



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

**Minutes of the Winter Board Meeting**

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

**February 21, 2001**

**Marriott West - Middleton, Wisconsin**

A board meeting of the Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environment Association was called to order by Chair Ken Sedmak at 2:30p.m. on February 21, 2001 at the Marriott West in Middleton, WI.

Board Members present:

- Ken Sedmak, Chair
- Dan Busch, Vice Chair
- Carol Strackbein, Past Chair
- Dan Lynch, CSWEA Trustee

Absent were:

- Tom Sigmund, Secretary/Treasurer
- Judy Tholen, WWOA Liaison.

In addition, the following were present: Randy Wirtz, Tom Krueger, Rusty Schroedel, Phil Budde, Ralph Erickson, John Olson, Mike Spence, Paul Nehm, Ken Johnson, and Dan Mack.

**Approval of November 8, 2000 Annual Business Meeting Minutes:** Dan Lynch moved the previously distributed meeting minutes for the November 8, 2000 Annual Business meeting be approved as submitted. Second by Rusty Schroedel. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ken Sedmak presented the Treasurer's report prepared by Treasurer Tom Sigmund, reporting that there was a balance in the Section's accounts of \$15,026.75 as of February 11, 2001. It was noted that the balance includes \$6,200 in registration receipts for the Government Affairs Seminar that will be used to pay expenses when they are received. It also includes \$2,960 received from CSWEA for our share of Wisconsin Section membership dues. Dan Lynch moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Second by Tom Krueger. Motion carried.

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

- The Federation will be increasing dues by \$3.00 per year to help offset the increasing cost of providing services;

- There will be a WEF Collection System Specialty Conference held in Milwaukee in August 2002;
- Committee Chairs, Section Officers and others are encouraged to submit articles to Al Rae for publication in the Wisillminn. These articles can be short (100-200 words) but they are important to keep the members and other state sections informed;
- The Nomination Committee recommended John Fisher of Minnesota for Federation Director and Daniel Lynch of Wisconsin for Second Vice President;
- The Public Education committees in each state are encouraged to apply for the full \$2,000 reserved for each state. This money or a portion thereof, could be used to purchase copies of the recently developed, interactive CD-ROM game that tell the story of water. This is a WEF project called Aqua Venturer;
- Changes to the Academic Excellence Award were proposed by Max Anderson and adopted by the Executive Committee;
- Al Rae has decided to resign from the position of Secretary Treasurer for the Association. Al has served the Association very well for many years and he will be missed. An ad-hoc committee consisting of the two current vice presidents and Dan Lynch will begin the process of finding a replacement for Al.

**WVOA Liaison Report:** Ken Sedmak presented Judy Tholen's written report.

The WVOA Board met December 7 and 8, 2000 at the location of the next Conference in Milwaukee. The Annual Conference will be held at the Four Points Sheraton in Milwaukee on October 3-6, 2001.

Judy brought the Wisconsin Section's concerns with the Operator Competition to the WVOA Board. WVOA is going to continue the Operator Competition. An area has been located in the Conference center to hold the competition. There was some concern last year that there may not be an area to hold the competition at the conference location. Mark Surwillo of Heart of the Valley WWTP in Kaukauna is heading up the organization of the operator competition. Randy Herwig, WVOA's Regional Coordinator will be strongly promoting the operator competition this year at the District meetings.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Collection Systems:** Chair Mike Spence presented a written report.

- The date of the 2001 seminar was finalized as June 7, 2001;
- The hall and park in Watertown are reserved;
- Recommended topics for speakers include:
  1. MMSD Update Central District I/I Update;
  2. SSO Regulations;
  3. Update Flow Monitoring;
  4. Grease and Root Control Maintenance;
  5. Safety Training Requirement Minimum Record Keeping;
  6. Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Techniques

**Government Affairs:** Chair Rusty Schroedel presented a written report.

**Government Affairs Seminar:** The seminar is scheduled for February 22, 2001. Phil Budde is leading the effort for the Wisconsin Section. Phil intends to attend the Board meeting to provide a full report. As of Friday, February 9, 217 people had pre-registered. The new Secretary of the DNR will speak to the group for 10 minutes in the morning. Next years' meeting will be on February 28, 2002 at the Marriott West. Tom Mugan will chair on behalf of the DNR.

### **Regulatory and Legislative Issues**

This portion of the committee's charge has been "restarted". A list of items being tracked and the committee member conditionally tracking that item is listed below.

- DNR Ammonia Committee – Jim Smith
- PCB Soil Criteria – Dave Taylor
- COM 83 – Phil Korth
- Stormwater, CSOs, SSOs – Ed Manning
- Non-Point Program Redesign – Tom Foltz
- Nutrient Criteria (National) – Dave Taylor

Other topics planned for tracking in the future are:

- TMDLs
- NR 101 Fees

Reports were received from Dave Taylor and Jim Smith. Tom Foltz has promised a report for the next meeting on the non-point program. Chad Olson has volunteered to track either the NR101 fees or Nutrient Criteria issues. Bill Marten has expressed interest in tracking the National Nutrient Criteria. These and other assignments will be made as committee member commitments are received.

**Industrial Waste:** Chair Randy Wirtz presented a written report. Randy is striving to develop a committee that is representative of the group we are trying to serve – consultants, industrial representatives, pretreatment coordinators, and the regulatory community. Currently, Ralph Erickson of MMSD and Randy are the two committee members. However, he has received interest from Chuck Schuler at DNR and at least one industrial environmental coordinator. The pretreatment coordinator from Beloit has also expressed interest in becoming a committee member.

Randy has had some discussions with his counterpart in Minnesota, who is the environmental coordinator for Gold 'n' Plump. They have a committee of 15 persons, nine of which meet regularly. Their main task is to promote potential Industrial Environmental Award nominees.

The Industrial Environmental Achievement Award notice was published in the Federation of Environmental Technology's newsletter. There were no nominees from Wisconsin this year as no applications were submitted. However, this award has not been widely publicized in previous years. The committee will make sure that the award is better publicized this year and in following years.

Goals for 2001:

1. Develop an active committee of at least four individuals of varying backgrounds.

2. Receive Industrial Achievement Award applications and provide a nomination for the award in 2001.
3. Attendance at all WI Section board meetings by at least three committee members.

**Membership**: Oral report was presented by Ken Sedmak. There have been no new members since the November meeting. Al Berg is developing a mailing for delinquent members to encourage them to become members again. Al would like to coordinate this letter with some of the related membership initiatives in the Strategic Plan.

**Operations Committee & Management Seminar**: Ken Sedmak presented Chair Joe Mandala's written report. Ken also presented Management Seminar representative Bill Marten's written report.

**Public Education**: Ken Sedmak went over the written report prepared by Chair Max Anderson.

**Safety**: Ken Sedmak presented a written report prepared by Chair Ari Mathos.

**Watershed Management**: Ken Sedmak presented a written report from Chair Mike Doran.

**Strategic Planning**: Chair Dan Busch presented a written report on the efforts of the ad-hoc strategic planning committee. The Strategic Planning committee discussed the following issues prior to the business meeting today.

- The work groups evaluated the implementation steps for each strategy they developed and prioritized the steps in numerical order. Each implementation step was originally classified in terms of urgency and priority, but now they will be listed in order as to which will get done first, and then second, and so on.
- Two new committees, Student Activities and Public Awareness/Affairs were recommended by the Strategic Plan. The two work groups who spawned these committees drafted a committee work description for each one. These were not reviewed today. The Board will begin soliciting chairpersons for each of the new committees once the work descriptions are complete and approved.
- In most cases, the implementation steps were assigned to an existing committee, a newly formed committee or the Board. However each work group will make sure that this assignment makes sense and be ready to communicate with the respective chair of the assigned committee once the plan is formally adopted.
- The Strategic Plan should be ready for approval by the Board at the business meeting in La Crosse. The Strategic Planning committee decided to finish the work left on the Strategic Plan by Conference call prior to the Annual meeting in La Crosse.

## Representatives Reports

**Spring Biosolids Symposium**: Chair Jay Kemp presented a written report.

**Water Wastewater Education Association**: Representative Dan Busch presented an oral report.

## Old Business

No old business was brought from the floor

# New Business

## **Approve 2001 Budget:**

Ken Sedmak presented the draft budget on Tom Sigmund's behalf. Income in 2001 will increase approximately \$3000 due to our share of membership dues from WEF. We will also receive an extra \$1000 from CSWEA for Public Education. Ken Sedmak will write the letter to CSWEA requesting these funds.

The following budget line items were added:

- Committees added and approved: Student Activities Com., Public Awareness Com., Member Services Com.
- Added a budget line item: Strategic Plan Implementation. ( Several action plans may require expenditures outside of the existing and newly added committees.)
- Budget changes:
  - Student Activities Committee                      \$800 (New)
  - Public Awareness Committee                      \$1300 (New)
  - Member Services                                      \$200 (New)
  - Strategic Plan Imp.                                      \$1000 (New)
  - Membership    Increased to \$500
  - Public Education                                      Increased to \$2500, recognizes extra \$1000 from CSWEA.

Dan Lynch moved to approve the amended budget, seconded by Randy Wirtz. Motion Carried.

## **Committee Chairs for 2001 - 2002:**

Vice Chair Dan Busch will be confirming Committee Chairs for 2001-2002.

Rusty Schroedel moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Tom Krueger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dan Busch.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Thomas W. Sigmund  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Wisconsin Section - CSWEA