



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

**Agenda
Wisconsin Section CSWEA May Board Meeting
May 24, 2016
7:30 AM
Intercontinental Riverfront – St. Paul, MN**

Chair Alan Grooms called the Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environmental Association board meeting to order at 7:50 AM on May 24, 2017 at the Intercontinental Riverfront Hotel in St. Paul, MN.

Board Members Present:

- Alan Grooms, Chair
- Jay Kemp, Vice Chair
- Eric Lynne, Treasurer
- Veronica Loete, Secretary
- Randy Wirtz, Trustee
- Jeremy Cramer, WWOA Liaison

Members Present:

- Dave Arnott
- Sam Austin
- Paul Boersma
- Dave Botts
- Jane Carlson
- Steve Dye
- Nora Erlandson
- Dean Falkner
- Autumn Fisher
- Josh Gable
- Trevor Ghylin
- Keith Haas
- Jim Kleinschmidt
- Mary-Frances Klimek
- Brandon Koltz
- Tom Krueger
- Troy Larson
- Richard Onderko
- Jan Orth
- Steve Peterson
- Rusty Schroedel
- Matt Seib
- Tom Sigmund
- Chris Tippery
- Glenn Tranowski
- Sam Warp Jr.

1. **Introduction of Those Present**
Attendees introduced themselves and indicated CSWEA involvement
2. **Approval of Minutes of Feb 2017 Winter Business Meeting**
Motion to approve as presented: Eric Lynne, second: Brandon Koltz, motion passed.

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3. **Treasurer's Report**

Eric Lynne presented the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance in the Section's accounts of \$24,527.38 as of 5/24/2017. Of this amount, \$5,150.85 was in the checking account, \$19,376.53 was in the savings account.

Motion to approve as written: Jane Carlson, second: Dean Falkner, motion passed.

4. **Trustee's Report**

Trustee Randy Wirtz provided a written report, see attached packet.

5. **WWOA Liaison's Report**

WWOA Liaison Jeremy Cramer provided a written report, see attached packet.

6. **Committee & Representatives Reports**

- a. Collection System – Wegner
Sam Warp provided a verbal report from Sam. The fee for the collection system seminar was raised \$5 this past year.
- b. Government Affairs – Kleinschmidt
Committee Chair Jim Kleinschmidt provided a written report, see attached packet. Brandon Koltz and Keith Haas attended the WEF Fly-in. Members are encouraged to sign up for Water Advocates program (Link on WEF Gov't Affairs page)
- c. Industrial Waste – Kemp
Committee Chair Jay Kemp provided a verbal report. Pretreatment seminar will be held on 8/15/17. Registration information will be out soon.
- d. Membership – Fisher
Committee Chair Autumn Fisher provided a written report, see attached packet.
- e. Operations – Larson
Committee Chair Troy Larson provided a written report, see attached packet.
- f. Management Seminar – Haack
Claudia Haack provided written report, see attached packet.
- g. Public Education/Awareness – Yoshida
Committee Chair Hiroko Yoshida provided a written report, see attached packet. Verbal summary provided by Josh Gable.

- h. Watershed and Stormwater – Tranowski
Committee Chair Glenn Tranowski provided written report, see attached packet.
 - i. Young Professionals and Students Committees – Austin
Committee Chair Samantha Austin provided written report, see attached packet.
 - j. Spring Biosolids Symposium –Marten
Committee Chair Bill Marten provided written report, see attached packet.
7. **Old Business**
- a. None
8. **New Business**
- a. Plan date/time for August Board Meeting
Planned for Milwaukee on August 10.
 - b. Request that committees provide updated committee chair information to Secretary and Chair
9. **Passing of the Gavel**
Chair Alan Grooms thanked the Section for the opportunity to lead for the past year and handed the gavel to incoming chair Jay Kemp.
- Upon Receiving the gavel, Jay gave former chair Alan Grooms, a plaque as a token of appreciation for his service.
10. **WI Section Service Award**
Alan Grooms presented this year’s WI Section Service Award to Jane Carlson.
11. **Upcoming Events**
- Wisconsin Section Classic Collection System Seminar – Watertown, WI – June 8, 2017
 - CSWEA CSX – Wisconsin Dells, WI – July 20-21, 2017
 - Wisconsin Section Northwoods Collection System Seminar – Marshfield, WI – July 27, 2017
 - Wisconsin Section CSWEA/AWWA Management Seminar – Milwaukee, WI – August 9, 2017
 - Wisconsin Section Board Meeting – TBD – August, 2017
 - Pre-Treatment Seminar – Oshkosh, WI – August 15, 2017
 - WEFTEC 2017 – Chicago, IL – October 1-4, 2017
 - WWOA Annual Conference – Middleton, WI – October 17-20, 2017

- Wisconsin Section Board Meeting and Stormwater Webinar – Milwaukee, WI – November 14, 2017
- Operations Seminar – TBD – November 2017

12. **Adjourn**

There being no further new business

Motion to approve and adjourn: Rusty Schroedel, second: Randy Wirtz.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48

Respectfully Submitted:

Veronica Loete
 Secretary
 Wisconsin Section - CSWEA

Board Member	Assigned Committee
Chair	Students and Young Professionals
Trustee	Watershed Management and Government Affairs
Past Chair	Membership and Public Education & Awareness
Vice-Chair	Collection Systems and Industrial Wastes
WWOA Liaison	Operations and Safety



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Committee Reports

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4) Trustee's Report – Randy Wirtz

Section Update

Our Executive Director recently provided a nudge to look at what the sections are doing to improve, be innovative, etc. With that in mind, I compiled a few nuggets demonstrating our recent changes, additions, updates, and innovations:

1. We have made an effort to improve transition planning to get new faces and ideas into our committee leadership. The following highlights the success of this initiative as we have several new committee chairs either recently or as of the May 2017 meeting:
 - Autumn Fisher, Membership
 - Sam Austin, Co-chair S&YP
 - Kevin Berg, Co-chair S&YP
 - Paul Boersma - Government Affairs
 - Amy Post, Collection Systems
 - Mark Mittag, Watershed and Stormwater
 - Jay Kemp, Industrial Wastes
 - Jeremy Cramer, Operations
 - Hiroko Yoshida and Tricia Garrison, Public Education and Awareness
 - Glenn Tranowski, Biosolids Symposium
2. Our November 2016 Resource Recovery Seminar was a huge success and we are building off of that in 2017.
3. Our YP group continues to be active with good attendance at many events.

Other Sections' Updates

I've always considered the Wisconsin Section to be the leader of the three sections, but the other sections are doing some pretty cool things as well:

1. A MN Section Exchange was planned for April 2017; this is the third year in a row that this exchange will be held. This is modeled on the CSWEA CSX and WEF's WEFMAX meetings, which are designed to bring leadership and membership together to learn from each other and brainstorm ways to improve.

2. The Minnesota Resource Recovery and Energy (R2E) Committee was officially added to the MN Section Policies & Procedures Manual at the November 2016 Business Meeting. A kickoff meeting was held in November and another meeting was held on January 10, 2017. There are currently 12 members on the committee thus far and we anticipate getting more as we let others know more about the committee and its goals.
3. The Illinois Section also started a Resource Recovery Committee and held a seminar a couple of weeks ago.
4. The MN Section Stormwater Committee held a meeting on October 4th at 2pm at the Capital Region Watershed District Office, St. Paul. Discussed committee goals, covered local stormwater news and had a brainstorming session on key topics of focus for the committee, including stormwater research, water reuse, and technology. It was decided that tours and workshops would be effective method of education for stormwater initiatives. The committee was also involved in setting up stormwater sessions at the annual Conference on the Environment (COE). Committee members are also hosting a stormwater tour as part of the annual meeting. The tour is called Swales, Rails and Ales and will feature CHS Field, a ride on the Green line with a stop at Green Line Green Infrastructure and end up viewing green infrastructure practices at Bang Brewing.
5. MN Conference on the Environment (COE) - A very successful COE was held in November at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Final numbers are not yet available, but it is estimated the organization's profit is ~\$10,000 for both MN Section CSWEA and AMWA.

Other Updates/Farewell Comments

1. **CSWEA LIFT Affiliate (Update)** - CSWEA was approached by WEF LIFT (Leaders Innovation Forum for Technology) representatives to be an affiliate member. Details are still being worked out with WE&RF. Eric Lynne had a conversation with a WE&RF representative a month ago, but WE&RF hadn't finalized their MA offering yet. Essentially, the MA can join as a quasi "view only member(s)" where we could have a few log-ins to LIFT details to better monitor LIFT to disseminate the information.
2. **Seminar Fees and Sponsorships** - All seminars should strive to make some profit to allow the Section and CSWEA to remain financially strong. Many seminars keep fees the same year after year. Most/all seminars don't have sponsorships. All committee chairs and seminar planning committees should consider increasing fees and/or including sponsorship opportunities.
 - . Spring Biosolids Symposium
 - a. Management Seminar
 - b. Operations Seminar(s)
 - c. Government Affairs Seminar
 - d. Classic and Northwoods Collection Systems Seminars
 - e. Industrial Pretreatment
 - f. YP activities

Recommendations - I have been involved with committees, the Wisconsin Section Board, and/or the CSWEA Executive Committee in one capacity or another in for more than 20 years now. Over that time, the organization has improved if and only if the people in leadership roles are committed to such

improvement. I strongly suggest that the Wisconsin Section continue to be committed to improvement and to regularly reviewing its programs, committees, activities, and future perspectives. This effort has to come from leadership and should be part of every Board meeting, CSX, Executive Committee meeting, and committee meeting. This cannot happen without someone taking the initiative to make it happen, and the Section Board, through example and communication, needs to make this a priority every year

5) WWOA Liaison's Report – Jeremy Cramer

OPERATOR'S COMPETITION: An Operator's Competition will be held at the 2017 WWOA Annual Conference. The Board of Directors hopes to see at least one team compete from each region. Please let Rick Mealy, Committee Chair, know if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas regarding the Operator's Competition.

richard.mealy@wisconsin.gov

CLARIFIER: Submit articles for the Clarifier to

Jonathan.Butt@SYMBIONTONLINE.com

TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS: As a reminder, the WWOA offers six \$150 tuition reimbursements annually. The tuition reimbursements are on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are also three \$1000 scholarships and a \$5000 scholarship available. Application information and forms are located on the WWOA website.

WWOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The next WWOA Board of Directors meeting will be held at the Marriot in Middleton on August 3rd and 4th.

WWOA Annual Conference: The WWOA will hold its 51st Annual conference on October 17-20th 2017 at the Marriott Madison West in Middleton.

WWOA name change discussion: The Wisconsin Wastewater Operators' Association has been discussing a possible name change for the organization. The organization is considering making a change to be more representative of the changing times in the wastewater profession. A possible change to be more reflective of resource recovery is being discussed by the Board of Directors and the entire membership. The Board of Directors will listen to input from the membership and gauge the level of interest in making a name change.

WWOA Annual Conference Technical Program: The Technical Program will again include a presentation/discussion on "Tricks of the Trade." The presentation committee is soliciting tricks and tips from members. Members are invited to submit their tricks and tips to be included in the presentation to Troy Larson at troy.larson@strand.com. The Tricks of the Trade committee will assist contributors in presenting a series of short stories illustrating lessons learned. Assistance for contributors will vary as necessary to promote the sharing of ideas and may include presenting on their behalf.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
June 8, 2017	Watertown Classic Collection System Seminar	Watertown, WI
June 16, 2017	Operators Golf Outing	Elkhart Lake, WI
July 27, 2017	Northwood's Collection System Seminar	Marshfield, WI
July 28, 2017	Northwest Regional Meeting	Medford, WI
August 3 and 4, 2017	WWOA Board of Directors Meeting	Middleton, WI
August 8, 2017	West Central Fall Meeting	Colfax, WI
August 17, 2017	Lake Michigan Summer Meeting	New Holstein, WI
September 14, 2017	Southeast Fall Meeting	Elkhart Lake, WI
October 27, 2017	Northwest Fall Meeting	Cumberland, WI
December 14, 2017	Lake Michigan Year End Meeting	Shawano, WI

6) Collection Systems – Jerad Wegner, Chair (Amy Post, Vice Chair)

No report submitted in this packet.

Government Affairs – Jim Kleinschmidt, Chair

To: Veronica Loete - Secretary Wisconsin Section
From: Jim Kleinschmidt, Government Affairs Committee Chair
Paul Boersma, Government Affairs Committee Vice-Chair
Date: May 19, 2017
Subject: Government Affairs Committee Report

The primary focus of the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) is to identify and track various regulatory/legislative initiatives that may have a significant impact on Wisconsin Section members, including federal initiatives that will impact Wisconsin. Following are brief summaries prepared by individual committee members in the areas of recent interest

Paul Boersma will become chair in May of 2017 after the CSWEA meeting. Chris will become vice-chair at that time as well.

Regulatory and Other Initiatives Updates

Nutrient Criteria (Designated Uses, Biocriteria, Site Specific Limit for P, Total Nitrogen)

Jane Carlson, Strand Associates
Tyler Linton, Great Lakes Environmental Center
Jim Kleinschmidt, Baxter & Woodman

Designated Uses, Biocriteria, Site Specific Limit for P, Total Nitrogen-Ad Hoc Committee

Committee Members
Tyler Linton, Chair and Official Designee for External Advisory Committee
Jane Carlson
Brandon Koltz

Paul Kent and Vanessa Wishart
Mark Mittag
Jim Bachhuber
Dave Taylor
Jim Kleinschmidt
Hans Holmberg

Key Issues Summary

- The CSWEA Ad Hoc committee has reviewed the proposed rules as currently written, but does not intend to provide final comments until the committee receives, reviews, and considers the revised language that DNR is presently working on.
- As of now, the current proposed PRC are so restrictive that no discharger would likely be able to obtain a site-specific limit even though the fish and macroinvertebrate populations are meeting criteria.
- A second issue is that even if a site specific limit would be available the value would be set at current ambient concentrations which would provide no assimilative capacity.
- The Ad Hoc Committee recommends that Field Verification should be required before any change in water body classification to a waterbody receiving discharge is made. This would allow the discharger to effectively challenge the DNR decision on reclassification before discharge permit limits would be affected.

Committee Summary

Based on an e-mail sent on March 24, 2017 there is a delay in the process by Wisconsin DNR due to comments received thus far from the External Advisory Committee and also staff changes. DNR has received feedback from the CSWEA Ad Hoc Committee, as well as committee representatives from other groups, expressing general concerns about minimizing effects of the Rule Package (as currently drafted) to permittees and simplifying the overall set of rules. Minimizing effects to permittees and simplifying the overall set of rules are both significant goals of DNR's as well, and DNR is currently working on ideas that they think may accomplish both of these goals while maintaining the essential parts of the rule packages. The delay in the process is due to DNR's current on-going effort to complete the desired revisions to parts of the Rule Package and prepare a second draft of the rules reflecting the changes.

As indicated in our previous Government Affairs report on the DNR Rule Package, the benefits the Department seeks from the Rule Package are for improved equity, efficiency, and scientific defensibility in water quality standards. The Rule Package is expected to allow DNR to tailor water quality criteria to individual waterbodies via a scientifically-defensible process that provides consistency for applicants. The Rule Package is also intended to provide for a streamlined process for non-controversial cases, and allows for a more rigorous promulgation process for more controversial cases.

The foundational document for DNR's Rule Package is U.S. EPA (EPA-820-F-13-039): *Guiding Principles on an Optional Approach for Developing and Implementing a Numeric Nutrient Criterion that Integrates Causal and Response Parameters*; dated September, 2013 (<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2013-09/documents/guiding-principles.pdf>). Per Dave Pfiefer, U.S. EPA Region 5, the integrated approach described in these guiding principles applies only to water quality standards for the nutrients nitrogen and phosphorus. The guiding principles are meant to apply when states (like Wisconsin) wish to rely on response parameters to indicate that a designated use is protected, *even though a nitrogen and/or phosphorus level is/are above an adopted threshold*. DNR is interested in this approach because, for several years now, the Department has employed a biological assessment program that measures biological responses and other nutrient-related response parameters through a robust monitoring program that accounts for spatial and temporal variability to document the effects of nutrient (phosphorus) pollution (see Wisconsin 2017 Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology (WisCALM) for CWA Section 303(d) and 305(b) Integrated Reporting - DRAFT). Furthermore, DNR believes that their additions and modifications to the current biological assessment program (as specified in the Rule Package) will afford them the ability to: i) identify shifts in multiple biological assemblages (e.g., aquatic macrophytes, periphyton, benthic macroinvertebrates, fish) along a gradient of anthropogenic stress that can be tied to designated uses, and ii) quantify the relationship between phosphorus concentrations and measures of biological assemblage response.

The CSWEA Ad Hoc committee has reviewed the proposed rules as currently written, but does not intend to provide final comments until the committee receives, reviews, and considers the revised language that DNR is presently working on. From a permittee's perspective (most of our members) the Rule Package has several issues that simple language changes may not rectify.

The first is the use of phosphorus response criteria in addition to the use of fish and macroinvertebrate for characterizing Wisconsin's streams, rivers, and lakes (combined nutrient criteria; NR102.07). DNR's phosphorus response criteria (PRC) are meant to be used in conjunction with the state's phosphorus criteria, as "Combined Criteria", and are currently codified as such in Wisc. Code NR102.07 (part of the proposed Rule Package). In the combined criteria approach, if a waterbody exceeds its applicable phosphorus criterion, but within a prescribed range, then WDNR would monitor and analyze whether the waterbody is attaining its PRC before making a decision to list as impaired. If all phosphorus response criteria are attaining the established criteria, the waterbody would not be listed as impaired for phosphorus. If any one PRC is not attained, the waterbody would be listed as impaired. Importantly, a less stringent site-specific criterion for P may be appropriate if all of a waterbody's PRC and biocriteria (based on macroinvertebrate and fish metrics) are attained.

As of now, the current proposed PRC are so restrictive that no discharger would likely be able to obtain a site-specific limit even though the fish and macroinvertebrate populations are meeting criteria. As stated in the previous Government Affairs committee report (dated 17 February 2017), DNR's own internal analysis of numerous

sites found the following (**Note:** brief independent analyses by the CSWEA Ad Hoc Committee at select locations reached similar conclusions):

- **Streams** – Of 190 sites, 5 may be eligible for less-stringent SSC but only 1 stream has dischargers. An estimate of how many sites may be eligible for **more-stringent SSC** was not provided.
- **Rivers** – Of 41 rivers (all have dischargers), only 2 may be eligible for less-stringent SSC and 8 may be eligible for more-stringent SSC (all in the Wisconsin River or Fox River TMDL).
- **Lakes, Reservoirs, Impounded Flowing Waters** – Of the 522 lakes, reservoirs, and impounded flowing waters, 12 waters may be candidates for less-stringent SSC (none of these have outfalls on or upstream), and 57 waters may be candidates for more-stringent SSC (most do not have outfalls on or upstream, but 7 have one or more outfalls upstream and all are in TMDL areas).

A second issue is that even if a site specific limit would be available the value would be set at current ambient concentrations which would provide no assimilative capacity.

The only relief might be a minor change in criteria which would likely not have any significant change in permittee requirements.

The third issue is the development of a “streamlined” approach to changing water body classifications. Per NR 102.42 (Numeric biocriteria) in the proposed Rules, *“biocriteria are established to protect the overall biological health of a waterbody based on key assemblages of aquatic life pertinent to its aquatic life use. A waterbody shall attain the numeric biocriteria applicable to its tiered aquatic life use, in accordance with its waterbody type, natural [fish] community, and biocriteria tier.”* Based on a preliminary review of about 10 % of dischargers and DNR’s “default” natural community designation (according to the proposed “streamlined” approach), many would potentially find themselves moved from warm water category to a cold water category, without field verification. Per NR 102.043 (Assignment of designated uses to surface waters) in the proposed rules: *“(2) TIERED AQUATIC LIFE USE ASSIGNMENT AND VERIFICATION. The department shall assign a waterbody’s tiered aquatic life use according to this subsection. Any revision to uses assigned under this subsection shall follow the procedures in s. NR 102.045. With this rule package, the WDNR will not be eliminating eliminating NR 104 variance (LAL, LFF) but this may occur in the future when NR 104 is revised.*

(a) Trout class 1 and 2 waters. All waters classified as trout class 1 or 2 under ch. NR 1.02 (7) shall be assigned a waterbody type of cold stream.

(b) Two-story fishery lakes. All waters verified by the department as two-story fishery lakes shall be assigned a waterbody type of cold lake.

Note: A list of two-story fishery lakes that contain naturally reproducing lake trout, whitefish, or cisco, or are stocked and managed by the department for brook, brown, or rainbow trout, is available on the department’s water quality standards website.

(c) Waterbody type. All surface waters other than those in pars. (a) and (b) shall be assigned a default waterbody type in accordance with subds. 1 to 5, based on

the waterbody's physical characteristics and **the aquatic community it is predicted to be capable of supporting [emphasis]**, unless sufficient site-specific data are available to assign a field-verified waterbody type. If sufficient site-specific field data are available the department shall assign a field-verified waterbody type in place of the default type.

1. Streams and rivers, including those classified as trout class 3 under ch. NR 1.02 (7), **shall be assigned a default waterbody type through application of the department's Wisconsin Stream Natural Community Model.**

(Protocols for verifying natural community classifications are found in the following document available through the department's Water Quality Standards program: Lyons, J. 2015. Methodology for Using Field Data to Identify and Correct Wisconsin Stream "Natural Community" Misclassifications, Version 5. Unpublished white paper. Bureau of Science Services, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Madison, WI.)

The Ad Hoc Committee recommends that Field Verification should be required before any change in water body classification to a waterbody receiving discharge is made. This would allow the discharger to effectively challenge the DNR decision on reclassification before discharge permit limits would be affected.

Anyone interested learning more of the current PRC and the Designated Uses they are designed to protect, along with a short synopsis of the technical underpinnings, is encouraged to contact the CSWEA Ad Hoc Committee via Tyler Linton (tlinton@glec.com) or Jim Kleinschmidt (jkleinschmidt@baxterwoodman.com). The Ad Hoc Committee is particularly interested in your thoughts, comments or suggestions regarding some of the information provided above.

TMDLs-Allen Williams, Donohue and Associates

Milwaukee River

No updates to report.

Northeastern Wisconsin Lake Michigan Tributaries

The WDNR has announced plans to develop a TMDL for the tributaries of Lake Michigan in northeastern Wisconsin from Ozaukee County north to Door County. The TMDL will include a study of the amounts and sources of total phosphorus and total suspended solids and develop a plan to reduce the loadings. The streams to be included in this TMDL are Stoney Creek (Door County), Ahnapee River, Krok Creek (Kewaunee County), East and West Twin Rivers, Manitowoc River and a number of other streams in Sheboygan and Ozaukee County.

Upper Fox and Wolf River Basin

No updates to report.

Wisconsin River

No updates to report.

Wisconsin Proposed 2017-2018 Budget
Financial/Funding Issues-Jim Kleinschmidt

The proposed Wisconsin Budget 2017-2018 will eliminate the financial hardship program and replace the program with subsidized interest rates depending on the median household income of the community. The subsidized rate for non-hardship loans is proposed to change from 55 per cent to 70 per cent. Loans will be available interest free for communities with a population less than 1,000 and a median household income of less than 65 % of the statewide average (\$52,738) and for those with a population less than 10,000 with a median household income of less than 80 % of the statewide average. *There has been express concern in this change by at least one member of Joint Finance. The overall Joint Finance Committee approved these changes.*

Transfer of Confined Animal Feed Lots (CAFO) from DNR to DATCP (New Issue)

The proposed Wisconsin Budget for 2017-2019 requires DNR and DATCP to study the possibility of transferring the regulations of CAFOs from DNR to DATCP. This will require the approval of US EPA to allow DATCP to receive delegated authority to run the CAFO program. *This item was deleted from the budget by the Joint Finance Committee.*

Administrative Rules

Preliminary Hearing on Scope Statements (New Issue)

The proposed Wisconsin Budget for 2017-2018 is proposing that Agency heads schedule a preliminary public hearing on scope statements following approval of the scope statement by the Governor.

Bill Authorization for Regulations with an Economic Impact of Greater Than \$10,000,000

The proposed Wisconsin Budget for 2017-2018 contains a provision that if an economic analysis of a regulation indicates a cost of more than \$10,000,000 over a two year period will require a specific bill to authorize the regulation unless the agency reduces the project costs to under the \$10,000,000 over a two-year period threshold. The economic analysis can be ordered either by the chairs of the Joint Committee on Rules and Regulation or the DOA. All economic analyses. DOA must approve of the results of the economic analysis before promulgation may continue. *Independent of the Budget process, the Senate has passed a REINS act with language very similar to that included in the budget (Senate Bill 15) and the Assembly has reported out of committee Assembly Bill 42 (companion bill to Senate Bill 15) but no date has yet been set for action by the full Assembly.*

Waters of the U.S.-Paul Boersma, Black & Veatch

A nation-wide stay on the Clean Water Rule that was placed by the Sixth Circuit Court in 2015 remains in effect. The court could hear oral arguments about the rule in the coming months but the opposition by the Trump administration and congress makes it very uncertain if and

how the rule may move ahead. In the meantime, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is making wetland delineations following its pre-rule methodology.

Final MS4 General Permit Remand Rule-Paul Boersma, Black & Veatch

The Phase II storm water rule addressed how smaller municipal separate storm systems (MS4s) were regulated. Several years ago, the Phase II storm water rule was challenged and the challenge resulted in a partial remand with instructions that the EPA modify portions of the rule. The EPA asked for comments on three options. The EPA ultimately crafted a rule based on Option 3, which was called the State Choice option. Option 3 allows the permitting agency to choose between two regulatory options. The rule was signed by the EPA on November 17, 2016. The final rule provides for the flexibility that had been sought by WEF in its comments on the draft rule.

Executive Order 13777-Regulatory Overreach-Jim Kleinschmidt

US EPA held a listening session on Water rules on May 2, 2017 specifically to address rules that could be repealed, replaced or modified to make them less burdensome. Comments on this issue were due to US EPA on May 15, 2017.

Related to this issue, Senator Marklein (Wisconsin Senate) circulated a letter to the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation regarding rolling back provisions of the phosphorus regulations and obtained signatures of other legislators. The Wisconsin League of Municipalities is on record supporting this effort.

Regulatory Reform Bill (LRB 2593/1)-Jim Kleinschmidt

This proposed bill that is currently out for co-sponsors would require re-adoption of all administrative rules every seven years and would provide substantial legislative review of the re-adoption process. This is a complementary bill to the REINS bill (Senate Act 15 and Assembly Act 42). According to available information, an agency would need to request re-adoption but if the relevant standing committees object, the code could be renewed by going through the rule making process again. Typically, controversial administrative rules currently take a minimum of three years for legislative approval.

CMOM and Wet Weather Updates-Matt Seib

The WI DNR is including new questions related to energy use and information for future CMARs (Compliance Maintenance Annual Report). Revised CMOM questions are also being reviewed. WI DNR held several training across the state in April and early May to familiarize utilities with these changes. For more information or questions, contact Jack Saltes at WI DNR (jack.saltes@wisconsin.gov).

Topics with no update for this quarterly report (please see previous reports):

- Chloride Variance
 - Dave Taylor (*Last updated August, 2014*)
- Wisconsin DNR Thermal Rules Revisions (NR 102 and NR 106)

- Jim Kleinschmidt (*Last updated August, 2013*)
- Biosolids-EPA Initiatives and National Biosolids Partnership EMS Program
 - David Taylor (*Last updated May 2014*)
- Recreational Criteria /Other Water Quality Criteria
 - Brandon Koltz (*Last updated August 2013*)
- USEPA Proposed Integrated Permitting/Planning
 - Brandon Koltz (*Last updated May, 2013*)
- Water Quality Trading
 - Brandon Koltz (*Last updated May, 2013*)
- National Water Policy Forum
 - Brandon Koltz (*Last Updated August, 2015*)
- Air Standards
 - Chris Tippery, Symbiont (*Last Updated August, 2015*)
- Priority Topics for WDNR 2015-2107 Triennial Standards Review
 - Hans Holmburg
- Rule Packages 3 and 4 (*Last Updated February 2016*)
- Wisconsin Regulatory Summit Group (*Last Updated February 2016*)
- Ammonia Limits (*Last Updated in May 2016*)
 - Tyler Linton, Great Lakes Environmental Center
- Great Lakes Issues (*Last Updated in August 2016*)
- National Study of Nutrient Removal and Secondary Technologies (*Last Updated in November 2016*)
 - Jane Carlson
- Total Nitrogen Criteria (*Last Updated in November 2016*)
 - Jane Carlson
- Anti-Degradation (*Last Updated in November 2016*)
 - Hans Holmburg
 - Paul Kent
- Multidischarger Variance for phosphorus compliance (Wis. Stat. s. 283.16)-Jim Kleinschmidt

List of Wisconsin Section Government Affairs Committee Members

Chair: Jim Kleinschmidt, Baxter & Woodman

Vice-Chair: Paul Boersma, Black & Veatch

Second Vice-Chair: Chris Tippery, Symbiont

Hans Holmberg, LimnoTech

Jeff Brochtrup, Madison MSD

Brent Brown, CH2M Hill

Jane Carlson, Strand Associates

Bill Desing, CH2M Hill

Allen Williams, Donohue & Associates

Keith Haas, Racine Water and Wastewater Utilities

Joan Hawley, Superior Engineering (Mentor)

Paul Kent, Stafford Rosenbaum
Brandon Koltz, Brandon Koltz Water & Environmental Consulting LLC
Chad Olsen, McMahan Associates
Tom Sigmund, Green Bay MSD
David Taylor, Madison MSD
Tyler Linton, Great Lakes Environmental Center
Matt Seib, Madison MSD (Through May 2017)
Drew Suesse, Madison MSD

Industrial Waste – Jay Kemp, Chair

No report submitted for this packet

Membership Committee – Autumn Fisher, Chair

To: CSWEA Wisconsin Section
From: Autumn Fisher, Membership Committee Chair (As of May 2017)
RE: Committee Report for the Quarterly Business Meeting of the Wisconsin Section
Date: May 24, 2017

A welcome letter has been finalized that will be sent to all new members as reported on the “New Member Report” downloaded by Aaron Berry from the IL section. A copy of the letter is attached.

The three sections also collaborated on ideas for a gift to hand out at the annual meeting this year. Ultimately, it was decided a 90th anniversary commemorative travel coffee mug was the best option. We are all planning on meeting in person at the annual conference to strategize as well.

Mohammed has been working with the sections and giving input as to how we can help better manage members. He has specifically pointed out several sections on the website, mainly the join page that we will give feedback on revisions to make navigation more intuitive.

At the current time, the membership committee has 3 members: Autumn Fisher, Jon Butt, and Dan Zitomer.

Operations Committee – Troy Larson, Chair

The WI Section Operations Committee is transitioning from Troy Larson as a chair to Jeremy Cramer. As part of the transition, review of all of the responsibilities is underway including those of recent commitments to assist in Safety Committee activities such as award nominations. The core of the committee responsibility will continue to be to conduct an operations based seminar, promotion of operation related presentations at the annual conference and nominations for awards. A summary for consideration by the in-coming chair was produced and is attached.



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Dear New Member,

Welcome to Central States Water Environment Association (CSWEA). Our records show that you either recently joined or renewed your Central States Membership. Whether you are a new member or have been a member of another association, we are delighted that you are a member of one of the oldest WEF associates in North America.

As the current chair of the membership committee for the Wisconsin Section. I wanted to reach out to you, welcome you, and provide you with some quick bits of information to help you get started with CSWEA. A great first step would be to fill out the short survey found here (<http://www.cswea.org/survey>) so we can better understand what your specific interest areas may be.

Additionally, the state section pages on the Central States website (<http://www.cswea.org>) serve as a great resource for membership information. The section page has a message from the section Chair, the latest copy of the CSWEA Magazine, a listing of the Officers, Directors and committee chairs along with their contact information, and lastly upcoming events. Some of the featured events within the section include; Collection System Seminars, Government Affairs Seminar, Watershed Webinar, Spring Biosolids Seminar, Pretreatment Seminar, and Operations Seminar.

The CSWEA annual conference is held in May each year on a rotating cycle through the three member states. This year's conference is being held in Minnesota. Next year, the conference rotates to Illinois, and then the following year (2019) to Wisconsin.

If you are interested in getting involved, the Section has multiple committees that are always looking for new members. The committees include Government Affairs, Collection System, Membership, Safety, Operations, Public Education, Laboratory, Biosolids, Young Professionals, Student, Industrial Waste Pretreatment, and Energy. Each of the committee chairs contact information is listed on the section page of the CSWEA website. The best way to get the most out of your membership is to get involved. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

I hope to introduce myself to you at one of the many events this upcoming year!

Again, welcome to CSWEA.

Sincerely,

Wisconsin Section CSWEA Membership Chair

**90th Annual Meeting
May 22-25, 2017
St. Paul, M**

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CSWEA WI Section Operations Committee - Tasks and Activities

	Objective	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Awards	Submit Hatfield Nomination per 12.112				Due ~ December 1*
	Submit WI Section Operations Award Nominee per 12.115				Due ~ December 1*
	Submit Laboratory Excellence Nomination per 12.122				Due ~ December 1*
	Submit Safety Nominee per 12.117 (new for 2017)				Due ~ December 1*
Operations Seminar	Operations Seminar (See common tasks)		Start Planning	Plan (typical tasks below)	Conduct Seminar
Management Seminar**	Check In: Claudia Haack claudiah@madsewer.org		Courtesy Check	Seminar August 9th	Debriefing
Operators Competition	Assist as needed and in conformance with Statement of Policy #18 Todd@nmwrld.org		Reach out to PWO - Confirm team assembly, assist as necessary		
Secure Roster		Roster Year May - May (2106 roster below)			
Energy Objectives***	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Other					

* If general membership is allowed to submit up to December 1 nominations transferred after December 1.

** The Management Seminar is historically self sufficient but officially a sub-committee of the Operations Committee and therefore regular check-ins are warranted.

*** Energy discussions will be a central theme in the operations seminar for 2017; this should provide focus for this initiative moving forward.

Operations Seminar Typical Tasks	Timing Related to Seminar (Days)
Set at date a seminar date	-120
Determine a location	-120
Determine Theme	-120
Narrow Down Tasks and Responsible Committee Members	-90
Develop List of Potential Speakers	-90
Local Arrangements Chair	-90
Promotions Chair	-90
Finalize Speakers	-75
Assign committee liaisons to each speaker	-75
Prepare Registration Form	-75
Arrange for Credits	-60
Prepare a survey	-30
List of AV - Person to be responsible for	-30
Determine Day of Seminar Responsibilities	-20
Conduct Seminar	0
Write Article for CS magazine	15
Debrief as a committee	30

2016 Roster	
Troy Larson	Strand Associates
Alan Grooms	Madison MSD
Randy Wirtz	Strand Associates
Bill Marten	Donohue Associates
Sharon Thieszen	City of Sheboygan
Rusty Schroedel	AECOM
Jeremy Cramer	City of Fond du Lac
Pat Wescott	New Water
Matt Seib	Madison MSD
Steve Brand	Oshkosh

Management Seminar – Claudia Haack, CSWEA Contact

Committee Information

Barb Scheiber with Donohue Associates is chair this year.

Mike Simon who retired from Madison MSD as Deputy Chief Engineer and Planning Director, last year remains on the committee.

Paul Nehm, Madison MSD Operations Director retired from the committee.

Bill Walker, Madison MSD Director of Planning and Strategy joined the committee.

CSWEA contact – Claudia Haack – Madison MSD claudiah@madsewer.org

Place/Date

August 9, 2017

Hilton Garden Inn, Park Place

11600 W Park Pl, Milwaukee, WI 53224

Seminar Agenda

8:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast Begins
8:25	Welcome Tom Krueger, Village of Grafton
8:30	Building a Communication Infrastructure: How to Engage the Public on Critical Issues Amy Barrilleaux, Madison Water Utility
9:00	Understanding Millennials, Baby Boomers and Everything In-Between Steve Baue, ERC Counselors & Consultants
9:45	Kenosha's Formula for Hiring and Leadership Development Success Dave Lewis and Sue Hill, Kenosha Water Utility
10:15	Break
10:30	Madison MSD's Employee Leadership Council Jenni Peterson, Madison MSD
11:15	Panel Discussion – Changes and Consequences Since ACT 10 Panel Representatives: Green Bay Water Utility, Kenosha Water Utility, La Crosse Water Utility, Madison MSD, Milwaukee Water Works, NEW Water
Noon – 1 pm	Lunch <i>Enjoy South of the Border cuisine featuring beef tacos, chicken fajitas & grilled vegetables, rice and black beans, tortilla chicken soup, tossed salad, fire roasted corn salad, and tres leches & caramel flan</i>
1:00	Coaching Employees Mary Wacker, M.B. Wacker Associates
1:45	Legal Perspectives Kyle Gulya, Von Briesen & Roper, SC <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Case Law, Regulatory and Legislative Update- IT, Security and Access Issues in the Workplace- Best Hiring Practices
2:30	Break and Activities Tom Krueger, Village of Grafton
2:45	Stump the Lawyer Kyle Gulya, Von Briesen & Roper, SC
3:30	Conclusion

Registration

Brochure will be mailed in early June.

Public Education and Awareness – Hiroko Yoshida, Chair

The Public Education and Awareness Committee's main activity is assisting WEF with the Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) competition in Wisconsin. The SJWP is the most prestigious youth award for a water related science project. The purpose of the SJWP is to increase students' interest in water-related issues and research and trigger them as future leaders to global water challenges. The competition is open to projects aimed at improving quality of life through improvement of water quality, water resources management, water protection, and water and wastewater treatment.

The Public Education and Awareness Committee members who helped judge the SJWP competition were Eric Lynne, Zhongtian Li, Lyle Lutz and Hiroko Yoshida. There were four SJWP applications from Wisconsin high schools, covering wide range of issues from micro plastic pollution to antibiotic resistance of sediment bacteria.

Laurel Chen and Reily Olinger, grade 11 students at Brookfield Central High School, Brookfield were named the state winners of the 2016 Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) competition. Selected for their project, *A novel approach to wastewater treatment with solar power: Removal of cyanobacterial contaminants via Electrocoagulation-sand filtration*, Laurel and Reily will represent Wisconsin at the national competition, June 16–17, 2017, at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte, NC.

Watershed and Stormwater Committee – Glenn Tranowski, Chair (Mark Mittag, Vice Chair)

Quarterly Teleconference Minutes - April 24, 2017 - Noon

Participants: Jennifer Hurlbaas (MadMSD), Jeff Smudde & Bill Hafs (NEW Water), Mark Mittag (CH2M), Rusty Schroedel (AECOM), Travis Anderson, Jon Lindert,, Glenn Tranowski (Strand Associates)

- A. Review Conference Annual Plan - Have Annual Plan prepared for May CSWEA Conference
 1. Reviewed Guidance on Annual Plan
 2. Quarterly Teleconferences to exchange Watershed and Stormwater info of interest to WI Section of CSWEA membership.
 3. Present Watershed/Stormwater focused Webinar to educate WI Section of CSWEA membership.
 4. Consider planning for a dedicated bi-annual stormwater conference in collaboration with other Wisconsin stormwater focused organizations.

B. State Watershed and Stormwater Activity Updates

1. NE Wisconsin Activities

Jeff Smudde said the Silver Creek pilot project is ongoing. Water quality monitoring will continue in the spring. Installation of structural BMPs is being wrapped up. Jeff said they hope to do more wetland restoration, pending airport approval. UW-Green Bay conducting a paired study with NEW Water reviewing grazing operations. Cover crops have increased from 30% of the fields to 70%, showing a visual improvement. NEW Water issued an RFP for preliminary P compliance alternatives plan for permit which expires in middle of 2019. Jeff said NEW Water funding some BMP implementation and has hired contractors where exaction required.

2. Madison/Rock River Activities

Jen said MMSD getting ready to switch from pilot AM to full scale AM. Dave Taylor, Director of Ecosystem System Services, scheduled to retire in June.

Travis said Clean Lakes Alliance hosts a Save Our Lakes Breakfast on May 3, 2017.

Jon said USGS conducting intensive sampling in the City of Madison to evaluate impact of street sweeping and leaf collection. Jon said there is an attempt for MS4s to get credit for proper/enhanced leaf management as a way of controlling phosphorus, though this not approved by WDNR.

3. SE Wisconsin Activities

Mark said Clean Rivers Clean Lakes conference on May 4. Mark said MMSD starting program for non-profits to apply for grants for green infrastructure. Mark said there are annual earth day river clean up in the Milwaukee area. MMSD offers to adopt a river program.

4. Western Wisconsin Activities

5. Wisconsin River Activities

6. Other Activities

C. Regulatory Issues Update

- a. External Advisory Committee on Water Quality Standards
- b. *Travis reviewed latest info on MDV from a meeting hosted by WDNR.*

D. November 14, 2017 Webinar Planning - Noon to 2 PM.

1. Identify sub-committee to organize webinar.
2. Need someone to contact Murali Vedula @ UW-M for Webinar collaboration.
 - i. <http://uwm.edu/sce/people/vedula-murali/>
3. Coordinated with WI Section Chair to have webinar on same date as Business Meeting.
4. Room reserved Global Water Center- Noon to 5 PM using space donated by Marquette University.
5. Identify potential topics & identify potential speakers.

E. Other Topics of Interest

1. Brandon Koltz provided an update from the WEF fly-in. See below:
The President's proposed FY 2018 budget was delivered the previous week, with the proposed cuts top EPA. EPA speaker did not know where specifically staffing would be cut, but it was believed that there could be substantial reductions in regional offices, potentially consolidation of regions. Congressional speakers and staff from congressional subcommittees over EPA said that Congress would write its own budget, there is strong congressional support for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (and other designated watersheds), for certain grant programs such as 319, and the need for ongoing research. WEF advocated for increased funding for the SRF funds, WIFIA and continuation of tax free municipal bonding. Discussion with Chris Kloss/USEPA Stormwater Program and various utilities identified the need to develop dedicated revenue streams for stormwater projects to leverage financing for larger projects.

2. Identify Vice Chair by November Business Meeting. Chair and Vice Chair responsibilities listed in link below:
<http://cswea.org/WISCONSIN/guidance/Committee%20Guidance%20Manual.pdf>

F. Next Meeting Day and Time (*tentatively* Monday, July 31, 2016 at noon)

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Young Professionals and Students Committee – Samantha Austin, Chair

Roles for 2017/2018 Year

Chair = Mark Van Wheelden
Student Vice Chair = Kevin Berg
Young Professional Vice Chair = Alan Williams,
Committee members = Sam Austin and Dave Diehl

Young Professional Section Updates:

Recent Events:

- Feb 22nd: Madison - WI Section Meeting followed by Student, YP, & professional networking social at The Thirsty Goat
- April 20: Platteville - UW Platteville Dinner with Professionals where we grilled out, played yard games, and networked with students and professionals.

Upcoming Events:

- May 22-24: 90th CSWEA Annual Conference
- June 10: Kenosha WWTP Tour to check out new technology and the many upgrades to the Kenosha Treatment Plant with other students and YP's.

Goals for next year:

- Lessons Learned from YP Summit: Sam Austin to share what she learned at the YP Summit with fellow committee members this spring
- Events: Plan a small event in focused on students (i.e. presentation/seminar)
- Social Media: continue to upload one post per month related to CSWEA to LinkedIn (or another social media outlet)
 - i.e. interesting article, YP event, Student Competition updates, WEF online seminar dates

- Collaborate with other YP groups from other professional organizations
- Get more YPs to join the YP committee
- Encourage students and YPs to join Global Water Stewardship

Student Section Updates:

Completed Tasks:

- Student design competition and student paper guidance was received from CSWEA
- Committee compiled list of contacts of universities with active chapters, as well as others to be contacted regarding starting a chapter
- Distributed letter to universities that included design competition and student paper information, committee reformatting information, CSWEA information as it relates to student chapters (funding, involvement opportunities, etc.), and invitation to upcoming events.

Upcoming Tasks:

- Work with existing chapters to set up meetings and increase involvement
- Work with interested groups to develop a chapter and get them involved
- Follow up with student leadership and compile list of involved members

Goals for next year:

- Establish CSWEA mentor relationship with student chapters to provide local support and continued contact. Major speedbump in this area is annual continuity between students (yearly leadership turnover), CSWEA committees (relatively high turnover), and CSWEA members (low turnover but currently low involvement).
- Calling professors and asking questions (email is not working)
- Plan an event with a larger organization (i.e. ASCE, AWWA) to see if those students would be interested in CSWEA.

Spring Biosolids Symposium – Bill Marten

The 35th Annual Spring Biosolids Symposium was held on Tuesday March 21, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point. The Symposium is jointly sponsored by the Wisconsin Section and WWOA, with WDNR a contributing organization. The three organizations rotate chairs annually, Fred Hegeman of WDNR chaired the 2017 event.

The program included the following presentations:

- Minnesota Biosolids Management Program – Sheryl Block
- Current Trends in Biosolids Handling & Treatment – Jay Kemp & Bill Marten

- Milwaukee's Milorganite Biosolids Program: 90 Years & Counting – Sid Arora
- Biosolids Phosphorus Recovery – Menachem Tabanpour
- Western Lake Superior Sanitary District's Biosolids Program – Craig Lincoln
- Septage: 40 CFR 503 & Beneficial Reuse – Fred Hegeman
- Agricultural & Nutrient Management Considerations Related to TMDLs in Wisconsin – Mark Riedel
- DNR Business License Renewals for Septage – Mallory Palmer
- Public Relations: Social Media Do's & Don'ts – Brian Ezman
- DNR Updates – Fred Hegeman

In addition, long-time planning committee member Mike Northouse from Madison MSD was recognized with a plaque for his many years of service. Mike retired from Madison MSD in April, after an almost 42 year career there, most of that time leading their biosolids program. Mike has been an active member of our planning committee for decades.

The Symposium was attended by 229 professionals, including 10 speakers and 2 students. Of these folks, 136 received continuing education credits (CECs) for wastewater operator licenses, and 41 received CECs for septage licenses. Of the 114 returned evaluations, the Symposium received an overall rating of 3.8 out of 5, about on par with the norm in recent years.

Financial results were positive, with total revenue (registrations) of \$17,405 and total expenses of \$13,859.27, resulting in a net profit of \$3,545.73 which will be split evenly between WWOA and the Wisconsin Section (\$1,772.86 each).

The Symposium planning committee will be meeting in late summer/early fall to start planning the 2018 event, which will be held March 20, 2018 at the Stevens Point Holiday Inn. Planning committee members are shown below. New members include Kim Meyer and Glenn Tranowski. Glenn and myself are the Wisconsin Section representatives on the committee.

- Kim Meyer/Madison MSD (replacing Mike Northouse)
- Lyle Lutz/Plover
- Don Lintner/New Holstein
- Brian Kreski/Appleton
- Karen Harter/WWOA Secretary
- Fred Hegeman/WDNR
- Alan Kaddatz/Pat's Hauling
- Mona Johnson/Bytec Resource Management
- Glenn Tranowski/Strand (replacing Jay Kemp)
- Bill Marten/Donohue