on February 21, 2009 at the Madison Marriott West Hotel Middleton, Wisconsin.

Board Members present:

- Steve Godfrey, Chair
- Jim Beier, Vice Chair
- Ken Sedmak, CSWEA Trustee
- Dave Arnott, Secretary/Treasurer
- Bill Marten, Past Chair

Other members present were: Jay Kemp, Dale Doerr, Jane Carson, Keith Haas, and Rachel Lee.

Introduction of those present: All attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of the November 21, 2008 Annual Business Meeting Minutes: After a minor spelling correction was noted for Dan Lynch's last name, Ken Sedmak motioned that the meeting minutes for the November 21, 2008 Annual Business Meeting be approved. Second by Bill Marten. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Arnott presented the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance in the Section's accounts of \$31,600.17 as of February 16th, 2009. Of this amount, \$7,706.83 was in our checking account, \$8,057.17 was in our savings account, \$5,284.79 was in our 14-month CD, and \$10,551.38 was in our 8-month CD.

Dale Doerr moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Second by Ken Sedmak. Motion passed.

CSWEA Trustee Report: Trustee Ken Sedmak presented a verbal report that closely followed his written report, which is posted on the Wisconsin Section website. The most recent meeting

of the Central States Executive Committee was December 11 and 12, 2009 at the Lincolnshire Marriott, Lincolnshire, IL.

Other subjects with additional discussion were as follows:

Eric Lecuyer feels that the use of the Cvent registration process for CSWEA and Wisconsin Section events is very useful. Eric stated that Wisconsin Section is not using it and should consider it. It was discussed among the members present that for larger events, CALS is used. CALS likely performs the same functions as Cvent. Members thought that it was very efficient working with CALS especially for the Government Affairs seminar.

On the subject of CSWEA/IWEA relations, CSWEA received a memorandum of understanding (MOU) from IWEA that was not acceptable to CSWEA. The MOU had an uncooperative tone. Recently, there has been a turn around in relations between CSWEA and IWEA. Some misunderstandings have been resolved. Ken Sedak reported that although relations have been more positive recently, there is still a lot of work to do.

Dave Arnott asked about the CSWEA/ ABC Plant Maintenance Technologist Certification program CSWEA is implementing. Ken Sedmak explained that ABC is a testing company in Iowa. The idea of this program is to standardize requirements and testing for plant maintenance in water and wastewater facilities. The first round of tests will be in Illinois as a start-up before it is expanded to Wisconsin and Minnesota.

WWOA Liaison Report: WWOA Liaison Dennis Egge was not present at the meeting. A written report was not submitted.

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 and presented a verbal report. The committee meets the first week in March to schedule the North Woods Collection System Seminar. A tentative agenda for the "Classic" Collection System Seminar has been set.

Government Affairs: Jane Carlson submitted a written report. Jane reported that she recently sent out an e-mail blast for the proposed draft rule on thermal standards.

For the Government Affairs Seminar, they have 202 pre-registered individuals. They expect about 20 walk-ups.

Industrial Waste: No verbal report was given, as the Committee Chair was not at the meeting. A written report was not submitted.

Membership: Jay Kemp is still getting used to the Committee charges. Jay talked about focusing his efforts in four areas:

1. Identifying and recognizing new members. It was discussed that it may be a good idea to put a ribbon on the name badge of new members at the Annual Meeting. A directory was discussed. It was suggested that we copy the format that WWOA uses. The Board thought it was OK to have an on-line directory. The challenge of a directory is keeping track of awards people may have won and keeping track of people as their contact information changes.
2. Recruitment. Jay would like to have an award for any member that recruits 10 or more new members in a calendar year. It was pointed out that memberships in the newly

formed membership association category (where an individual is not a member of WEF by default) would be relevant too. The Board pointed out that it would be a committee function to determine the logistics and initiate the award. Ken Sedmak stated that WEF did have membership kits available for use.

3. Employer contact. Jay asked the Board if it would be OK for the committee to contact a key member of an existing member's employer to ask them to recruit additional members. The contact could have aspects of public relations of WEF and CSWEA too. The Board thought that would be OK. Keith Hass stated that for public employees, involvement with WEF and CSWEA may depend on the commission.
4. Identify additional training for members. Jay said that this was not part of the committee charge, but it was part of the strategic plan. Steve Godfrey thought this would be a good way to reach out to members. Ken Sedmak said that the Membership Committee should know what members' needs are and should interface with Committee Chairs.

Operations Committee Troy Larson submitted a written report. Troy was not at the meeting.

Management Seminar: No written report was received. The committee Chair was not at the meeting.

Public Education and Awareness: Chair Dale Doerr submitted a written report and presented a verbal report. Dale talked about the World Monitoring Day kits he purchased. Dale purchased 36 kits with the help of a \$1,000 donation by WWOA. Dale distributed the kits. Dale plans to order more kits in March. He will need help distributing the kits to schools after he receives them all. The kits are less expensive if they are shipped to one place. Dale handed out a list of all Schools for which he has or will have a kits for. Dale encourages meeting attendees to help distribute the kits if they would be in the area anyway for business.

Even though Word Monitoring Day is one specific day in September, the kits will be distributed with the idea that they will be used anytime between March and September.

Dale is looking for help in judging the Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition.

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. Jane Carlson mentioned that the committee did have a conference call a couple weeks ago. The committee is presently working on TMDL's for the Fox and Rock rivers.

Students & Young Professionals: Rachel Lee submitted a written report and gave a verbal report. Rachel reported that the UW-Madison Chapter is doing well. They had their kickoff meeting a couple weeks ago and have set up a bank account.

It was stressed that it would be nice to have a chapter in the Milwaukee area and one for Platteville. At one time, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Marquette were going to form a joint chapter, but that movement has lost momentum. Joan Hawley and Jim Shaw were identified as two individuals that could potentially help to initiate a chapter at Marquette.

Keith Hass said that at Platteville, they only offer one sanitary engineering course, and that course is offered at the end of their junior year or senior year. Because of this timing, it is hard to get students that are really interested in this and that have the time to contribute to a chapter.

The YP Summit is 4/23 through 4/25 in Las Vegas. Rachel Lee had been previously approved by the Board for attendance. The cost to Wisconsin Section for Rachel Lee will be less than \$200 since CSWEA and Strand are underwriting some of her costs.

Trevor Ghylin is also interested in attending the Summit. The merits of partially paying for Trevor's expenses were discussed. Keith Haas moved that Wisconsin Section pay for up to \$600 in travel expenses to send Trevor to the YP Summit with the understanding that Trevor write a formal request letter for the trip and that Trevor would debrief the Board after the event. Seconded by Ken Sedmak. Motion passed. It was also discussed that Trevor could possibly help with the creation of a Milwaukee student chapter; however that was not part of the motion.

Representatives Reports

Spring Biosolids Symposium: Jay Kemp had submitted a written report.

Water Wastewater Education Association: No report received and no report was given as the Committee Chair was not at the meeting.

Old Business

Nutrient Criteria Update:

Jane stated that Wisconsin Section sent a letter to EPA on October 10, 2008 supporting a Pennsylvania group's request for peer review of the new EPA methodology used for the basis of nutrient standards. The method used was very similar to the USGS- WDNR method used for draft phosphorus criteria development. After a delay in response back from EPA, a real independent peer review of the methodology will be done. Public input will also be obtained.

Board of Control Committee Liaison Activity: Several members of the Board did not make their committee contacts. Steve Godfrey will send out a reminder to all Board members with their respective committee.

New Business

Draft Temperature Standards Update: Jane solicited comments from CH2M Hill. Jane submitted those comments along with comments from Strand, to the Board for approval about a week ago. The Board approved these and the final comments were sent to DNR on February 12, 2009. The way the rule is written now, approximately 25% of the POTW's in the state will have a thermal standard in place as part of their permit. This was not the original intent of the rule. The process for variance could be cumbersome.

Upcoming Events

Government Affairs Seminar – February 19, 2009, Middleton, WI

Spring Biosolids Symposium – March 10, 2009, Stevens Point, WI

Education Seminar – April 7, 2009, Madison, WI

CSWEA Annual Meeting – May 18 – 21, Lincolnshire, IL

Adjournment

Ken Sedmak stated that attendance for this meeting was sparse and that several written reports were missing. He encouraged meeting attendees to reach out to those who were not here.

There being no further new business, Steve Godfrey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Keith Haas. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

David W. Arnott
Secretary/Treasurer
Wisconsin Section - CSWEA