



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

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting**

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

**May 21, 2002**

**Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, Minnesota**

The Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environment Association was called to order by Chair Dan Busch at 7:50 a.m. on May 21, 2002 at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Board Members present:

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

Absent:

- Tom Kruzick, WWOA Liaison

In addition, 32 Wisconsin Section members were present.

**Approval of February 27, 2002 Board Meeting Minutes:** Rusty Schroedel moved the meeting minutes for the February 27, 2002 Board Meeting be approved as submitted. Second by Joe Mandala. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Sigmund presented the Treasurer's report, stating that there was a balance in the Section's accounts of \$18,647.55 as of May 14, 2002. Jim Smith moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Second by Lamont Albers. Motion carried.

**Audit Committee Report:** Auditor Bill Marten reported that he and Ken Sedmak had audited the Treasurer's books for 2001. He submitted a written report that stated all items were in order and that the financial statement was correct. . Tom Bunker moved that the Audit Committee's report be accepted as presented. Second by Mike Doran. Motion carried.

**CSWEA Trustee Report:** Trustee Carol Strackbein presented an oral report. Several CSWEA officers attended the WEF Regional Member Association Meeting in March in Winnipeg. WEF is evaluating in June how to deal with a budget deficit. Carol congratulated the Section for the many qualified award nominees. There will be a new format for the Burke Safety Award. CSWEA will have its member list available on the web site in July. Eric Lecuyer's goal for his year as President is promoting young professional membership and involvement.

**WVOA Liaison Report:** Judy Tholen presented a written report prepared by Tom Kruzick. The 2002 WVOA conference will be held in LaCrosse from October 8-11. The 2003 meeting will be held at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells from October 28-31, 2003.

**Introduction of CSWEA and WEF Guests:** The following guests were introduced to the Section Membership: David Lane, CSEWA President, Eric Lecuyer, incoming CSWEA President, Russ Susag, CSWEA Secretary/Treasurer, and Jim Clark, WEF President. Each had brief remarks to the Section. Jim Clark said that WEF is evaluating its committee structure and communication. He has established a University Professor Task Force to get more students involved in WEF. He is leading a strategic planning process to help direct WEF's human and financial resources. Eric Lecuyer discussed his objectives for his term as CSWEA President: Establishing a Young Professionals Committee for members with less than 5 years experience, increasing the number of Student Chapters, establishing an ad-hoc committee to develop a financial reserves policy, and getting the membership list on the CSWEA web site. Russ Susag is looking for input from the Section's on the WISILLMINN such as news of members, a report from the Section Chair, and he asked that someone from each Section be designated as a liaison to the WISILLMINN.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Collection Systems:** Chair Mike Spence submitted a written report. The 2002 Collection System Seminar, the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual, will be held on June 6, 2002 in Watertown.

**Government Affairs:** Chair Rusty Schroedel presented an oral report. Dave Taylor will replace Rusty as the Chair for the Committee for 2002 – 03. The committee's written report will be posted on the web site.

**Industrial Waste:** Chair Randy Wirtz submitted a written report.

**Membership:** Chair Ken Sedmak presented an oral report. Ken is looking for additional members of the committee. He will develop and implement a strategy to get new members more involved in the Section.

**Operations Committee & Management Seminar:** Chair Joe Mandala presented a written report. The committee is arranging for Wisconsin participants in the 2002 WEFTEC Operations Challenge. Dave Arnot was introduced as the chair of the Operations Committee for 2002-03. Tom Krueger reported that the 2002 Management Seminar is scheduled for August 15, 2002 at the Comfort Inn in Madison.

**Public Education:** Chair Max Anderson presented a written report. The presentations at the Wisconsin Secondary Science Teachers annual meeting, April 11-12, 2002 in Madison were very successful with forty teachers reached.

**Safety:** No report was received. Ari Mathos informed John Olson that he will no longer serve as Chair of the committee.

**Watershed Management:** Mike Doran presented a written report. EPA is planning to issue a draft TMDL policy this summer. The committee is planning to review all regulations in the DNR code related to classification of waters and create a white paper for DNR use. Jane Carlson from Strand is the new committee chair and the committee is looking for new members.

**Student Activities:** No report was received.

**Public Awareness:** Chair Steve Godfrey presented a written report. The committee is developing a Wisconsin Section tabletop display and a brochure. The committee is also

preparing press releases on member activities and is developing a list of experts in water environment areas to be available to local media.

## Representatives Reports

**Spring Biosolids Symposium:** Jay Kemp presented an oral report. The 2002 seminar was attended by approximately 300. The 2003 seminar is scheduled for March 13 in Stevens Point.

**Water Wastewater Education Association:** Rusty Schroedel presented an oral report. The calendar needs more input on meetings to avoid conflicts between groups. WWEA is serving as an advisor to Moraine ark Technical College.

## Old Business

**Riveredge Nature Center:** Dan Busch will continue to follow up with Riveredge Nature Center on the distribution of Water Source books.

**Revisions to Statements of Policy:** Ken Sedmak discussed proposed revisions to the Statements of Policy. A motion was made by Mike Doran to approve the revisions as presented. Second by Ron Dickrell. Motion passed.

**Status Report for Award Nominations:** Dan Busch complimented the committees for their nominations of Section members for CSWEA and WEF awards. Busch will communicate with committee chairs early in the summer to get award nominees ready for the August Section Board meeting.

**Water Source Book Availability to Local Schools:** Dan Busch discussed an idea to make copies of the four Water Source books available to schools in each of the 5 regions. He would like a utility or consulting firm to serve as host for the books to lend out to schools in their region. The Board will pursue finding interested utilities to host the books. Contact Dan Busch or John Olson if interested.

## New Business

**List of Section Officers and Committee Chairs:** John Olson is preparing a list of 2002-2003 Section officers and committee chairs which will be posted on the web site.

**Safety Committee:** John Olson noted the lack of a chair and recent inactivity of the Safety committee. He suggested folding the activities of the committee (promoting safety and nominees for the Burke Safety award) into the Operations committee. There was discussion on the topic with members noting that there are new charges from OSHA on safety issues that will need to be addressed, a suggestion that we consider a joint Wisconsin Water Association/ Wisconsin Section CSWEA safety committee, that an important function of the committee is to have a safety topic at each of our seminars. General support for the function of the committee led John Olson to decide that the Board will consider the options for ensuring that the committee's charges are performed.

**Student Chapters:** The Wisconsin Section received a \$600 grant from CSWEA for 2002 for Student Chapters. It was suggested by Dan Busch and Max Anderson that we use some of this money to assist students from our two student chapters in Stevens Point and Platteville to attend WEFTEC 02 to help defray travel expenses. Lamont Albers offered a motion to provide up to \$800 from the Section for the student chapters to help defray travel expenses for WEFTEC 02. Second by Ken Sedmak. Motion passed.

**Wisconsin Section Coordinator for WISILLMINN:** John Olson and Carl Michels will serve as coordinators to CSWEA for the WISILLMINN from the Wisconsin Section.

**Public Awareness Committee:** John Leonhard offered a motion that the Section approve a budget for the Public Awareness Committee of \$3,000 to cover developing an new tabletop display and artwork, a new Wisconsin Section brochure, and expenses for periodic press releases on member activities. Second by Ken Sedmak. Motion passed.

**Service Award:** Ken Sedmak presented the 2002 Wisconsin Section Service Award to Paul Lange.

**Secretary/Treasurer Service Recognition:** Dan Busch recognized 4 years of service by Secretary/Treasurer Tom Sigmund with a plaque.

**Past Chair Award:** John Olson presented the 2001-2002 Wisconsin Section Past Chair Award to Dan Busch.

**Passing of the Gavel:** Dan Busch thanked John Olson for his contribution to the Section as Vice Chair and passed the gavel to John as the 2002-2003 Wisconsin Section Chair. Tom Sigmund is the new Section Vice Chair and Bill Marten is the new Secretary/Treasurer.

**2002 - 2003 Chair's Remarks:** John Olson noted that he is looking forward to his year as chair. John plans to set aside some time every day to think about or take action on issues pertaining to the Wisconsin Section. John asked the membership to bring in younger members and get them active on committees. John encouraged the committee members to look at the charge for their committee and get active and make all of our committees functional. John set the next Board meeting for August 14, 2002, the day before the Management Seminar.

Lamont Albers moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Rusty Schroedel. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Thomas W. Sigmund  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Wisconsin Section - CSWEA

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