

**IOWA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
***June 5, 2007***

The minutes of the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Crowne Plaza Five Seasons Hotel in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on June 5, 2007.

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President, Tim Snyder, at 6:40 p.m., with the following Executive Committee members present: Jay Brady, Paul V. Nolan, David Rotschafer, Gary Schellhorn, Michael Tripp, Mark Simms, Kevin Moler, Tim Snyder, John Ringlestein and Charles Stevens (by telephone). Also present were: Carla Schumacher, Bob Main, Fred Bayer, Mike Fields, Dave Fox, Pat Ball, Rebecca West, WEF Vice President, and Jim Reynolds.

**ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Dave Rotschafer, and seconded by Paul Nolan, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Dave Rotschafer, and seconded by Gary Schellhorn, to approve the minutes of April 4, 2006 as printed. Motion carried.

**ITEM IV: OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

The financial report for the fiscal year 2006 will be presented at the annual business meeting on Thursday. The Secretary/Treasurer distributed balance sheets taken on January 1, 2007, and June 4, 2007. Assets are up approximately \$16,000 since the first of the year. Some deposits were made this morning and there is a considerable amount of checks, which were turned in today. The big increase is in the Operations Account due to the annual meeting registration. The Regional Checking Account is down by approximately \$7,000 due to meetings being held and income not yet deposited. The newsletter account is down due to publishing newsletters. It was moved by Paul Nolan, and seconded by Dave Rotschafer, to approve the report of the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

**B. Directors' Report**

Gary Schellhorn introduced Rebecca West, WEF Vice President and the Executive Committee members and guests introduced themselves. Gary attended the WEFMAX meeting in Savannah earlier this spring and discussed some of the topics from the meeting. The House of Delegates is trying to find its way. The group is trying to decide if a presiding chair is needed and if the House needs to establish standing committees. Discussion of the role of the House of Delegates will take place at the House meetings at WEFTEC in San Diego. Rebecca West noted that one of the main duties of the HOD is to set the strategic direction for WEF. Gary discussed the Georgia Association of Water Professionals, an umbrella organization formed to run the administrative functions of four water organizations, AWWA, Georgia WEA, Backflow prevention organization and the Georgia operators' organization. A trend is developing for joint meetings in many states. The group discussed developing an outreach to utilities for membership. Membership dues proposal was

discussed. Gary stressed he did not want to see the House of Delegates develop into a ceremonial function. Rebecca West noted the Board of Trustees is very interested in the development of the House of Delegates. The group also discussed the WEF representation and travel commitments to the MA annual meetings. Charlie Stevens referred to the WEF Action Alert concerning the finalizing of the EPA's Policy on Peak Flow. After discussing the policy, Charlie suggested the IWPCA support the proposal by writing letters to our Congressional representatives. It was moved by Gary Schellhorn, and seconded by Dave Rotschafer, to have the incoming President write a letter of support for the Peak Flow Policy and send it to our Congressional representatives. Motion carried. Charlie will be sending the Association the minutes he is composing for the Clean Water Policy Forum he attended in Washington, DC.

### **C: REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

Region 2: Mark Simms reported their next regional meeting will be held at the community college in Mason City the first Thursday in October. This meeting will focus on wastewater topics.

Region 4: Mike Tripp reported their next regional meeting will be held in Carson the first Friday in October. They are looking at the possibility of holding the spring meeting in Corning.

Region 5: Fred Bayer reported their next meeting will be held on the last Wednesday in October. Site is yet to be determined.

### **D: Correspondence**

- a. A thank you letter for the IWPCA's donation to the Childrens' Water Festival was received from Audrey Evans, a fifth grader from Coralville Central Elementary School.
- b. Tim Snyder sent a thank you letter to the company that supplied the Gummi Worms for the IWPCA activities at the Water Festival. Mike Fields briefly described the IWPCA's activities at the Childrens' Water Festival.

## **ITEM V: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Water for People (Dave Fox/Bob Main)**

Dave Fox reported the Xicotepec project has run into some difficulties, which Bob Main will discuss. The golf fundraiser has 51 golfers signed up. Bob Main discussed the problems at the Xicotepec project. The original project was for a treatment facility for a secondary school. A second school building now occupies the site of the treatment facility and a library is also going to be built on the site. The city is in the process of installing sewers and looking at a treatment plant in the future so maybe the treatment facility would have been obsolete very soon. Bob did work on the installation of a water purification project while he was there. Jay Brady wondered if there was a need for training to run wastewater facilities and if this could be a role for the committee. Bob reported the committee had discussed the viability of wastewater systems and that training will be an essential part of the process. The committee is going to continue fundraising efforts for the Xicotepec project.

### **B. WEF Dues Proposal**

Rebecca West reported the WEF does not have a strategy for setting dues. Attendees at the WEFMAX meetings made it very apparent that they need to be able to communicate what the member is getting for any dues increases. There will be no dues increase this year as first proposed at the WEFMAX meeting in Salt Lake City. WEF will be developing a strategy for making dues

increases.

#### **C. Membership**

Carla Schumacher discussed the communications problem with WEF membership services and the problems with the new membership reporting system. Carla wondered if there was a specific contact person at WEF for membership. Rebecca West told us that the contact was Laurie Jordan for membership problems and Phyllis Ross was in charge of MA activities. Dianne Crilley is another contact for MA activities.

#### **D. Rulemaking by Petition**

Jay Brady reported the EPC has changed some members and apparently its character. There appears to be more and more focus on enforcement and rule changes developing. Jay discussed the possibility of approaching the EPC with rulemaking by petition for some of the situations which are developing. Jay will discuss the process at the next Executive Committee meeting.

### **ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Jay Brady reported 54 exhibitors have signed up for tomorrow's program. There are also several sponsorships. Break and meal sponsors are Bartlett and West, Zimmer & Francescon, Visu-Sewer, AGCO/AgChem, HDR, Test America and Engineering America. Conference sponsors are silver-Stanley Consultants and gold-Fox Engineering. Jay stressed that we need to show our appreciation for this support.

### **ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT**

President Snyder declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Ringelstein, Secretary/Treasurer