



The Wisconsin Section
Central States
Water Environment Association

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting

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November 21, 2008

Holiday Inn of Fond du Lac

Chair Steve Godfrey called the Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environment Association Annual Business meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. on November 21, 2008 at the Holiday Inn hotel in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Board Members present:

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

Other members present were: Tom Kruzik, Jay Kemp, Peter Pelerse, Dale Doerr, Todd Stelmacher, Andrew Craven, Dan Lynch, Dale Doerr, Jane Carson, Rusty Schroedel, Mark Williams, Carol Strackbein, Tom Sigmund, Jon Butt, and Tom Mulcahy.

Introduction of those present: All attendees introduced themselves.

Memoriam: Steve Godfrey had some remarks on the career and life of Tom Vick. A moment of silence was observed in Tom's honor.

Approval of the August 5, 2008 Summer Board Meeting Minutes: Todd Stelmacher moved that the meeting minutes for the August 5th, 2008 Summer Board Meeting be approved. Second by Carol Strackbein. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Arnott presented the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance in the Section's accounts of \$33,819.50 as of November 18th, 2008. Of this amount, \$9,926.34 was in our checking account, \$8,056.99 was in our savings account, \$5284.79 was in our 14-month CD, and \$10,551.38 was in our 8-month CD. Ken Sedmak mentioned that the Management Seminar did very well again this year.

Dale Doerr moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Second by Tom Sigmund. 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 CSWEA is in great shape financially. The balance is \$157,811 as of October 1, 2008.

WEFTEC was very successful. Sponsorship totaled \$15,400 for the CSWEA reception. 21,000 people attended the WEFTEC event including 1,100 exhibitors. Next year, the event is in Orlando and then in subsequent years, the event will alternate between Chicago and New Orleans. By committing to the two cities, it is easier to get a better deal on the facilities required.

The Illinois Section is becoming more stable financially. Roger Gyger is doing a great job. The Section will partner with the IWEA on the Government Affairs Seminar in January of 2009.

With regards to the CSWEA and IWEA relationship, Dan Lynch stated that WEF will stay neutral. Dan said the WEF would like both associations to work together on programs; a good example of this is the Government Affairs Seminar and student chapters.

Ken reported that there are changes to the governance at WEF. To summarize, the two main bodies of governance will be the House of Delegates, which will have little power, and the Board of Trustees, which will have more power. It is unclear what effect this change will have on the various WEF committees.

The CSWEA/ US EPA Asset Management Workshop took place in September. There was a \$1,000 loss due to low attendance. Part of the reason for the loss was the decision to partner with a regulator.

The CSWEA /US EPA Energy Management Workshop will take place on December 4, 2008 in Madison, Wisconsin. The event is geared towards utility managers.

Gary Scott is preparing a proposal for a plant maintenance technologist certification program. The program would be a joint effort with CSWEA and ABC.

The Water for People raffle will be for a trip to the Super Bowl in Tampa Bay. There are 300 tickets for sale for \$100 each. CSWEA needs to sell \$6,500 worth to break even.

Rusty Schroedel talked about the Water is Life program. The program was sent out to 600 treatment plant facilities that had a daily flow of over 1MGD. The program was recently shown on Channel 10 in the Milwaukee area. There is an introduction piece that is about 15 minutes long and a full version that is 90 minutes long. The shorter version may be good to use for public relations. The program was created by Penn State University.

Rusty Schroedel encouraged people to get their award nominations in and to use the proper CSWEA/WEF forms.

WWOA Liaison Report: WWOA Liaison Dennis Egge presented a verbal summary of key items from his written report submitted at the meeting.

Dennis talked about the UW Water Library Resources Program. The volume of requests is greater than they had originally expected. This is in part due to the change in the librarians. The old librarian (who is no longer there) was concerned about saving shelf space. The new librarian is more concerned about having enough materials to satisfy the demand. WWOA will increase their support to get more material on the shelf. Dennis stated that WWOA requests additional financial support from Wisconsin Section.

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 received positive feedback for the “Northwoods” Collections Systems Seminar. The seminar will be continued in 2009.

Government Affairs: Jane Carlson submitted a written report. Jane reported that the 2009 Government Affairs Seminar is scheduled for February 19th. The keynote speaker will be Fred Andes who will talk about the national perspective of water regulatory issues.

Dan Lynch handed out a WISWARN brochure and gave an overview of the program.

Dan Lynch mentioned that legislative lobby day will be in early February. The morning session is for hearing presentations. The afternoon portion is for individuals to meet with legislators.

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

Membership: Jay Kemp and Tom Kruzik introduced themselves as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. The committee is just getting started after a period of inactivity.

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

Management Seminar: Ken Sedmak mentioned that the plan is to continue the seminar at Cabela’s in Richfield. He was unsure who would be chairing the committee for the 2009 seminar.

Public Education and Awareness: Chair Dale Doerr submitted a written report and presented a verbal report. Dale reported that he would like to purchase some water testing kits in conjunction with World Monitoring Day. Even though the official date for World Monitoring Day for 2008 has passed, he would still like to purchase the kits as the purpose of the kits – to increase awareness of water quality issues – is still appropriate and in-line with the committee’s mission. Dale stated that he will use his committee’s budget money to purchase 50 monitoring kits. Dale has a list of science teachers in the state that would be interested. Each kit costs \$14.50 and has enough supplies for 5 to 10 students. Dale will have the kits sent to him. Others helped to distribute the kits to various schools to reduce shipping costs. It was suggested that each school be notified of their respective POTW contact.

Dale plans to register for a booth at the 2009 Wisconsin Society of Science Teachers in Milwaukee in March of 2009.

Safety: No report received and no oral report presented, as the Committee Chair was not at this meeting. Todd Stelmacher reported that the Safety Committee did an outstanding job of putting together a safety topic at the Collection System Seminar.

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

Students & Young Professionals: Rachel Lee submitted a written report. No verbal report was given, as Rachel was not at the meeting.

Representatives Reports

Spring Biosolids Symposium: Jay Kemp had submitted a written report. Jay reported that it is the DNR's turn to sponsor the event in 2009. The event is scheduled for March 10, 2009.

Water Wastewater Education Association: No report received. Tom Mulcahy stated that there is debate as to whether the association should be involved with internships or not. Tom encouraged all members to get their events on the training calendar.

Nomination Committee Report/Election of Officers

Bill Marten shared the Nomination Committee report in which Tom Sigmund was recommended for CSWEA Trustee and Keith Haas was recommended for Vice Chair.

Steve Godfrey called for any other nominations for CSWEA Trustee three times and no other nominations were presented. Rusty Schroedel moved that Tom Sigmund be elected to the position of CSWEA Trustee. Seconded by Todd Stelmacher. The motion passed.

Steve Godfrey called for any other nominations for Vice Chair three times and no other nominations were presented. Rusty Schroedel moved that Keith Haas be elected to the position of Vice Chair. Seconded by Carol Strackbein. The motion passed.

Old Business

Nutrient Criteria Update: Jane Carlson reported that a letter was sent out to the DNR requesting Wisconsin Section involvement in future technical advisory committees (TAC). The response we received back was why Wisconsin Section was not part of the phosphorus rule making TAC, and did not focus on the future. Jane and Rusty will coordinate a meeting with the DNR to convey our concerns.

The phosphorus rulemaking initiative is bogged down in the implementation process now. The TAC last met a month ago.

Jane stated that Wisconsin Section sent a letter to EPA on October 10, 2008 requesting an independent peer review of the new EPA methodology used for the basis of nutrient standards. There has been no response back yet. Tom Sigmund felt that we need to "better think this out". Tom felt a letter of this nature should of gone though Eric Lecuyer.

Wisconsin Section 2009 Budget Review /Approval: Dave Arnott presented a draft budget based on feedback from Committee Chairs. Jay Kemp asked if Wisconsin Section would support costs for the WEF/ AWWA UW-Madison Student Chapter trip through Engineers Without Borders to El Salvador. Members felt this was questionable and in general did not support this since one of the criteria for spending money is that it benefits Wisconsin Section members. Travel costs were then discussed for Young Professionals. \$500 was added to the Young Professional Support line item to help with travel costs for attendance at seminars.

The final budget has anticipated income of \$5,250.00 and expenses totaling \$15,530.00 for a net loss of \$10,280.00. Carol Strackbein moved that the budget with the minor changes discussed be approved. Second by Todd Stelmacher. Motion passed.

New Business

Status Report of Respective Committees Chairs for Awards: Dave Arnott stated that Operations Committee is working the nominations for the Hatfield Award, the Operations Award, and the Lab Analyst Award. Todd Stelmacher stated that the Collection Systems award nomination is underway. The status of the Burke Safety Award and the Industrial Achievement Award are uncertain, as those committee chairs were not at the meeting. All award information should be forwarded to Jim Miller

Committee Roster/Chair Changes: Jay Kemp will take over the Membership Committee with Tom Kruzik as the Vice Chair. Jay Kemp will be the Wisconsin Section contact for the Spring Biosolids Symposium.

Committee Annual Plans: Steve Godfrey encouraged all committee chairs to get their Annual Plans submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer.

Upcoming Events

AWWA/ WEF UW Madison Student Chapter “Night with Industry” Dinner – December 1, 2008
- Madison, WI

CSWEA/EPA Energy Management Seminar – December 4, 2008, Madison, WI

Joint Water Expo – February 10th-11th, 2009 Wisconsin Dells

Winter Board Meeting – February 18, 2009, Middleton, WI

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

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

Adjournment

There being no further new business the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

David W. Arnott
Secretary/Treasurer
Wisconsin Section - CSWEA