



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

**Minutes of the Fall Annual Business Meeting
Wisconsin Section – Central States Water Environment Association
November 9, 2017
Global Water Center, Marquette Conference Room, 6th floor
Freshwater Way - Milwaukee, WI**

Chair Jay Kemp called the Wisconsin Section of Central States Water Environment Association Annual Business meeting to order at 2:39 PM on November 9, 2017 at the Global Water Center in Milwaukee, WI.

Board Members Present:

- Jay Kemp, Chair
- Jon Butt, Treasurer
- Veronica Loete, Secretary
- Dan Zitomer, Trustee
- Jeremy Cramer, WWOA Liaison

Other members present:

- Keith Haas
- Brandon Koltz
- Alan Grooms
- Allen Williams
- Jerad Wegner
- Mark Van Weelden
- Amy Post
- David Rosenberg
- Autumn Fisher (phone)
- Troy Larson (phone)
- Sam Austin (phone)
- Glenn Tranowski (phone)
- Hiroko Yoshida (phone)

1. Introduction of those present

All attendees introduced themselves and indicated CSWEA involvement.

2. Approval of Minutes of August 2017 Business Meeting

Motion to approve as presented: Koltz, Second: Van Weelden, motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report

Jon Butt presented the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance in the Section's accounts of \$27,483.27 as of 11/09/2017 date. Of this amount, \$5,102.84 was in the checking account, \$22,380.43 was in the savings account.

Motion to approve as written: Koltz, Second: Haas, motion passed.

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4. 2018 Budget

Jon Butt presented the preliminary 2018 budget. The following items were discussed:

- Increase YP Support to \$1000 and reduce WEF Student Chapter Support budget to \$2,500

Motion to approve the 2017 budget as amended: Koltz, Second: Haas, motion passed.

5. Trustee's Report

Trustee Dan Zitomer provided a verbal report.

CSWEA Exec Committee met at WEFTEC. Moving forward with revised schedule for annual meeting

6. WWOA Liaison's Report

WWOA Liaison Jeremy Cramer provided a written report, see attached packet.

7. Committee & Representatives Reports

- a. Collection System – Wegner
Committee Chair Jared Wegner submitted a written report, see attached packet.
- b. Government Affairs –Boersma
Committee Chair Paul Boersma submitted a written report, see attached packet.
Brandon Koltz provided verbal comments related to national regulatory issues discussed at WEFTEC. EPA administrator at WEFTEC used the term “cooperative federalism” to describe the EPA taking a lesser role in enforcement and direction and giving states a broader role with regard to Clean Water Act. It remains to be seen how this will impact relationships between the EPA and state agencies.
Waters of the United States – intent is to pull the 2015 definitions and redefine them.
- c. Industrial Waste – Kemp
Committee Chair Jay Kemp provided a verbal report. The committee held their pretreatment seminar in August 2017. The seminar was successful. The planning for 2018's conference will start in January/February 2018.
- d. Membership – Fisher
Committee Chair Autumn Fisher submitted a written report, see attached packet.
- e. Operations – Cramer
Committee Chair Jeremy Cramer submitted a written report, see attached packet.
- f. Management Seminar – Haack

Committee Chair Claudia Haack did not provide a written report. Jeremy Cramer provided verbal report. This year's seminar in August was successful and turned a profit.

- g. Public Education/Awareness – Yoshida
Committee Chair Hiroko Yoshida submitted a written report, see attached packet.
- h. Watershed and Stormwater – Mittag
Committee Chair Mark Mittag submitted a written report, see attached packet.
- i. Young Professionals and Students Committees – Van Weelden
Committee Chair Mark Van Weelden submitted a written report for both committees, see attached packet.
- j. Spring Biosolids Symposium – Marten
Committee Chair Bill Marten submitted a written report, see attached packet.

8. Nominations Committee Report / Election of Officers

The Nomination Committee consists of the following members: Alan Grooms, Dan Zitomer, and Julie McMullin.

- a. The Nomination Committee nominated Rachel Lee for Vice-Chair of the Wisconsin Section. Jay Kemp called for other nominations three times and no other nominations were presented. Rachel Lee was unanimously elected to the position of Vice-Chair.
- b. The Nomination Committee nominated Samantha Austin for Secretary of the Wisconsin Section. A call for other nominations was made three times and no other nominations were presented. Samantha Austin was unanimously elected to the position of Vice-Chair.

9. Old Business

- a. Latest version of WI Section Policies and Procedures (November 2015) was posted to CSWEA website.

10. New Business

- a. February Meeting will be held in Madison on the day before the Government Affairs Seminar. Could be at Strand or Madison Metropolitan. Meeting to be held Wednesday, February 21, 2018.
- b. Effective Utility Management Workshop – given opportunity to host and promote event in 2018. Content will be provided, CSWEA WI Section would need to provide space for 10 to 15 utilities. Information will be shared with board to determine if a committee wants to spearhead the efforts. Will be discussed further

11. Upcoming Events

- WI Section Board Meeting – February 21
- Government Affairs Seminar – February 22
- Spring Biosolids Symposium – March 20

- Education Seminar – April 10
- CSWEA Annual Meeting – May 14-16
- Classic Collection System Seminar – June 7
- Effective Utility Management Workshop – July 26
- Northwoods Collection System Seminar – July 26

12. Adjournment

There being no further new business

Motion to approve/adjourn: Haas, Second: Koltz.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Veronica Loete

Secretary

Wisconsin Section - CSWEA



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Committee Reports

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4) Trustee's Report – Dan Zitomer

No report submitted for this packet

5) WWOA Liaison's Report – Jeremy Cramer

CLARIFIER: Articles for the Clarifier need to be submitted to Jon Butt at Jonathan.Butt@SYMBIONTONLINE.com. The Clarifier deadlines are as follows:

Clarifier Issue	Deadline
December 2017	November 10
February 2018	January 12, 2018
April 2018	March 16
June 2018	May 11
September 2018	August 10
December 2018	November 9

WWOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The next WWOA Board of Directors meeting will be held at the Grand Geneva in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin on December 7th and 8th this meeting is the annual budget meeting.

WWOA Annual Conference: The WWOA held its 51st Annual conference on October 17-20th 2017 at the Marriott Madison West in Middleton. The conference was one of the largest with the official registration count at 843. The exhibitor count was 159 which was the most ever. There are already 17 paid exhibitors registered for 2018. The 2018 52nd Annual Conference will be held at the Grand Geneva in Lake Geneva on October 16th through the 19th.

WWOA name change discussion: The Board of Directors has listened to input from the membership over the past year in the interest of a possible name change for the organization. There have been many comments both for and against a name change. This discussion may carry forward in the upcoming years.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
December 14, 2017	Lake Michigan Year End Meeting	Shawano, WI
January 25, 2018	Southeast Region Winter meeting	Port Washington, WI
February 6 and 7, 2018	Midwest Water & Wastewater Operator Expo	Wisconsin Dells, WI
February 15, 2018	Lake Michigan Winter Meeting	TBD
February 22, 2018	Government Affairs	Middleton, WI
March 20, 2018	Spring Biosolids Symposium	Stevens Point, WI
April 17 and 18, 2018	WWOA BOD meeting	Lake Geneva, WI
April 27, 2018	Northwest Region Spring meeting	Rice Lake, WI

6) Collection Systems – Jerad Wegner, Chair

Committee report included at end of section

Government Affairs – Paul Boersma, Chair

To: Veronica Loete - Secretary Wisconsin Section
From: Paul Boersma, Government Affairs Committee Chair
Chris Tippery, Government Affairs Committee Vice-Chair
Date: November 6, 2017
Subject: Government Affairs Committee Report

The primary focus of the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) is to identify and track various regulatory/legislative initiatives that may have a significant impact on Wisconsin Section members, including federal initiatives that will impact Wisconsin. Following are brief summaries prepared by individual committee members in the areas of recent interest. The committee members are shown below:

- Chair: Paul Boersma, Black & Veatch
- Vice-Chair: Chris Tippery, Symbiont
- Jim Kleinschmidt, Baxter & Woodman
- Brent Brown, CH2M Hill
- Jane Carlson, Strand Associates
- Allen Williams, Donohue & Associates
- Joan Hawley, Superior Engineering (Mentor)
- Paul Kent, Stafford Rosenbaum
- Brandon Koltz, Brandon Koltz Water & Environmental Consulting LLC
- Tyler Linton, Great Lakes Environmental Center
- Drew Suesse, Madison MSD
- Kathy Lake, Madison MSD

Regulatory and Other Initiatives Updates Committee is Tracking

General Wisconsin Legislative Updates (wide variety) - Jim Kleinschmidt/Baxter Woodman

REINS Act (Wisconsin Act 47).

The Governor signed this bill on August 9, 2017 with an effective date of August 10, 2017. This bill requires that if an economic analysis of a regulation indicates a cost of more than \$10,000,000 over a two year period it will require a specific bill to authorize the regulation unless the agency reduces the project costs to under the \$10,000,000 over a two-year period threshold. The economic analysis can be ordered either by the chairs of the Joint Committee on Rules and Regulation or the DOA. DOA must approve of the results of the economic analysis before promulgation may continue. If the costs are more than \$10,000,000 in two years, then there needs to be specific legislative authorization for the rule.

Regulatory Sunset Bill (AB 384 and SB 295)

This bill if enacted would require all administrative code regulations to sunset every seven years. A year prior to the expiration date, the agency needs to request of the chair of the appropriate standing committees in the Assembly and the Senate if the rule can be reauthorized. If either chair indicates that the rule needs to be reviewed, the rule must go through a rule-making prior to being authorized. An amendment to the bill proposes that after the expiration date of the rule, the rule is not enforceable until a new rule has been promulgated. If the rule would potentially cost more than \$10,000,000 in a two year period it would be subject to the REINS act (see above) and require specific legislative authorization for rule-making prior to beginning the rule making process. This bill applies to all administrative codes statewide. The bill has received a hearing in both the Assembly and the Senate. The Assembly has scheduled an executive session on this bill for November 7, 2017 at 9:30 AM. If the bill is passed out of committee it would then be ready for scheduling for adoption by the Assembly. Action may be taken on this bill prior to the November 9, 2017 Wisconsin Section of Central States Board meeting. According to the proposal expiration of code chapters would begin as early as January 1, 2020. The schedule for expiration would be developed within one year of the effective date of the bill.

Nutrient Criteria (Designated Uses, Biocriteria, Site Specific Criteria for P, Total Nitrogen)

- Jane Carlson, Strand Associates
- Tyler Linton, Great Lakes Environmental Center
- Jim Kleinschmidt, Baxter & Woodman

External Advisory Committee (EAC) meetings on DNR's 3 Rule (Biocriteria, Designated Uses, Site-specific Criteria for P) resumed in September 2017 after an eight month hiatus. The meeting was held to introduce proposed "big picture" adjustments to the rule package based on feedback from the EAC from June 2016 through January 2017 – See Agenda and Handouts 1-7.

Primary topics for the day (based on prior feedback) were:

- 1) Designated Uses (the largest area of feedback)
 - Simplifying classifications and tiers
 - Minimizing economic impact of streamlining updates to Designated Uses
- 2) Biocriteria and Phosphorus Response Criteria

- Applying phosphorus response criteria
- Shallow lakes and rivers: Algae recreation thresholds

DNR proposes to simplify its draft Designated Uses based on a lumped approach where streams and river are no longer split out and where warm sport fish and warm forage fish are merged.

Proposed adjusted general categories include:

- Macro-invertebrate
- Cold water
- Warm water
- Ephemeral stream
- Wetland

These general categories are consistent with how criteria are established – based on what is present in a receiving waterbody: insects only (macroinvertebrate), cold fish, or warm fish. Category modifiers (naturally tolerant; modified) are for waters that have lower expectations and therefore lower criteria.

A suggested fix to the concern about stricter permit limits for a discharger discharging to a waterbody where the biocondition tier degrades from Excellent to General when other sources are the cause is to use the Excellent biocondition as an **‘Action Threshold’** rather than a criterion....thus, the waterbody would not be listed as impaired right away, and instead, additional monitoring and a stressor ID study would be initiated.

The adjustment to minimize economic impact of this Designated Use Rule is to add a streamlined process for noncontroversial updates, leaving the more controversial cases to go through the whole process. The following language change was made during the EAC meeting:

“If the department determines that a change to a designated use would require **any facility that would incur any cost to upgrade**, the designated use change shall be promulgated before submittal to EPA.”

Affected facilities will be provided with a Notice. The intent is to make the notification process transparent.

A primary concern raised by the EAC regarding phosphorus assessment using phosphorus response criteria (PRC) is that bioconfirmation could end up listing more waterbodies as impaired than delisting them. DNR does not think that will be the case, but they also now realize that very few waters would be delisted by applying PRC, which was one of the original goals of the development of PRC. Thus, DNR offered up two options to adjust the department’s proposed use of PRC. The adjustment preferred by the EAC is Option 2 (only apply PRC to sites considered for SSC).

The proposed adjustment to algae recreation thresholds based on feedback from the EAC is a slight lowering of the frequency of days that should not have algal blooms from 30 to 25%, and a wording change from the term “nuisance algal blooms” to “moderate algal levels.” **Note:** the same algae recreation criteria for shallow lakes also applies to rivers because people use rivers for full contact recreation similar to shallow lakes. What is different for rivers is that DNR does not have a set of reference rivers to perform a similar analysis like they have for shallow lakes...because there is already a big human influence in upstream waters on rivers.

The next EAC meeting is December 14, 2017. A draft Rule Package with new language is to be provided at the end of November.

TMDLs - Allen Williams/Donohue and Associates & Brent Brown/CH2M

Stormwater (Waters of the U.S, NR 151, Phase II Stormwater Rule) Paul Boersma/B&V
No report

CMOM and Wet Weather Updates - Drew Suesse/Madison MSD

Chloride Variance - Kathy Lake/Madison MSD

Wisconsin DNR Thermal Rules Revisions (NR 102 and NR 106) - Jim Kleinschmidt/Baxter Woodman
No report

Recreational Criteria /Other Water Quality Criteria - Brandon Koltz
No report

Air Standards - Chris Tippery/Symbiont
No report

Ammonia Criteria - Tyler Linton/Great Lakes Environmental Center

Scheduled to be ranked for priority within next few months for Triennial Review

Great Lakes Issues - Vacant

Anti-Degradation - *Paul Kent*
No Report

Multi-discharger Variance for phosphorus compliance (Wis. Stat. s. 283.16) - Jim Kleinschmidt
The first municipal multi-discharger variances have been included in public noticed permits. These include Rewey and Phillips, WI. Additional multi-discharger variances will follow. Based on input from the US EPA (recently adopted 40 CFR 131.14-August 21, 2015), DNR is considering an interim level step for facilities not currently removing phosphorus prior to receiving an

individual economic variance. This is based on an EPA determination of Highest Attainable Use (40 CFR 131.14). Communities will need to assess the costs of providing phosphorus removal facilities to meet a 1 mg/L interim limit plus the costs associated with a multi-discharger variance (i.e. difference between actual performance and the 0.2 mg/L target). If these costs added to the current rates and those rates are less than 2 per cent of MHI, Wisconsin DNR may request communities to file for the multi-discharger variance rather than an individual economic variance even if the costs of compliance with the appropriate criteria increase rates to beyond 2 per cent of MHI.

Water Infrastructure Financing - Vacant

Tracking Proposed Federal Funding Changes to EPA - Brandon Koltz

With the new administration, there are changes in policy and direction at U.S EPA. EPA Representatives attended the WEF Government Affairs meeting at WEFTEC and lead further discussion at one of the sessions Monday.

- Lee Forsgren, recently appointed Assistant Administrator for Water stated that EPA will be pursuing different relation to state regulatory agencies, termed **Cooperative Federalism**. He stated that the intent is to give the states flexibility to administer their programs within a broad interpretation of the Clean Water Act. He anticipates less review of state issued permits and less overfilling. He stated if U.S. EPA will enforce if there are clear violations of the EPA regulations. He anticipates increased public participation and a refocus on infrastructure.
- Andrew Sawyer, Office of Wastewater, focused on infrastructure, asset management, and financial tools. Integrated planning including consideration of stormwater management, and resilience will be priorities. Discussions continue with agricultural producers with respect to reduction of nutrients from nonpoint sources.
- Deborah Nagle has moved from heading the NPDES Program to Acting Director of Office of Science and Technology; Jeff Lape continues as Deputy Director at OST. OST is looking at algal criteria with respect to algal toxins and nutrient controls for hypoxia. The Steam Electric Rule is stayed pending litigation.
- Tom Wall/Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds discussed Waters of the United States. The status is explained on the EPA website <https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule/about-waters-united-states>.
 - “The definition of "waters of the United States" currently in effect is the definition promulgated in 1986/1988, implemented consistent with subsequent Supreme Court decisions and guidance documents. The 2015 revised regulatory definition of "waters of the United States" has been stayed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. In response to this stay, EPA, Department of Army, and the Army Corps of Engineers resumed nationwide use of the agencies’ prior regulations defining the term “waters of the United States.” On February 28, 2017, the President of the United States issued an Executive Order directing EPA

and Department of the Army to review and rescind or revise the 2015 Rule. EPA, Department of Army, and the Army Corps of Engineers are in the process of reviewing the 2015 rule and considering a revised definition of "waters of the United States" consistent with the Executive Order."

- A revised definition will be proposed based on "Rapanos" and Justice Scalia's opinion.
- Tom Wall also stated that continued research indicates that both nitrogen and phosphorus are factors in excess algae growth in both fresh and salt water. What level of algae is of concern? OWOW is working with conservation districts in 200 small watersheds to reduce nonpoint sources. With respect to Gulf hypoxia, a goal has been set to reduce nutrients 20% by 2025.

Industrial Waste – Jay Kemp, Chair

No report submitted for this packet

Membership Committee – Autumn Fisher, Chair

To: CSWEA Wisconsin Section
From: Autumn Fisher, Membership Committee Chair
RE: Committee Report for the Annual Business Meeting of the Wisconsin Section
Date: November 9, 2017

There are no action items to report at this time for the Membership Committee. We are still seeking and very open to ideas about how the committee can better serve the section as a whole and the individual committees. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us.

At the current time, the membership committee has 3 members: Autumn Fisher, Jon Butt, and Dan Zitomer.

Thank you,
Autumn Fisher

Operations Committee – Jeremy Cramer, Chair

Operations Committee Members

*Lindsey Busch
Bill Marten
Sharon Thieszen*

*Alan Grooms
Matt Seib
Rusty Schroedel*

*Steve Brand
Pat Wescott
Jake Becken*

*Jeremy Cramer - Chair
Troy Larson
Randy Wirtz*

The Operations Committee

The committee helps plan and execute activities that enhance plant operations awareness and knowledge of Section members. The committee will assist or organize an operations or management seminar within the state.

Sub Committees

1. Management
 - Aug 9th Management Seminar in Milwaukee was very successful with 68 registered. This seminar is a joint effort between WI AWWA and WI CSWEA. This year's agenda focused on current challenges in the ever-changing workplace and how utilities are successfully addressing those issues. The well attended seminar did produce a profit.
2. Safety
 - No activity

Awards

Nominations for the Operations, Lab, Safety, and Hatfield awards are currently being sought.

Operations seminar

1. Seminar Focus: Energy/Resource Recovery
2. Status: Seminar was held on October 31, 2017 in Madison Wisconsin at the Lussier Center.
3. Seminar Overview: The operations committee did a great job on putting the seminar together. The seminar this year had 33 people in attendance. The attendance was down from last year's seminar which had 77 in attendance. The seminar did produce a small profit (\$564.00). There will be follow up on the seminar. The timing of the seminar in the fall just after WEFTEC and the WWOA conference could be the reason for the smaller attendance this year.

Other Topics of Interest

1. Possibly coordinate two seminars per year
 - a. Operations Seminar
 - b. Resource Recovery Seminar

Next Operations Committee Meeting

TBD

Management Seminar – Claudia Haack, CSWEA Contact

No report submitted for this packet

Public Education and Awareness – Hiroko Yoshida, Chair

The Public Education and Awareness Committee's main activity in the last quarter was to create an action plan for 2018. Two rounds of conference calls and follow up emails are exchanged among the committee members.

We have identified three areas of focus for 2018 as follows.

"Imagine a Day Without Water"

- The Committee assisted CSWEA leadership in crafting a marketing message to promote "Imagine a Day Without Water," which was sent out to CSWEA members

- Committee members helped promote the “Imagine” campaign in ways including promotion on social media, and producing and distributing t-shirts. They found that the day was a conversation piece with clients / stakeholders
- The Committee would like to request \$1,000 in funding to aid promotional efforts for next year’s “Imagine a Day Without Water”
 - o The Committee will further discuss tactics for the promotion (graphics, etc.), but believed this is a good campaign to further promote and support

SJWP

- In efforts to streamline promotion of the Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP), the Committee has started a centralized database of where promotions have been sent. This database will help with continuity in the future.
- Committee members also are reaching out to STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) organizations in the Green Bay and Milwaukee areas, in efforts to help promote the SJWP
- Wisconsin’s previous SJWP winner, Laurel Chen, has been assisting the Committee in gathering contact information for schools to promote next year’s SJWP. Promotional posters will be distributed. Social media graphics will be shared as well to promote SJWP.

Other Outreach / STEM Superheroes

- The Committee created content for a website page for CSWEA with STEM Superheroes Camp information, with sample activities and “how to” information so that any utility / organization can launch their own STEM Superheroes camp.

Watershed and Stormwater Committee – Mark Mittag, Chair

Quarterly Teleconference Agenda/Meeting Minutes – October 30, 2017 - Noon

Attendees: Mark Mittag, Brandon Koltz, Nancy Schultz, Jim Bachhuber, Glenn Tranowski, Jane Carlson, Julie McMullin, Jim Kleinschmidt, Jeff Smudde, Bill Hafs, Jon Lindert.

A. Review Upcoming Webinar

1. November 14, Global Water Center, webinar hosting by CSWEA
The committee reviewed the upcoming scheduled webinar.
2. Advertising flier
A flier with registration information has been previously shared with the committee. The Annual Business Meeting was rescheduled from November 14 to November 9 and as a result will not coincide with the webinar.
3. Sub-committee formation to work out topic details
Thanks to Glenn Tranowski, Jon Lindert, Travis Anderson, Brandon Koltz, and Julie McMullin for being on the organizing sub-committee.

B. State Watershed and Stormwater Activity Updates

1. NE Wisconsin Activities

Jeff Smudde provided an update on the Silver Creek pilot project. NEW Water is working on evaluating how to scale-up the pilot to full scale adaptive management. A cost evaluation is underway to understand the implications of scaling up. The cost evaluation considers a 30-year present value comparing watershed approaches and treatment upgrades. Adaptive management (AM) is looking to be more cost effective in the initial evaluation. NEW Water is currently evaluating potential watersheds for a full-scale AM process. NEW Water's preliminary phosphorus compliance alternatives plan is due March 31, 2018 and is considering more in-depth evaluations of AM, watershed water quality trading, treatment, etc. Initial cost estimates for treatment were \$220M range with the refined recent costs varying from \$60M to \$100M for treatment. These updated values will form the basis for comparison to the AM watershed approach.

Other efforts in the region: A large GLRI grant was received by the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance and Outagamie County for work in Upper Duck Creek and the East River. This expands the work that has been occurring in Plum Creek and Kankapot Creek.

Jane Carlson provided an update on the Upper Fox-Wolf TMDL. There was a public meeting on August 23. A lot of the watershed modeling has already been done. This includes the pool lake model (Lake Winnebago and three others). One interesting thing that they have done is take sediment cores in the lakes to better understand baseline phosphorus (P) concentrations in the lakes. The deepest sediment core supports a 0.04 mg/L base line concentration, which is aligned with the water quality standard. Some additional evaluation may be done to represent the water level depth control and potential changes to baseline P. The TMDL will address TSS differently from the Lower Fox TMDL and limits are expected to be similar to the current permit requirements.

WDNR was originally thinking of using monthly waste load allocations for the Upper Fox-Wolf and Wisconsin River TMDLs. However, they will likely consider an annual allocation due to the long residence time in many of the lakes and reservoirs in the watersheds.

2. Madison/Rock River Activities

Jane Carlson provided an update for the Madison area. The Yahara WINs AM pilot is transitioning into a full scale AM effort. The annual report was recently published and is available on the Madison MSD website. There is a lot of work happening with farmers in Dane County. Some popular practices include cover cropping and harvestable buffers. Dane County is promoting harvestable buffers. Look for them on Facebook.

One new approach is legacy sediment removal, which is through Dane County. Jon Lindert worked on the project and provided an update. A dredging contract was just recently awarded for the sediment removal. Work is expected to occur starting this fall and continue through August 2018. 23,000 CY they are planning on removing from the creeks. This would be the first year of work and the work covers 2.3 miles of creek sediment removal. In all, up to 33 miles of creek will potentially have sediment removed. The initial location was deemed the easiest to obtain permission for the work, although access is difficult through wetlands. Some of the other sites may need easements, but may have better access from farm fields in the future phases of legacy sediment removal.

3. SE Wisconsin Activities

Brandon Kolz provided an update: Southeastern Wisconsin Watersheds Trust (SWWT) is contracted to develop a TMDL implementation plan for the bacteria TMDL in the Milwaukee River Watersheds. Brandon is on a sub-committee discussing the bacteria TMDL implementation approach. Items being discussed include: What are the most critical sources for bacteria? What data gaps exist that need to be filled to make good decisions. A draft report is planned by the end of this year or the first part of 2018.

Several Nine Key Element Plans are also under development for major sub-watersheds of the Milwaukee Watershed. These are not being developed by SWWT.

Milwaukee MSD – Held a green infrastructure Center of Excellence Open House. Mark Mittag previously sent around that announcement.

4. Western Wisconsin Activities

No update.

5. Wisconsin River Activities

No significant update. The Wisconsin River TMDL is under internal review at this time. Annual allocations are also anticipated for the Wisconsin River TMDL. Jim Kleinschmidt noted that the draft permit for Whiting included a 0.1 mg/L P limit.

6. Other Activities

Jim Bachhuber noted the WDNR has just come out with a draft P management guidance for Fall Leaf Management. This guidance offers some modest P credit for various municipal programs. Also, there have been requests looking for funding for a USGS monitoring site effort which could potentially expand the P credit available through fall leaf management programs. The League of Municipalities is asking for \$2K to \$3K per year per municipality. Would like to get over 40 municipalities to participate.

Wetland legislation was discussed. An editorial noting planned legislation that would change protections on isolated wetlands was noted. Mark sent out a MJS editorial board article on this topic.

Manitowoc TMDL – no one was aware of any status update on this effort.

C. Regulatory Issues Update

a. External Advisory Committee on Water Quality Standards

Jim Kleinschmidt provided an update. The WDNR has canceled a planned November meeting. An October meeting did occur and several of the WDNR proposed changes were reviewed. The plan for the sub-committee is to hold off significant review until the actual draft language becomes available. It appears unlikely the site-specific P limit approach will be beneficial to POTWs. Few WWTPs will benefit from a site-specific limit because only 2 rivers seem to be affected: the Pecatonica and the Grant, both of which have no point source dischargers.

D. Other Topics of Interest

Glenn Tranowski asked about WNDR participation. WNDR did representatives did accept the meeting invitation, but were unable to participate.

Jane Carlson noted the Government Affairs Planning sub-committee meeting will be next Monday. If there are topics people would like, please pass those ideas along.

The Fall APWA conference is later this week in Wausau.

1. Vice Chair by November Business Meeting. Chair and Vice Chair responsibilities listed in link below:

<http://cswea.org/WISCONSIN/guidance/Committee%20Guidance%20Manual.pdf>

E. Next Meeting Day and Time (*tentatively* Monday, January 29, 2018 at noon)

Young Professionals and Students Committee – Mark Van Weelden, Chair

Roles for 2017/2018 Year

Chair = Mark Van Weelden

Student Vice Chair = Kevin Berg

Young Professional Vice Chair = Allen Williams,

Committee members = Sam Austin, Dave Diehl, Ryan Holzem

Young Professional Section Updates:

- Committee discussed proper voting procedures for committee positions. We may need additional guidance here.
- Committee discussed attendance to YP Summit in San Antonio (02/18)
- Committee is evaluating approaches to maintain an effective email contact list.
- Committee discussed the idea of obtaining sponsorships to offset the cost of future events.
- Future Event Ideas:
 - o Wastewater Treatment Facility Tours
 - New Water (2018)
 - Milwaukee Plants
 - o Equipment Event/Tour
 - Peterson/Matz
 - L.W. Allen
 - Mulcahy-Shaw Water
 - o “Legislative Event”
 - Coordination with Government Affairs Committee to organize event

Student Section Updates:

- Student Design Competition information sent to CSWEA committees and ready for distribution.

Spring Biosolids Symposium – Bill Marten

The 36th Annual Spring Biosolids Symposium will be held on Tuesday March 20, 2018, again at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point. The Symposium is jointly sponsored

by the Wisconsin Section and WWOA, with WDNR a contributing organization. The three organizations rotate chairs annually, and WWOA will be chairing the 2018 event.

The Symposium planning committee met on August 25 to plan the program for the 2018 event. The tentative program will include presentations on the following (some speakers are yet to be confirmed, so not identifying speakers at this time):

- Land Application Management Plans
- Understanding Soil Tests
- Nutrient Management Exemptions
- Spill Response Plans
- Onsite Systems – Sanitary Districts
- Installing Onsite Systems
- Septage Characterization
- Common Violations Related to Biosolids/Septage Compliance
- Public Relations Panel Presentation
- Operator/Hauler Certification Rule Changes
- Reactor Cleaning Panel Presentation
- WDNR Update

The planning committee is comprised of the following individuals:

- Kim Meyer/Madison MSD
- Lyle Lutz/Plover
- Don Lintner/New Holstein
- Brian Kreski/Appleton
- Karen Harter/WWOA Secretary
- Fred Hegeman/WDNR
- Steve Warrner/WDNR
- Alan Kaddatz/Pat's Hauling
- Steve Byrne/Bytec Resource Management
- Glenn Tranowski/Strand
- Bill Marten/Donohue

Glenn Tranowski and I are the CSWEA Wisconsin Section representatives – please feel free to contact either of us with any thoughts, questions, comments or concerns.



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Collection System Committee Report

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Subject: Collection System Committee Report

November 2017 Update Report

The Collection System Committee has again successfully planned and profitably implemented its two annual seminars in Watertown and Marshfield in 2017. WisDNR Operator/Septage Credits and PDH hours were offered to all attendees. Attendee feedback continues to be positive and both seminars offer great value for operators, haulers, engineers, and vendors alike.

The 30th Annual “Classic” Collection System Seminar was held on June 8th, 2017 at Turner Hall in Watertown, WI.

- 34 exhibits were on show at Riverside Park via 48 registered vendor attendees.
- Regular attendees totaled 244.
- The seminar operated with a net profit of \$1,639.09.

The 10th Annual “Northwoods” Collection System Seminar was held on July 20th, 2017 at the Eagle’s Club in Marshfield, WI.

- This seminar had 103 registered/paid attendees.
- 20 exhibits were on show at the Eagle’s Club.
- Regular attendees totaled 70.
- The seminar operated with a net profit of \$2,742.41.

General Comments

- The committee continues to bring current and interesting collection system topics and speakers to each seminar.
- Full financial statements are attached to this memo.

- Gift cards for both seminars continue to be very popular and help to keep people at the seminar the entire time. The committee will continue to purchase gift cards for the seminars for the foreseeable future.
- This year the gift card values were reduced to \$250 for each seminar, down from \$750 in year's past.
- Committee also offered up additional food sponsorship option for vendors when they registered online. The sponsorship level was \$250 and helped contribute to the bottom line costs of each seminar. Four vendor food sponsors for Northwoods and two for Classic, totaling \$1,500. Committee will plan to continue this in the future.
- Commemorative 30th and 10th anniversary seminars were celebrated in 2017 by giving away a pocket knife to all attendees of both seminars. The pocket knives were a big hit and well received.
- Committee membership is at a healthy level and we don't foresee needing to add any additional members in the 2018 calendar year.



**The Wisconsin Section
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**Nomination Committee Report
Wisconsin Section Annual Business Meeting
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The nominating committee for the Wisconsin Section of CSWEA for 2017 consisted of Alan Grooms, Dan Zitomer, and Julie McMullin. Alan Grooms, as the Section Past Chair, served as the chair of the nominating committee.

Two positions require nominees for action at the 2017 annual business meeting. They are the WI Section Secretary and the WI Section Vice Chair positions.

After consideration of candidates for the **Secretary** position, the nominating committee is pleased to present **Samantha Austin** of Strand Associates. Samantha would serve as Secretary for a two year term starting in May 2018. Samantha has been a CSWEA member for over 4 years, and has served as the WI Section Students and Young Professionals Committee Chair as well as the CSWEA YP representative. Samantha has expressed a desire to become more involved in section leadership, and she looks forward to meeting and working with fellow water environment professionals and helping support CSWEA's goals through an assignment as secretary.

After consideration of candidates for the **Vice Chair** position, the nominating committee is pleased to present **Rachel Lee** of Ostara Nutrient Recovery Technologies for nomination to the Vice Chair position for the 2018-2019 administrative years. Rachel, who has been a CSWEA member since 2006, has been on the Education Seminar Committee for about 7 years including being chair for 2 years, and has served as a member of the CSWEA Executive Committee as the first YP Representative. Rachel has also been quite active in the section and is well known and respected. Rachel is well qualified for moving into the Section leadership in the role of Vice Chair.

Respectfully submitted to the Wisconsin Section Board,

Alan Grooms
Nomination Committee Chair