

IOWA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 18, 2021

The minutes of the Iowa Water Environment Association Executive Committee Meeting held at Prairie Meadows in Altoona on June 18, 2021.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Ranson, at 10:00 AM, with the following other Executive Committee members present: Patrick Brown, Dan Miers, Matt Wildman, John Ringelestein, Lyle Kreuger, Darin Jacobs, Drew Lammers, Jon Koch, Mike Tripp, and Jim McElvogue. Other members present were Eric Evans, Curt Kampman, Taylor Hopper, Ted Payseur, Greg Sindt, Mike Roth, Adam Smith, and Jay Brady.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Dan Miers, and seconded by Matt Wildman, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Dan Miers, and seconded by Darin Jacobs, to approve the minutes of March 12, 2021. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: COMMITTEE ACTION/DIRECTION REQUESTS

A. Aims & Objectives

Jim McElvogue reported that there was something later on the agenda to consider.

B. Annual Meeting

Bob Ranson reported that the committee met this morning, and the program is about 90% complete. Minor details for the Wednesday morning session are yet to be nailed down and a few other slots are yet to be determined. There will be a meeting on June 29th to finish up the planning. Matt Roth inquired about time slots for the IAWEA Research Projects to report their findings. It was decided that these reports would be appropriate for Wednesday morning, but final details would be discussed on the 29th. Pre-conference activities were discussed, and Patrick Brown will check on tour possibilities. The Collection Systems exam and PACP/MACP/LACP training will be offered.

C. Awards

The award recipients have been identified and the plaques have arrived. The 2020 and 2021 awards will all be presented at the banquet.

D. Biosolids

Dan Miers reported that the next meeting would be July 13th.

E. Collection Systems

Curt Kampman reported that they are working with the Annual Conference Committee on the collection systems portion of the agenda.

F. Education

Patrick Brown had nothing further to add about the Operators/Pretreatment Conference.

G. Exhibitors

No report.

H. Financial Review

No report.

I. Government Affairs

Greg Sindt reported that Dr. Young's abstract on cBOD5 vs. BOD5 has been accepted for presentation at the Annual Conference. Greg also recommended that IAWEA submit a written request to IDNR to change their policy of using cBOD5 to calculate plant capacity. It was moved by Patrick Brown, and seconded by Dan Miers, for the Government Affairs Committee to draft such a letter, have it signed by the IAWEA President, and sent to IDNR. Motion carried. The committee is also concerned about IDNR's current Design Standards which are about 40 years old. IDNR has drafted an update to these standards that the committee feels is even more prescriptive than the original version. It was moved by Lyle Krueger, and seconded by Jon Koch, to have the committee draft a letter to be signed by the IAWEA President outlining our concerns about the issue. Motion carried. There was also a consensus that IAWEA pay the expenses of Dr. Young for speaking at the Annual Conference.

J. Historian

No report.

K. Industrial Pretreatment

No report.

L. Laboratory Practices

No report.

M. Maintenance

Bob Ranson reported that they had a virtual conference this past year and would soon begin planning for next year.

N. Membership

Jason Loots submitted a written report in which he stated that he was able to attend the Region 5 meeting that had about 45 people in attendance. He sat in on the virtual WEFMAX that focused on new membership and retaining members. Some recommendations made were for MA's to have a specified position for a wastewater operator that turned over every 3 years, have events close to home so operators didn't have to travel, offer conferences online as well as in person, and have more YP involvement. As for member numbers the new WEF database and the lack of in person conferences have made it very difficult to determine actual member numbers.

O. Newsletter

Jon Koch reported that news articles were due July 7th. The next issue will be devoted heavily to the Annual Conference.

P. Nominating

No report.

Q. Operator Certification

No report.

R. Public Relations/Public Education

No report.

S. Research

Mike Roth reported that the Committee received one application for a 2021 research grant. It was made by ISU to evaluate PFAS and their fate and transport through wastewater treatment plants and asked for \$10,000. The committee recommended that this grant be approved. It was moved by Dan Miers, and seconded by Darin Jacobs, to approve this grant. Motion carried.

T. Safety

No report.

U. Small Communities

Nothing to report.

V. Water for People

Taylor Hopper reported that the fund-raising efforts were returning back to normal with the in person Annual Conference. He also made note that this marked the 30-year anniversary of the founding of Water for People.

W. Website

No report.

X. Young Professionals

Adam Smith reported that he would be sitting in on the virtual YP Summit in August. IAWEA and AWWA YP's coordinated on making a video for the virtual Children's Water Festival.

ITEM V: OFFICERS' REPORTS**A. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that IAWEA had a net decrease of \$5,639.24 since the first of the year. This decrease was mainly due to bills that had been received from past association activities. Several conferences lost money due to extra costs associated with virtual training and fewer registrations. John has completed the annual financial report and submitted it to the Financial Review Committee. The tax return has been completed and submitted to the IRS. It was moved by Mike Tripp, and seconded by Matt Wildman, to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

B. Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that the new WEF membership database was put into operation a couple of months ago. However, due to multiple problems with the software the system is to be suspended today.

C. Delegates' Report

Jon Koch reported that all activities were being conducted virtually. He is also serving on the WEF Government Affairs committee and the Biosolids Bio-energy Subcommittee.

D: Regional Directors

Region 1: Lyle Kreuger reported that the region planning committee met on June 3rd to begin planning for their fall meeting on October 27th.

Region 2: Darin Jacobs reported that Region 2 hosted a live meeting last spring geared toward WEF that was able to be attended virtually as well. Another meeting is planned for October 14th which will be AWWA topics. This meeting will be in person only.

Region 3: No report but Shannon Hazelton is the new Region 3 Director.

Region 4: Mike Tripp reported they had their region meeting on April 2nd and it was an in person meeting. Their fall meeting will be on October 1st.

Region 5: Lance Greazel couldn't attend but Bob Ranson reported that Region 5 held a meeting on March 31st in Huxley.

Region 6: Drew Lammers reported that they will host a meeting on September 1st. Details are still being planned.

E: Correspondence

None.

ITEM VI: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Changes to Seidel Award language in the IAWEA Manual of Policies and Practices

Jim McElvogue reported that the Seidel Award Subcommittee was recommending some changes to the guidelines for this award. They want to tighten up the language to assure that the awardee is a current member of IAWEA. They also want to expand the language to allow all past awardees to help judge the award. As such the Board has been presented with draft language to make these changes. It was moved by Jim McElvogue, and seconded by Matt Wildman, to approve the changes as submitted. Motion carried.

B. University of Iowa Student Chapter

Matt Wildman reported that this proposed student chapter has satisfied all of WEF's requirements. The last thing needed is for the IAWEA Board to approve sending the application to WEF. It was moved by Matt Wildman, and seconded by Jon Koch, to approve the application and send it to WEF. Motion carried.

C. Other Items

None.

ITEM VII: CONSENSUS & ASSIGNMENTS

The date for the June meeting was confirmed for June 18th at 10am at Prairie Meadows. Jay Brady will arrange for a room for this meeting. The annual Business Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference in September. Ted Payseur will work with IAWEA officers to set up a meeting with IDNR.

ITEM VIII: ADJOURNMENT

President Ranson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McElvogue, IAWEA Secretary