

IOWA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 03, 2023

The minutes of the Iowa Water Environment Association Executive Committee Meeting held at Fox Strand in Ames on November 03, 2023.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Curt Kampman at 10:01 am, with the following Executive Committee members present: Jim McElvogue, Darin Jacobs, Mike Roth, Eric Evans, John Ringelestein, Lauren O'Neil (Teams), and Mark Jones. Other members present were Tyler Ver Meer, Daria Dilparic, Jason Loots, Katie Greenstein, Jason Kenyon, Taylor Hopper, Paul Ebert (Teams), Tim Runde (Teams), Seth Lamb (Teams), Jay Brady (Teams), Jon Koch (Teams).

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Darin Jacobs and seconded by John Ringelestein to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by John Ringelestein and seconded by Mike Roth to approve the minutes of September 22, 2023. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: COMMITTEE ACTION/DIRECTION REQUESTS

A. Aims & Objectives

Tyler Ver Meer brought up the option of adding a Young Professional Member Director to serve on the Board. Other MAs include a YP director on their governing boards and he and Jim McElvogue wanted to bring the idea to IAWEA. Jim McElvogue suggested that Tyler could come up with language for the position and let the Board decide.

B. Annual Meeting

Call for presentations is going live on the website today (November 3rd). Jay Brady updated the Board on the discussions regarding the Annual Conference Banquet and it will continue in future conferences with some modifications. Possibly adding a demonstration of the Operator's Challenge team to the vendor floor.

C. Awards

No report.

D. Biosolids

No report.

E. Collection Systems

John Ringelestein reported that he gave Harris Seidel his certificate for the Golden Manhole award. Harris had a thank you/acceptance letter ready for IAWEA. Curt Kampman noted that the next Collection System committee meeting is December 7, 2023, at the Quality Inn and Suites in Ames at 10:00 am. The conference will be March 6-8, 2024, at the Quality Inn and Suites in Ames.

F. Education

Seth Lamb has taken over as Committee Chair.

G. Exhibitors

No report.

H. Financial Review

No report.

I. Government Affairs

Eric Evans reported that the letter of support for EO 10 was sent.

J. Historian

No report.

K. Industrial Pretreatment

Paul Ebert reiterated the success of the meeting in September.

L. Laboratory Practices

No report.

M. Maintenance

No report.

N. Membership

Jason Loots reported he has turned over materials to Daria Dilparic for PR/PE to make flyers to promote IAWEA.

O. Newsletter

Jon Koch reminded that content for the winter issue of Clean Waters is due soon. Lauren O'Neil suggested having a group to "brainstorm" ideas for submissions to the newsletter. Jon shared a thought of having past presenters submit articles on topics shared at IAWEA conferences.

P. Nominating

No report.

Q. Operator Certification

No report.

R. Public Relations/Public Education

Daria Dilparic reported they had a meeting in October and discussed having postings on Facebook more often. They also discussed having wastewater-related jokes posted on Mondays. She also said they are planning to start an Instagram account.

S. Research

No report.

T. Safety

No report.

U. Small Communities

No report.

V. Water for People

Taylor Hopper reported that at the IA-AWWA Annual Conference they raised about \$7,360.00. That combined with IAWEA and Rotary, over \$17,000.00 was raised this year.

W. Website

No report for the website. Mark Jones shared information from Dan Miers that he is retiring December 22, 2023, and has new contact information.

X. Young Professionals

Jason Kenyon reported they have scheduled several networking lunches for Young Professionals in conjunction with AWWA YP group.

ITEM V: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

John Ringlestein presented the financial report as of November 1, 2023. He shared that he had just renewed CD Operations 1 the previous week at 5.29% which is up from 2.7% before renewal. CD Operations 2 is a 7-month certificate at 5.05%, expiring in February 2024. John noted that part of the net total being negative is due to unusual expenses such as \$30,000 to DMACC, the FRESHwater program for \$7,000 that was not in the budget from last year, and the high school internship contribution of \$15,000.

It was moved by Jim McElvogue and seconded by Darin Jacobs to accept the report. Motion carried.

B. Secretary's Report

Mark Jones reported that he has some new registrations made on RegFox. He also has registration for Annual Conference abstracts ready to publish. Mark is waiting on information from Bob Ranson to complete the online registration form for the upcoming Maintenance Conference. The conference will be February 6-7, 2024, rather than the end of January as is the usual time.

C. Delegates' Reports

Eric Evans reported that the HOD has added a DE&I committee. He is going to be supporting the Delegates At-Large workgroup who is tasked with reviewing the duties of Delegates At-Large selection process plus the number of members in that group. He also announced that

the 2024 WEFMAX sites are set as Virginia, Florida, and Utah. And it has been made standard to have a virtual WEFMAX in July. Jim McElvogue added that with WEF looking at Delegate At-Large, IAWEA does not have a clause or regulation in the manual to support that. He will work with Tyler Ver Meer to add it. Jim also reported that he signed up for some workgroups. (1) Workforce Development Workgroup. Working on a survey for MAs on how they attract new people to the industry. (2) New Delegate Onboarding and Orientation Workgroup to learn more about his new position.

D. Regional Directors

- i. **Region 1:** No report from the Director. Lauren O'Neil asked about mailing lists provided for members for region meetings. A lot of discussion came from the topic regarding updating mailing and email lists.
- ii. **Region 2:** Darin Jacobs reported that on October 12, 2023, Region 2 had its joint meeting with AWWA at NIACC with an estimated 105 attendees. The spring meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2024, at NIACC.
- iii. **Region 3:** No report from the Director. Jason Loots noted that Shannon Hazelton is no longer in Region 3. President Kampman had spoken with Thomas Pingel who showed interest in taking over as Region 3 Director. Curt will contact Shannon to start the process of moving forward with assigning a new Director.
- iv. **Region 4:** No report from the Director.
- v. **Region 5:** Jason Loots reported for the Director that at the October 25, 2023, meeting there was low attendance with only 25 people in attendance. Like Region 1, they had issues with mailers, as well. The spring meeting will be March 27, 2024, in Newton.
- vi. **Region 6:** No report from the Director.

President Kampman recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:26 am and reconvened at 11:47 am.

E. Correspondence

None for this meeting.

ITEM VI: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Treasurer Duties and Replacement Ad hoc Committee Status Report

John Ringlestein reported that the RFP has been sent out with one response so far. Deadline is December 8, 2023. There are 3 other RFPs out now.

B. Draft Budget

John Ringlestein presented the draft budget for 2024. There was discussion about the significant donations that were given in 2023 and what impact it would have to continue making such contributions prompting further discussion continued about rate structure for membership and

conferences. Another topic of conversation was computer replacement. After discussion and some changes, John will resubmit a new draft budget for review and approval at the January meeting.

C. Operator Challenge Committee Discussion

Tim Runde discussed the issues and goals of the Des Moines WRA team this year at WEFTEC for the challenge and said that for any team wanting to enter the challenge, an IAWEA committee collecting sponsorship, etc. would be ideal. Tim volunteered to chair the formal committee once implemented. Eric Evans moved, and Jim McElvogue seconded to establish an Operators Challenge committee. Motion carried.

D. EPA Meeting Update

Katie Greenstein reported on the meeting October 24, 2023, in Lenexa, Kansas at EPA Region 7 Headquarters.

ITEM VII: CONCENSUS & ASSIGNMENTS

Updates and additions for Aims & Objectives committee. Jim McElvogue will work with Tyler Ver Meer to achieve those.

ITEM VIII: ADJOURNMENT

President Kampman adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark C. Jones, IAWEA Secretary