

**Nebraska Section AWWA
November 6, 2008 Board Meeting**

Roll Call

1. Teresa Konda	
2. Mike Leonard	
3. Mary Poe	
4. Mari Matulka	
5. Bruce Dvorak	
6. Doug Woodbeck	
7. Eric Lee	
8. Eric Obert	
9. Tony Bilek	
10. David Lathrop	
11. Chris Koenig	
12. Susan Franceschi	
13. Rob Pierce	
14. Kevin Tobin	
15. Mike Wentink	

Approval of Minutes: September 16, 2008 Board Meeting

- Chris Koenig made a motion to approve the September 16, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes. Bruce Dvorak seconded the motion

Treasurer's Report – Rob Pierce

- Rob noted that many budget requests for 2009 have been received

Director's Report – Chris Koenig

- No report.

Old Business:

- Survey Update – Mike Wentink
 - Mike Wentink provided a report on the NSAWWA Survey effort.
 - The purpose of the survey will be to determine the demographics of the NSAWWA members, water, and wastewater operators in Nebraska, and to determine what additional NSAWWA activities are needed or what current activities can be improved.
 - The survey project structure will include: 1) The development of questions, 2) The implementation of the survey, and 3) A report on the findings.
 - The survey audience will be the NSAWWA membership, certified water operators, certified wastewater operators. The estimate of the total number of audience member is 2,500.
 - The survey resources include \$3,000 from the AWWA small section special project allotment and additional funding resources from outside this allotment.
 - The survey structure and questions were discussed at the NSAWWA Retreat on August 22, 2008. For demographics, the survey form will be split into two parts – one for operators of water and wastewater systems, and one for other water industry related professionals.
 - The ad hoc committee members will include Brian Gongol, Lee Applebee, Marc Rosso, Mary Poe, Richard Sklenar, and Michael Wentink.
 - The Committee expects to provide a rough budget number for the Board at the January meeting for the estimate of the survey cost.

New Business:

- Director's Position – Kevin Tobin
 - Kevin Tobin informed the Board that Chris Koenig is resigning as the Section Director. Tony Bilek is the proposed individual to complete the remainder of Chris's term as Director.
 - Rob Pierce made a motion to appoint Tony Bilek as Director. Eric Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed.
 - The NSAWWA Secretary should notify the National AWWA Executive Director that the current Board Director has resigned.
- RMSO – Kevin Tobin & Bruce Dvorak
Location – Monterrey, MX

Date: February 27-29, 2009

Budget Implications

- Bruce noted that people should consider whether they are interested in attending, so the budget can be established for the number of people who are interested.

- 2009 Fall Conference:
 - Water Tasting Contest – Bruce Dvorak with Eric Obert
 - The Board discussed whether participants should have memberships in AWWA at the Utility level, Individual level, or not at all. The discussion leaned toward not requiring participants to be member in order to encourage participation.
 - The Board discussed whether the Section should send the participants to National ACE.
 - Bruce Dvorak and Eric Obert will investigate National AWWA's rules and make a decision on how to implement the contest.

Committee Reports:

- None Anticipated – See Business Meeting
- Board Committee Liaisons

Other:

- Mike Leonard asked that the Nebraska Section consider awarding a Meritorious Operator award in the future to encourage more operator participation.

Next Meeting — Date/Time/Location of 2009 Meetings – Bruce Dvorak

- The next meeting will be held during the second week of January 2009 in Lincoln. More details will follow.