



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

Minutes of the Summer Board Meeting

Wisconsin Section - Central States Water Environment Association

August 16, 2000

Nine Springs WWTP, Madison, Wisconsin

A board meeting of the Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environment Association was called to order by Chair Ken Sedmak at 2:37 p.m. on August 16, 2000 at the Nine Springs WWTP in Madison, WI.

Board Members present:

- Ken Sedmak, Chair
- Dan Busch, Vice Chair
- Carol Strackbein, Past Chair
- Dan Lynch, CSWEA Trustee
- Tom Sigmund, Secretary/Treasurer
- Tom Steinbach, WWOA Liaison .

In addition, the following were present:

Max Anderson

Joe Mandala

John Leonhard

Tom Foltz

Michael Doran

Randy Wirtz

Tom Krueger

Mike Spence

Dave Sauer

Dan Lynch moved the previously distributed meeting minutes for the May 18, 2000 Board meeting be approved as submitted. Second by Carol Strackbein. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tom Sigmund reported that there was a balance in the Section's accounts of \$8,098.43 as of August 11, 2000. Carol Strackbein moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Second by Dan Busch. Motion carried.

CSWEA Trustee Report: Trustee Dan Lynch presented a written report.

- The annual conference produced a positive income of \$18,600.

- Each state section is asked to name a representative(s) to help start student chapters at various educational institutions.
- A grant of \$600 is available from CSWEA to each state section to help start student chapters. The grant can be used to help defray the cost of student chapters and student memberships, but is not intended for free memberships. Ken Sedmak assigned this activity to the Membership Committee.
- The next CSWEA Education Seminar is scheduled for Tuesday March 27, 2001 in Madison.
- The CSWEA Board clarified the reimbursement policy for Operations Challenge participants.

WWOA Liaison Report: WWOA Liaison Tom Steinbach presented a written report. WWOA has dropped the August Board meeting as a regular meeting and will hold it on an as needed basis. The WWOA Annual Conference is scheduled for October 2-6 in Green Bay.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Collection Systems: Chair Mike Spence presented a written report. The Collection System Seminar was held on June 1 in Watertown. There were 185 registrants and 34 exhibitors. The seminar had a net profit of \$2,455.21. June 7, 2001 is the tentative date for next year's seminar. Mike Spence will recruit a vice chair for the committee. The committee will meet in October to discuss nominations for the Collection System Award and the Golden Manhole Award.

Government Affairs: Tom Sigmund presented a written report prepared by Chair Rusty Schroedel. Rusty has made assignments to committee members to track specific regulations, codes, and pending legislation. Rusty also reported on potential PCB Soil Criteria that is unrealistically low. There was a question posed for Rusty as to who from the Section serves on the DNR Advisory committees and how they provide feedback to the Section.

Tom Foltz presented an oral report for Government Affairs Seminar Chair Phil Budde. The Seminar is scheduled for February 22, 2001 at the Marriott in Middleton. The committee will hold its first planning meeting on September 12th. Phil is looking for a volunteer from the Section to serve as the committee chair when the Section is required to provide the chair for the 2004 seminar.

Groundwater Protection and Toxic Waste: Chair Dave Sauer presented an oral report. His goals for the committee are to assemble information on specific topics and get the information into the hands of the membership. The committee continues to struggle to get active. He is looking for members who have an interest in the topic and who have time to commit. Mike Doran gave the background for forming the committee and questioned if there is still a need for the committee. At the request of the Board, Dave Sauer will develop a plan to reassign the responsibilities of the committee to other standing committees in the Section and consider making a recommendation to disband the committee at the November Business meeting.

Industrial Waste: Chair Randy Wirtz presented a written report. He has developed goals for the committee, most of which are from the Section's Statements of Policy. Randy is looking for ideas to help the committee meet more often.

Membership: Tom Sigmund presented a written report prepared by Chair Mike Gerbitz. There were no new members to report. There was some discussion regarding asking the committee to contact delinquent members to ask them to renew their membership.

Operations Committee & Management Seminar: Chair Joe Mandala presented a written report.

- The committee is working to develop nominations for the Hatfield, Operator of the Year, and Laboratory Technician awards. Nominations will be submitted to CSWEA by January 1, 2001.
- There will be three representatives from Wisconsin at the WEFTEC 2000 Operations Challenge in Anaheim. They are Mark Floc (Sparta), Cliff Hendrick (La Crosse), Jerry Muehr (La Crosse). Joe will correct his memorandum to the participants to show that the Section will contribute up to \$500 per attendee to reimburse them for costs.
- Joe will identify a vice chair for the committee.
- Tom Sigmund presented a written report prepared by Bill Marten on the planning for the 2000 Management Seminar. The seminar will be held on Thursday August 17th in Madison at the Comfort Inn. The theme of the seminar is "Leadership Skills and Tools". As of the Board Meeting, 53 people were pre-registered for the seminar.

Public Education: Chair Max Anderson presented a written report. The Section had a presence at the WEST and WSST conferences for elementary and secondary science teachers. WSST has its 2001 conference in Duluth on March 15 – 17, 2001. Max is working with the Minnesota Section to do a joint seminar to get teachers to purchase and use the Water Source Book. Max will work with Wisconsin wastewater utilities to purchase a set of the Source Books and donate them to the schools in their community. An entire set of 4 books will cost \$68. A request was made for the committee to develop a comparison of the Source Book activities and show how they link to the State of Wisconsin education standards.

Safety: Tom Sigmund presented a written report prepared by Chair Ari Mathos. The committee is working on a nomination for the Burke Safety award. The committee will submit an article on safety for publication in the November edition of the WISILLMINN. Tom Sigmund will check with Ari to make sure that the Safety website is included within the overall Central States website. A suggestion was made to the committee to check with OSHA on proposed ergonomics standards.

Watershed Management: Chair Mike Doran presented a written report. The committee is following the EPA TMDL rules. They are also following development and implementation of the Nutrient Criteria Technology Manual and will work with DNR as to how they will implement the rules. He discussed the EPA plan for reducing Gulf of Mexico hypoxia that may result in total nitrogen limits for Wisconsin WWTP's. Mike will identify a vice chair for the committee and is working to geographically broaden the committee membership.

Strategic Planning: Chair Dan Busch presented a written report on the efforts of the ad-hoc strategic planning committee. A second planning meeting was held immediately prior to the

Board meeting. The working groups will get back together to refine the issues in September with the entire committee meeting again at the WWOA Annual Conference in October. A draft of the strategic plan will be presented at the November Business Meeting of the Section.

Representatives Reports

Spring Biosolids Symposium: Ken Sedmak presented a written report that was prepared by Chair Jay Kemp. The 2001 Spring Biosolids Symposium will be held at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point on March 13, 2001.

Water Wastewater Education Association: Representative Dan Busch presented an oral report. The next meeting of the WWEA will be in September and the group is working to increase participation and re-energize the group. The money that is in the WWEA account will be escrowed with WWOA and be made available for use by WWEA.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Annual Business Meeting: The next meeting is November 8th at the Country Inn in Pewaukee beginning at 2:30 p.m. This will be the Annual Business meeting of the Section. Tom Sigmund will send out a notice of the meeting to the membership. Part of the meeting will be devoted to reviewing and discussing the Strategic Plan for the Section and soliciting input from the membership. Ken Sedmak will contact Committee Chairs in advance of the meeting to encourage the committee membership to attend for breakout committee meetings at the Business meeting. Ken will consider having a keynote speaker at the meeting to attract members.

Dan Lynch moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Max Anderson . Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas W. Sigmund
Secretary/Treasurer
Wisconsin Section - CSWEA