



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

**Minutes of the November Business Meeting
Wisconsin Section - Central States Water Environment Association**

November 13, 2001

Holiday Inn, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

The Annual Business Meeting of the Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environment Association was called to order by Chair Dan Busch at 2:35 p.m. on November 13, 2001 at the Holiday Inn in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Board Members present:

- Dan Busch, Chair
- John Olson, Vice Chair
- Carol Strackbein, CSWEA Trustee
- Tom Sigmund, Secretary/Treasurer
- Ken Sedmak, Past Chair
- Tom Kruzick, WWOA Liaison

In addition, 15 other members were present.

Approval of August 15, 2001 Board Meeting Minutes: Lamont Albers moved the previously distributed meeting minutes for the August 15, 2001 Board Meeting be approved as submitted. Second by Mike Spence. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Sigmund presented the Treasurer's report, reporting that there was a balance in the Section's accounts of \$12,220.99 as of November 5, 2001. There was a question on when we will get reimbursement of dues from CSWEA, Sigmund noted that the next payment will be in January 2002. Joe Mandala moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Second by Mike Doran. Motion carried.

CSWEA Trustee Report: Trustee Carol Strackbein presented a written report. WEF has a new Executive Director, William J. Bertera. CSWEA has selected a new Secretary/Treasurer candidate who will meet the Board in January. Eric Lecuyer encouraged to Sections to provide more nominations for CSWEA and WEF awards. Carol will remind CSWEA to get the membership directory onto the CSWEA web site.

WWOA Liaison Report: Tom Kruzick presented a written report. This year's conference was held in Milwaukee and was successful. The 2002 WWOA conference will be held in LaCrosse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Dan Busch recessed the meeting at 3:00 p.m. to allow for the Committee meetings. The meeting was reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

Collection Systems: Chair Mike Spence presented a written report. The 2002 Collection System Seminar, the 15th Annual, will be held on June 6, 2002 in Watertown. Nominations for the Collection System Award and Golden Manhole Award have been slow coming in and Mike appealed for more nominations.

Government Affairs: Jim Smith presented a written report on the WDNR Ammonia Technical Advisory Committee activities.

Government Affairs Seminar: The seminar is scheduled for February 28, 2002 at the Marriott West in Middleton. Tom Muga/DNR is the seminar chair.

Industrial Waste: Chair Randy Wirtz submitted a written report. No nominations have been received for the Industrial Environmental Achievement Award.

Membership: No report was submitted.

Operations Committee & Management Seminar: Chair Joe Mandala submitted a written report. Joe is developing nominations for three awards: Operations, Hatfield, and Lab Analyst. Joe is continuing to push reimbursement forms through CSWEA and the Section for the three Wisconsin participants in the 2001 WEF Operations Challenge. Ken Sedmak presented a written report for Bill Marten for the 2002 Management Seminar. There was discussion of moving to a larger facility since we were at the maximum capacity of the facility in 2001. Tom Krueger will chair the seminar for 2002.

Public Education: Chair Max Anderson submitted a written report. The committee is preparing for presentations at the Wisconsin High School Science Teachers annual meeting, April 11-13, 2001 in Madison.

Safety: No report was received.

Watershed Management: Mike Doran presented a written report. A meeting of the Watershed Management Committee was held on October 24, 2001. Mike outlined the priorities of the committee for this year.

Strategic Planning: John Olson presented a written report. The Wisconsin Section Strategic Plan is available on the CSWEA website. The implementation plan is just beginning. The Section needs more activity and input from the membership committee to advance the strategic plan.

Student Activities: No report was received.

Public Awareness: Steve Godfrey presented an oral report. The newly formed Public Awareness committee met for the first time today. The group brainstormed some potential activities and they plan to follow the recommendations in the Strategic Plan.

Representatives Reports

Spring Biosolids Symposium: Chair Jay Kemp presented an oral report outlining the agenda for the 2002 Spring Biosolids Symposium.

Water Wastewater Education Association: No report was received.

Election of Officers

Ken Sedmak presented a written report from the Nominations Committee. The committee was chaired by Sedmak and included Carol Strackbein and Dan Busch. Nominees were presented for

Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. The nomination for Vice Chair was Tom Sigmund. The nomination for Secretary/Treasurer was Bill Marten. Dan Busch called for nominations from the floor three times for the positions of Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. Mike Doran moved that the nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Tom Sigmund and Bill Marten. Second by Jim Smith. Motion carried. The new officers will begin their terms of office at the May 2002 annual meeting.

Old Business

Carol Strackbein questioned what is being done to follow up with Riveredge Nature Center on the donation that the Section made for the constructed wetland and the Water Sourcebooks that we provided. Dan Busch will follow up with Riveredge and report back to the Board.

Student Chapters: It was suggested that we investigate starting WEF Student chapters at UW Madison, UW Milwaukee, MSOE, Marquette University, and UW River Falls. It was suggested that Aga Razvi make contact with the faculty at the colleges to determine interest. We should consider a joint venture with other more established student chapter organizations where we might have synergy (ASCE and other groups).

New Business

WI Section Financial Support of WEFTEC 2002 Reception: Dan Busch requested input from the membership as to the Section providing financial support for the 2002 WEF CSWEA reception. It was decided that we should wait until we are formally approached for a donation at which time the Board will consider the request.

Revisions to Statements of Policy: Ken Sedmak is coordinating revisions to the Statements of Policy and asked for input on potential changes.

Status Report for Award Nominations: Dan Lynch sent out reminders to committee chairs to solicit and submit nominations for CSWEA and WEF awards. There was a general discussion of award recipient criteria, and it was requested that members provide feedback to Carol Strackbein to be forwarded to the CSWEA Board. There was a suggestion that CSWEA form a standing awards committee with consistent membership to avoid starting from scratch every year with new people.

List of Section Officers and Committee Chairs: A revised list of 2002-2003 Section officers is needed by the CSWEA Secretary/Treasurer by May 2002.

It was suggested that an item be added to each Section Board meeting to discuss awards submittals.

Jim Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Jim Shaw. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Thomas W. Sigmund
Secretary/Treasurer
Wisconsin Section - CSWEA