



The Wisconsin Section  
Central States  
Water Environment Association

**Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting**

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

**November 10, 2011**

**Cabelas,. Richfield**

Chair Jane Carlson called the Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environment Association Annual Business meeting to order at 1:59 p.m. on November 10, 2011 at the Cabelas conference center in Richfield, Wisconsin.

Board Members present:

- Jane Carlson, Chair
- Bill Oldenburg, Vice Chair
- Bill Marten, CSWEA Trustee
- Sharon Thieszen, WWOA Liaison
- Dave Arnott, Secretary/Treasurer
- Keith Haas, Past Chair

Other members present were: Karla Eggink, Dale Doerr, Brandon Koltz, Josh Gable, Eric Lynne, Leon Downing, Steve Godfrey, Randy Belanger, Tom Sigmund, Dan Lynch, Ken Neu, Jon Butt Daniel Zitomer, Dean Falkner, Carol Strackbein, Joan Hawley, and Tom Mulcahy.

**Introduction of those present:** All attendees introduced themselves.

**Approval of the August 26, 2011 Summer Board Meeting Minutes:** It was noted that the footer should be updated. Brandon Koltz moved that the meeting minutes for the August 16th, 2011 Summer Board Meeting be approved with the correction. Second by Bill Oldenburg. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave Arnott presented the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance in the Section's accounts of \$38,380.46 as of November 8th, 2011. Of this amount, \$14,111.59 was in our checking account, \$8,059.15 was in our savings account, \$5,449.62 was in our 14-month CD, and \$10,760.17 was in our 8-month CD. Dale Doerr moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Second by Brandon Koltz. Motion passed.

**CSWEA Trustee Report:** Trustee Bill Marten presented a review of his written report. Items not in the report include:

The Association is on more stable financial footing than a year ago. The Association has 20% more equity than it did a year ago.

Eric Lecuyer is stepping down from the Executive Director position. A search committee will be formed in the near future for his replacement.

**WWOA Liaison Report:** WWOA Liaison Sharon Thieszen presented a verbal report that closely followed her written report. It was noted the written report e-mailed out before the Annual Business Meeting was incorrect. Highlights of the WWOA report include:

The 2011 WWOA Annual Meeting was held at the Radisson Hotel in LaCrosse October 4 through October 7. Approximately 800 members attended the conference.

Revenues for fiscal year ending December 31, 2010 were \$156,547.62. Expenditures totaled \$169,772.47 with excess expenditure over revenue of \$13,224.85.

Kevin Freber was recently appointed Vice President. Jim Bergles was named Director.

## **Committee Reports**

Committee reports can be viewed on the Wisconsin Section website. Noteworthy discussion items pertaining to each committee are summarized below.

**Government Affairs:** Brandon Koltz reported that there is a lot of activity on the blending rule right now.

**Students and Young Professionals:** The annual Night with Industry dinner will be held on December 2, 2011 in Madison. Contact Eric Lynne or Katie Richardson for further details. It was noted that Max Anderson was retiring from UW Platteville. Max is currently the student chapter advisor.

**Public Education and Awareness:** The Stockholm Junior Water Prize contest needs volunteers to read papers starting on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. There is nothing new to report for World Monitoring Day.

## **Representatives Reports**

No verbal reports were given at the meeting.

## **Nomination Committee Report/Election of Officers**

Keith Haas reported on the Nomination Committee nominations of Josh Gable for Secretary/Treasurer and Dave Arnott for Vice Chair.

Jane Carlson called for any other nominations for Vice Chair three times and no other nominations were presented.

Dale Doerr moved that Dave Arnott be unanimously elected to the position of Vice Chair. Second by Brandon Koltz. The motion passed.

Jane Carlson called for any other nominations for Secretary/Treasurer three times and no other nominations were presented.

Brandon Koltz moved that Josh Gable be unanimously elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Second by Dale Doerr. The motion passed.

## Old Business

**Wisconsin Section 2012 Budget Review /Approval:** Dave Arnott presented a draft budget based on feedback from Committee Chairs. The following changes were made to the draft budget based on discussion:

To recognize the special 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the “Classic” Collection System seminar, a commemorative gift such as a coffee mug may be given away to all registrants and vendors. To account for the extra expense, planned net proceeds from the seminar were reduced from \$500.00 to \$0.

To recognize the special 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the “Northwoods” Collection System seminar, a commemorative gift may be given away to all registrants and vendors. To account for the extra expense, planned net proceeds for the “Northwoods” Collection system seminar were reduced from \$350.00 to \$50.00.

For expenses, the Watershed Management Committee was changed from \$100 to \$500.

For expenses, the Annual Meeting service plaques line item was increased from \$230 to \$500 to take into account an additional plaque that will be purchased this year.

For expenses, the WEF Student Chapter Support line item was increased from \$450 to \$600 to account for extra expenses to get a Marquette chapter up and running.

The final budget has anticipated income of \$5,325.00 and expenses totaling \$11,530.00 for a net loss of \$6,205.00. Dale Doerr moved that the budget with the changes discussed be approved. Second by Joan Hawley. Motion passed.

**Policies and Procedures Manual Update:** In order to allow third party checking accounts to operate within the section to support seminars, it must be stated as allowed in our Section Policies and Procedures. This is required since the Association has a 501(C) 3 tax exempt status. The proposed wording was read and discussed. There were several minor changes suggested. These include changing “Section Treasurer” to “Section Secretary/Treasurer”. Also the words “audit” and “summary” were switched in one sentence. It was noted that the Association Executive Committee must approve all changes to a Section’s Policies and Procedures before they are final. Joan Hawley motioned to approve the Policies and Procedure changes with the suggested changes. Second by Bill Oldenburg. Motion passed

**Strategic Plan Update:** Bill Oldenburg reported that the process is moving slowly. He is reviewing the current plan and determining what has been done and what has not been done. This will be used to identify the most useful future activities and goals. Bill will have a draft of the plan ready in February. The plan will be circulated to the Board before the Winter Meeting. A final plan will be ready and voted on at the Winter Board Meeting.

**SAAT Update:** Jane Carlson will make the changes to the SAAT as discussed at the Summer Board Meeting. These changes included the addition of the “Northwoods” and “Classic” Collection System Seminars. The SAAT is a Power Point file that can be downloaded from the Section web site. Eric Lynne mentioned he intends to use the SAAT as a tool for his Students and Young Professionals Committee.

## New Business

**Status Report By Respective Committee Chairs for Awards:** Dave Arnott stated that Operations Committee has a good start on the nominations for the Operations, the Hatfield and the Laboratory Analyst Excellence awards. Randy Belanger reported that there are 6 people in mind for the Collection System award, but only 1 of those people belong to CSWEA. There are

no readily apparent nominees for the Burke Safety award. Bill Oldenburg will give consideration to the Industrial Achievement award. If recipients are required to be Section members, an Association membership is more affordable and may be appropriate.

**Recent Letter of Support for Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association's EPA Grant Application**: Wisconsin Section wrote a letter dated September 29, 2011 to EPA supporting the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association's EPA Grant Application. A copy of this letter is attached to the minutes. The project involves creating a template for contracts for a nutrient trading program. There is no outcome of the application yet.

## **Announcements**

**WEF Committee Coordination**: Joan Hawley is undertaking the effort to incorporate WEF committees with member associations. The idea is to make member associations more in-line with the activities and practices that the similar WEF committees use. Joan will send a website link to Bill Oldenburg on this topic. Eric Lecuyer recently brought Membership Committee chairs together from all three state sections for a conference call. Jane mentioned that Eric can do further coordination on this effort.

**Dan Lynch**: Dan Lynch is retiring effective December 1, 2011. Dan will stay active in the many professional organizations he has contributed to over the years. There is no date set yet for the Janesville Wastewater Treatment Facility Open House.

## **Upcoming Events**

Night with Industry Dinner for UW-Madison WEF/ AWWA Student Chapter

- December 2, 2011 Madison, WI

Midwest Water Industry Water Expo – February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Wisconsin Dells, WI

Winter Board Meeting – February 22, 2012, Middleton, WI

Government Affairs Seminar – February 23, 2012, Middleton, WI

Spring Biolsolids Symposium – March 21, 2012, Stevens Point, WI

Education Seminar – April 3, 2012, Madison, WI

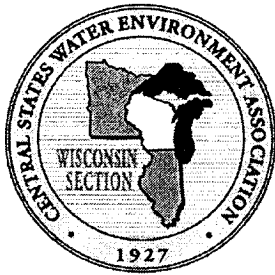
## **Adjournment**

There being no further new business, Dale Doerr moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Bill Oldenburg. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

David W. Arnott  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Wisconsin Section - CSWEA





## Wisconsin Section – Central States WEA

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September 29, 2011

Gerry Martin  
EPA/Gulf of Mexico Program Office  
Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000

Re: Support of Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association’s EPA Grant Application

Dear Mr. Martin:

The Wisconsin Section of the Central States Water Environment Association (CSWEA) is a group of professionals dedicated to improving and protecting Wisconsin’s water resources. CSWEA is a member association of the Water Environment Federation (WEF). We enthusiastically support the application of the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) for a Gulf of Mexico program grant.

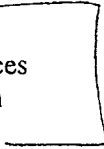
Wisconsin continues to be a leader in addressing nutrient pollution in its rivers and streams that eventually flow into the Gulf of Mexico. Our members have been working for years to restrict the discharge of sediment and phosphorus to the surface waters in the Rock River Basin and throughout the state. We encourage the implementation of efficient and effective pollution control strategies. Recently, Wisconsin enacted some of the most stringent standards in the country for phosphorus. In addition, phosphorus and sediment are being addressed in a total maximum daily load (TMDL) for the Rock River Basin, which is currently being reviewed by EPA. The municipalities and industries in our association are facing strict discharge limits for the pollutants of concern that could require huge expenditures for wastewater treatment plant upgrades and stormwater controls.

The new phosphorus rules allow for wastewater treatment plant compliance through an innovative watershed adaptive management arrangement. In addition, Wisconsin DNR has a draft pollutant trading framework under consideration. If implemented, these tools could allow the regulated community to invest in conservation and other best management practices in the watershed that would substantially reduce the pollutants discharged from the watersheds at a fraction of the cost. Working at the source should allow us to attain the same end for permittees and the regulators while achieving the benefit of cleaner rivers, better fish habitat, and healthier ecosystems.

The conservation practices needed to make these improvements are the same as those our county conservation departments currently install. As with many other programs, the major restriction to expanding our state’s conservation practices is the lack of funds. We believe that implementing the State’s pollutant trading framework has the potential to make real improvements to the quality of water that leaves our state and directly impacts the Gulf.

Gerry Martin  
EPA/Gulf of Mexico Program Office  
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To successfully implement the State's trading program, a multitude of issues need to be addressed. WLWCA's project will develop the tools to allow municipalities the ability to make cost-benefit determinations and move resources outside their municipal boundaries, to target conservation practices where they are needed most, and to build a new cooperative relationship between the rural and urban communities around the goal improvements to water quality.



WLWCA has assembled the people and groups that can make this happen. They are representing a consortium of parties driven to make this successful.

We strongly support WLWCA's project and request EPA's funding to provide the tools for Wisconsin to implement their trading program and improve water quality by allocating resources where they can do the most good.

Sincerely,

Wisconsin Section Central States Water Environment Association

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane M. Carlson".

Jane M. Carlson, P.E.  
Wisconsin Section CSWEA Chair

c: Kathleen Lake