



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

**Minutes of the CSWEA Annual Meeting
Wisconsin Section - Central States Water Environment
Association
May 21, 2008
Sheraton Bloomington South Hotel, Minneapolis,
MN**

Chair Bill Marten called the meeting of the Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environment Association to order at 7:46 a.m. on May 21, 2008 at the Sheraton Bloomington South Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Board Members present:

- Bill Marten, Chair
- Steve Godfrey, Vice Chair
- Ken Sedmak, CSWEA Trustee
- Dennis Egge, WWOA Liaison
- Dave Arnott, Secretary/Treasurer
- Tom Mulcahy, Past Chair

In addition, the following individuals were present: Vern Witthuhn, Steven Woodman, Jane Carlson, Jim Beier, Tom Bunker, Allen Wheeler, Owen Van Swol, Steve Reusser, Craig Schuenemann, Chris Tippery, Ken Jalesa, Rusty Schroedel, Jeff Brochtrup, Bill Oldenburg, Dan Busch, Bob Lamal, Tom Sigmund, Carol Strackbein, Frank Tiefert, Tom Kreuger, Rachel Lee, John Leonhard, Gordan St. Jean, Jon Butt, Dan Lynch, Jim Shaw, Ken Sedmak, Jeremy Cramer, Paul Christensen, Steve Mills, Jay Kemp, Jonas Balisreri, Jim Thalke, Tom Kruzick

Approval of minutes of February 27, 2008 Winter Board Meeting: No changes to the minutes were suggested. Ken Sedmak moved that the meeting minutes for the Winter Board meeting be approved. Second by Dan Busch. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Arnott presented the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance in the Section's accounts of \$30,090.09 as of May 15, 2008. Of this total, \$6,704.20 is in our checking account, \$8,056.63 is in our savings account, and \$15,329.49 is in CDs. Carol Strackbein moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Second by Jeff Brochtrup. Motion passed.

CSWEA Trustee Report: Trustee Ken Sedmak presented a verbal summary of significant items in his written report, which is posted on the Wisconsin Section website. The most recent meeting of the Central States Executive Committee was held on December 6th, 2007 at the Sheraton Bloomington hotel in Minnesota. A teleconference was held on January 23rd, 2007.

Ken reported that the CSWEA is fiscally sound and in good shape. The CSWEA current balance is \$35K to \$38K.

The Central States water periodical is going well. The publication is printed and distributed at no cost to the Association. The publisher receives their money from advertisements. After the 3 years, any profits go to the Association.

CSWEA is a sponsor for World Water Monitoring Day. The website is www.worldwidemonitoringday.org.

The Stockholm Junior Water Prize representative from CSWEA is Laura Mark from Divine Savior Holy Angels High School. There is no student paper team from Wisconsin Section this year. The Wisconsin Section student design team gives their presentation this afternoon.

Association membership has leveled off. There are now 1,226 members.

The 2008 Water Expo was a success. There were 372 registrants, including 200 exhibitors, 104 booths, and 36 presentations.

For the 2008 CSWEA Annual Meeting, there were 270 full registrations, 300 total registrations, 68 exhibitors, and 62 golfers. Next year, the CSWEA Annual meeting will be at the Lincolnshire Resort in Illinois.

CSX is scheduled from noon on 7/17, 2008 to noon on 7/18, 2008 at the Kalahari Hotel in Wisconsin Dells.

The USEPA / CSWEA Advanced Asset Management seminar will be 9/09 and 9/10 2008 at the Monona Terrace in Madison, Wisconsin.

The Illinois WEA sent a letter to WEF requesting that the Illinois Section of CSWEA be dissolved. WEF responded that it is up to the Illinois WEA and CSWEA to work out the issue. Eric Lecuyer will send a letter to Illinois WEA that the CSWEA Illinois Section members will attend the Illinois WEA Annual Meeting. However, the issue of dissolution of the Illinois Section of CSWEA is off the table and will not be discussed.

WVOA Liaison Report: WVOA Liaison Dennis Egge presented a verbal summary of key items from his written report, which is posted on the Wisconsin Section website.

Tom Kruger brought up the issue of the difficulty of getting a mailing list for the Management Seminar and other WVOA events. Tom Kruzick mentioned that there are about 4 different versions of mailing lists out there. Tom said WVOA needs to update the mailing list including the processes for each facility and the facility addresses.

Committee Reports

Committee reports can be viewed on the Wisconsin Section website. Noteworthy discussion items pertaining to each committee are summarized below.

Collection Systems: Chair Todd Stelmacher had submitted a written report. Jim Beier gave a verbal report. Planning for the Northwoods Collection System Seminar is in the final stages. The same Watertown vendor letter for booth coordination will be used for the Northwoods seminar.

Government Affairs: Chair Jane Carson had submitted a written report. Jane also gave a verbal report.

For the draft phosphorus criteria rule making, MEG members, GAC members, and Wisconsin Section members are to get cost information to Dave Taylor of MMSD. Dave is collecting and organizing costs.

The Wisconsin Legislature passed the Great Lakes Compact.

Industrial Waste: No written report was received. Bill Oldenburg presented a verbal report. Bill stated that the first Pretreatment Seminar is scheduled for June 18, 2008.

Membership: No report received and no oral report presented. The Committee Chair position is presently vacant.

Operations Committee: No report received and no oral report presented.

Management Seminar: Chair Paul Nehm had submitted a written report.

Public Education and Awareness: No report was received and no report was presented. The Committee Chair was out of the country.

Safety: No report received and no oral report presented.

Watershed Management: No report received and no oral report presented, as the Committee Chair was not at this meeting.

Students & Young Professionals: Rachael Lee submitted a written report and gave a verbal update of the committee's activities. The next event for the Young Professionals group is a phosphorous removal seminar at Symbiont on September 18, 2008.

The SYP Exchange is scheduled for the second day of CSX. The meeting will include a tour of the Kalahari pumping systems.

Another Young Professional Brewer outing is scheduled. Details still have to be worked out.

The Happy Hour at the Education Seminar was not a success. There was not good attendance partly because of the room location and the route attendees used to exit the seminar.

Jonas Balisreri is the President of the UW Madison Chapter. Jonas is interested in going to WEFTEC and will need support with transportation.

Representatives Reports

Spring Biosolids Symposium: Bill Marten had submitted a written report. The 2008 Symposium was held March 18, 2008 in Stevens Point. Preliminary financial results showed a modest profit that will be split between WWOA and the Wisconsin Section.

WaterWastewaterEducationAssociation No written report was submitted.

Old Business

Committee Annual Plan: Bill Marten encouraged all committees to submit and finalize their annual plans for May 2008 through May 2009. The only Annual Plans received are the Collections Systems Committee and the Government Affairs Committee.

High Yield Checking Account: Dave Arnott reported that US Bank does not offer this type of program and instead offers CDs. Dave explained that liquidity should not be a problem since we are very conservative about how much money we put in CDs. Dave suggested that we do not split our accounts between multiple banks. The general consensus was that we should stay with CDs and keep all our accounts at US Bank.

Committee Rosters: Dave Arnott reported he has been coordinating with the Committee Chairs to create a master list of all committee rosters. The list includes liaisons from the Board as of the end of this meeting (Officers for the 2008/2009 Administrative year). Any committee Vice Chairs identified, have been forwarded to Eric Lecuyer for posting on the CSWEA website.

Board of Control Liaison Activity: Bill Marten encouraged the Board to make their contacts to their respective committees.

Strategic Plan: Steve Godfrey is coordinating this effort. Steve handed out the draft plan. The Strategic Plan will have many of the same elements as the Committee on Committees ad hoc committee formed a couple years ago. The focus for the next few months will be to assign responsible parties for each goal. The plan is to have the Strategic Plan adopted at the Summer Board Meeting.

New Business

Committee Chair /Officer Changes: Bill Krill will be taking over the Watershed Management Committee Chair position from Hans Holmberg. We are still looking for a Chair to head the Membership Committee.

14 Month CD Renewal: Dave Arnott explained that the 14-month CD is up for renewal. If the Section does nothing, the CD automatically renews. The present CD balance is \$5,284.79. The Board agreed to renew the CD.

Other New Business: Tom Sigmund stated that the Phosphorous rulemaking is extremely important. Rusty Schroedel felt that Wisconsin Section needs to do something separate from the DNR technical committee. After a discussion, Rusty Schroedel made a motion that the Wisconsin Section Board send a letter to the DNR requesting that we be included on the Technical Advisory Committee to share our technical expertise of the issue. The motion was seconded by Frank Tiefert. The motion passed. Bill Marten offered to work with Jane Carlson to draft the letter.

Wisconsin Section Service Award

Tom Mulcahy presented the 2008 Service award. The recipient was Dave Taylor of the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District. Steve Reusser accepted the award on Dave's behalf as Dave was not able to attend the meeting.

Passing of the Gavel

Steve Godfrey officially became Chair of the Wisconsin Section for the 2008/2009 administrative year. Steve stated that he was honored to be the leader of the Section.

Bill Marten was recognized for a job well done serving as Chair of the Wisconsin Section for the 2007/2008 administrative year. Steve Godfrey presented Bill with a plaque.

2008/2009 Wisconsin Section Chair Remarks

Steve Godfrey stated that he is looking forward to the upcoming year. He wants to focus on finalizing the Strategic Plan and implementing it.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

David W. Arnott
Secretary/Treasurer
Wisconsin Section - CSWEA