



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

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Wisconsin Section - Central States Water Environment Association
May 24, 2005
Kahler Grand Hotel, Rochester, Minnesota**

The Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environment Association was called to order by Chair Mike Pierner at 7:50 a.m. on May 24, 2005 at the Kahler Grand Hotel in Rochester, Minnesota.

Board Members present:

- Mike Pierner, Chair
- Randy Wirtz, Vice Chair
- Tom Krueger, CSWEA Trustee
- Bill Marten, Secretary/Treasurer
- Tom Sigmund, Past Chair

In addition, 31 Wisconsin Section members were present.

Approval of March 2, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes: John Leonhard moved that the meeting minutes for the March 2, 2005 Board Meeting be approved as submitted. Second by LaMont Albers. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and Audit Committee Report: Bill Marten presented the Treasurer's report, stating that there was a balance in the Section's accounts of \$18,149.63 as of May 19, 2005. Bill noted that the Section was expecting the final disbursement from CALS (University of Wisconsin-Madison) for the 2005 Government Affairs Seminar, which when received would bolster the Section's balance above \$25,000.

Jeff Brochtrup reported that he and Paul Nehm had audited the Treasurer's books for 2004. He submitted a written report that stated all items were in order and that the 2004 financial statement was correct.

Carol Strackbein made a motion to approve both the Treasurer's Report and the Audit Committee Report as presented. Second by Tom Bunker. Motion carried.

Introduction of CSWEA and WEF Guests: CSWEA President Jim Roth introduced WEF President-Elect Mohammad Dahab, CSWEA First Vice-President Scott Trotter, and CSWEA Secretary/Treasurer Eric Lecuyer. Each had brief remarks to the Section.

Mohammad Dahab briefly reviewed some of the initiatives currently occurring throughout WEF. In particular he noted the need to increase WEF membership through the recruitment of new members as students and as they begin their professional careers, noting the establishment of the Students and Young Professionals committees and the establishment of student chapters at universities and colleges. He added that this was especially important to him due to his career of teaching at the university level, and complemented CSWEA for their efforts with regard to the Student Paper and Student Design competitions.

Eric Lecuyer briefly noted several forthcoming items including:

- More upgrades to the CSWEA website.
- A CSWEA Leadership workshop scheduled for July in the Wisconsin Dells.
- An equipment expo being planned for 2006, jointly sponsored by CSWEA and AWWA.

Scott Trotter echoed Mohammad's sentiments with regard to reaching out to capture new young members and to the Student Paper and Student Design competitions. He noted that a prime focus for the coming year would be the activities of the organization's committees as its new governing documents are implemented. He concluded by noting next year's annual meeting will be in St. Charles, and will return to beginning on Tuesday's and running through Friday.

CSWEA Trustee Report: Trustee Tom Krueger presented an oral report. Key points made included:

- The 2005 Education Seminar was again very successful, with near record attendance.
- The 2004 fiscal year marked the first year the organization, including all three state sections, was audited as a whole. He added that the audit went well.
- He noted that CSWEA now had the ability to accept registrations online, through the use of credit card payments via PayPal. He added that any organization or section event could make use of this feature by contacting Eric Lecuyer.
- There were four nominees from CSWEA for WEF awards (Camp, Collection System, Gascoigne and Schroepfer) for this year. It is hoped that we can continue to build on this in the future.
- This year's annual meeting featured the second annual Student Paper competition and the first Student Design competition.
- Jay Kemp is leading the planning efforts for the joint equipment expo to be held in January 2006 at the Wisconsin Dells.

WWOA Liaison Report: Jim Thalke had submitted a written report which is available for review on the CSWEA website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports are posted on the CSWEA Wisconsin Section website for review. Key committee issues discussed are noted below.

Collection Systems: Chair Frank Tiefert had submitted a written report. Tom Krueger noted that the 2005 Collection System Seminar will be held on June 2, 2005 in Watertown.

Government Affairs: Chair Dave Taylor had submitted a written report. Dave Taylor will be stepping down as chair, with Bill Desing taking over. Jane Carlson will be serving as vice-chair.

Industrial Waste: Chair Brian Molenaar had submitted a written report.

Membership: No report was received.

Operations Committee & Management Seminar: Operations Committee Chair Dave Arnott submitted a written report. He noted that Jeff Schmudde of Green Bay MSWD and Mike Gelhar from Oshkosh would be representing the Wisconsin Section at the WEFTEC 2005 Operations Challenge.

The Management Seminar will be held on August 11, 2005 at the Comfort Inn in Madison.

Public Education: Chair Max Anderson submitted a written report.

Safety: No report was received.

Watershed Management: Chair Jane Carlson submitted a written report. Hans Holmberg will be replacing Jane as Chair.

Student Activities: Chair Dan Busch submitted a written report. Dan introduced two students from UW-Platteville, who would be competing in the first Student Design competition later that day.

Public Awareness: Chair Steve Godfrey had submitted a written report. Steve noted that the Wisconsin Section brochure would be printed soon, and also to make sure the committee was informed of all Wisconsin Section award winners, so that they could be recognized locally.

Representatives Reports

Spring Biosolids Symposium: Jay Kemp reported that the 2005 Symposium was another success, with over 300 attendees. He noted that longtime committee member Art Peterson was contemplating retiring from the committee, and suggested the Section consider some form of recognition of Art for his service to the committee and the industry. Jay will be stepping down from the committee, with Bill Marten taking over as the CSWEA representative.

Water Wastewater Education Association: Rusty Schroedel had submitted a written report. Rusty noted that Mary Wagner was taking over for Peg O'Donnell, who had retired. Her phone number at WDNR was the same as Peg's. He also noted that it appeared the Moraine Park Technical College water/wastewater program was going to be dropped due to low enrollments.

Old Business

CSWEA/Wisconsin Section Policies Update: Mike Pierner noted that he and Bill Marten would serve as an ad hoc committee to develop recommendations for the new Section Statements of Policy to be adopted by early 2006. Anyone wishing to participate on this ad hoc committee or wanting to offer comments should contact Mike or Bill.

SSO/CMOM Representative: Mike Pierner announced that Ned Paschke, who had been appointed at the Wisconsin Section representative to the WDNR SSO/CMOM Advisory Committee had taken a new position with the University of Wisconsin and as such had to resign from this appointment. Mike announced that he had appointed Dave Taylor from Madison MSD to replace Ned as the Section's representative.

New Business

Seminar Sponsorship Agreements: Mike Pierner noted that the Section had recently endorsed revised seminar sponsorship agreements for the Government Affairs Seminar, the Spring Biosolids Symposium, the Management Seminar and the Collection Systems Seminar.

Committee Chair Changes: The following committee chair changes were noted:

- Government Affairs Committee: Bill Desing/Chair and Jane Carlson/Vice-Chair.
- Watershed Management Committee: Hans Holmberg/Chair. Vice-Chair currently open.
- Spring Biosolids Symposium: Bill Marten as Section representative.

Student Activities Committee Name Change: Dan Busch requested that the Section consider changing the name of the Student Activities Committee to the Student and Young Professionals Committee, to align itself with similar committees at the organization and Federation level, and to reflect the need to reach out to young professionals beginning their careers. Jeff Brochtrup made a motion to change the Student Activities Committee name to the Student and Young Professionals Committee. Second by LaMont Albers. Motion carried.

Service Award: Tom Sigmund presented the 2005 Service Award to Dan Busch of the Green Bay MSD, recognizing Dan as a past Section chair, current chair of the Students and Young Professionals Committee, Wisconsin Section WISILLMINN liaison, and member of the original and current Section Strategic Plan committees.

Passing of the Gavel and Past Chair Award: Mike Pierner thanked the Section for helping produce a successful year of strong seminars and an updated strategic plan. He also thanked Tom Krueger for his two years of service as CSWEA Trustee, noting that Rusty Schroedel would be replacing Tom.

Mike then thanked Randy Wirtz for his contribution to the Section as Vice Chair, in particular leading the Strategic Plan Update committee. He then passed the gavel to Randy as the 2005-2006 Wisconsin Section Chair. As Randy's first official activity he presented Mike Pierner with the Wisconsin Section 2004-2005 Past Chair Award. Randy then noted that Tom Mulcahy was the new Section Vice Chair.

2005 - 2006 Chair's Remarks: Randy Wirtz thanked the Section for allowing him to take on this leadership role. He noted that he looked forward to working with Tom Mulcahy in the coming year, and that a key challenge would be adopting new Statements of Policy aligned with CSWEA's new governing documents. He also noted that the success of the organization depended on the efforts of a large number of people, and encouraged members to get involved and to work to recruit new members, particularly younger members.

He then noted that the next Section Board meeting would be held August 10, 2005 in Madison, the day before the Management Seminar.

LaMont Albers moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Mike Pierner. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

William L. Marten
Secretary/Treasurer
Wisconsin Section - CSWEA