

Chairperson

David Lathrop * 402-641-4760

Chair-Elect

Doug Woodbeck * 402-471-0521

Vice-Chair

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Director

John S. Olsson * 402-458-5661

Past Chair

Eric Lee * 402-441-1629

Trustees

Mary Poe * 402-471-1003

Milo Rust * 308-432-0506

Jim Shields * 402-504-7457

Eric Lehman * 605-593-1241

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Archives & History

Kevin Tobin * 402-504-7560

Audit

David Lathrop * 402-641-4760

Awards

Dennis Watts - 402-844-2210

Budget

Eric Melcher * 402-694-6992

Cross Connections

Rich Koenig * 402-370-3114

Education

John Keith * 402-944-3306

Fall Conference

Doug Woodbeck * 402-471-0521

Fuller Award

Glenn Dostal * 402-990-4195

Manufacturers/Associates Council

Tony Bilek * 402-333-9660

Membership

Marc Rosso * 402-474-8772

Nominations

Eric Lee * 402-441-1629

Publications

Brian Gongol * 515-223-4144

Public Information

Mary Poe * 402-471-1003

Research and Student Activities

Dr. Xu Li * 402-472-6042

Safety

Milo Rust * 308-432-0506

Scholarship

Jon Zellars * 402-504-7913

Small Systems

Eric Melcher * 402-694-6992

Water for People

Christian New * 402-216-2367

Water Utility Council

Jim Shields * 402-504-7457

Young Professionals

Justin Stine * 402-435-3080

Craig Reinsch * 402-458-5671



Nebraska Section American Water Works Association

PO Box 94791 • Lincoln, NE 68509-4791

402-957-2482 • awwaneb.org

Date: May 9th, 2014 at 9:30 am to 12:00 PM

Location: 6000 Woodland Hills Dr • Eagle, NE 68347 • (402) 475-4653

Board Meeting Agenda

- Roll Call
- Approval of last Board Meeting minutes (March 17th, 2014)
- Chair's Report
 - Initiative 1 - Update mission statement
 - Initiative 2 - Template bank for water/wastewater SOPs & Policy
 - Initiative 3- Explore benchmarking for water/wastewater utilities
 - Canceling July BOD meeting – retreat August 7th 9:30 am to 12:00 pm; UNL City Campus
 - Community Engineers
 - eLearning Program
 - Small systems
 - 2013 Retreat SOPs
 - ACE Volunteer Sign Bearer
 - Letter from David LaFrance
 - Update award winners on web site
- Director's Report.
- Treasurer's Report.
- Committee reports.

Old Business:

- Complimentary registration still open
- Special Event Insurance Option March 18th Webinar
- Dates of interest – Summer Workshop, ACE, BOD Meetings
- Obtain agreement to with joint organization for releasing fall conference list of attendees – Just names & employers
- Increase registration rates for fall conference
- Award winners on website
- Video recording on select presentations for streaming off of web site
- Eric Lehman

New Business:

- Open to discussion by members for any improvements to the Section, Board or Committees

Next Meeting(s):

August 7th Retreat 9:30 am to 12:00 pm (UNL City Campus)

Adjournment:

NSAWWA BOD Meetings

~~Canceled --July 9:30 am to 12 pm Grand Island Olsson Associates, 201 E 2nd St, Grand Island~~

August 7th Retreat 9:30 am to 12:00 pm (UNL City Campus)

September 11th 9:30 am to 12:00 pm (place TBD)

November 7th, Kearney Annual Conference

Other Important Dates

~~2013 Conference Fall Joint Conference Debrief~~

~~April 16th thru 17th (Actual date & time TBD) 3 Party Talks Great Plains Conf. LaVista~~

~~March 7th & 8th RSMO Region IV Nebraska's Region Salt Lake City Utah~~

~~April 4th & 5th RSMO Region III Des Moines Iowa~~

May 31, 2014 Call for papers due date

June 8-12th ACE - Boston Massachusetts

July 23 & 24, Summer Workshop

Annual Joint Conference Thursday & Friday November 7th & 8th

Draft Board Meeting Minutes March 17, 2014

Nebraska Section American Water Works Association

Vice Chair Ben Day called the meeting to order @ 0906 hours. The meeting was held at Olsson Associates, 201 E 2nd St in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Board Members, Committee Chairs and Visitors present:

Board Chair: David Lathrop

Chair Elect: Doug Woodbeck - Absent

Vice Chair: Ben Day

Secretary: Chad Roberts

Treasurer: Eric Melcher

Trustee: Mary Poe via Call In

Trustee: Milo Rust via Call In

Trustee: Jim Shields

Trustee: Eric Lehman - Absent

Past Chair: Eric Lee - Absent

Director: John Olsson

Committee Chairs: Rich Koenig, John Keith, Marc Rosso, Justin Stine via Call In

Other attendees:

The **January 23rd, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes** were reviewed. No changes were noted.

Jim Shields motioned to approve the minutes, second by Eric Melcher. Unanimous approval.

Chair's Report: See attached report from David Lathrop. David went over his initiatives for this year. They are as follows:

+ Update mission statement - which he has an updated copy for all Boards members to review and discuss at the next meeting. Marc Rosso did question the mission statement that was presented. His question was in reference to National's mission statement, National is expressing water protection in all areas for water. Should our Statement express the same areas? Rich Koenig question if the topics listed under the new mission statement where the goals. John Keith express concerns that some of the goals are outdated and we could need more actitives to meet some of the goals. David stated that this discussion was a good start but please review and we will discuss this topic at the next meeting.

- + Explore benchmarking for water and waster utilities
- + Create on select template bank for water and wastewater SOP's and Policy

Treasurer's Report: See attached report from Eric Melcher. Eric has only account access to checking and not saving accounts. Ben and Eric will contact the bank to fix this problem.

Ben Day motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Chad Roberts seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Director's Report: See attached report from John Olsson.

Chad Roberts motioned to approve the Director's Report. Jim Shields seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Vice Chair's Report: See attached report from Ben Day.

Ben send out a notice to the Board and Committee Chairs to see if there is interest in a 2014 summer retreat and if so, what topics would be interesting to the group. He received comments from three individuals that in their opinion a retreat is not necessary. Marc Rosso indicated it would be a good time for him to discuss membership and that SOP's could be discussed as long as they were prepared in advance.

Based upon this feedback, Ben proposes that we don't hold a 2014 summer retreat. However, he will volunteer his time to assist Doug with the Fall Conference.

Committee Reports

Archive & History: Committee Chair - Kevin Tobin Liaison - Eric Lee

No report

Audit: Committee Chair - David Lathrop Liaison - Eric Melcher

No report.

Awards: Committee Chair - Dennis Watts Liaison - Doug Woodbeck

See attached report from Dennis Watts.

Budget: Committee Chair - Eric Melcher Liaison - Ben Day

See report from Eric Melcher. Eric asked if any changes are needed to the 2014 Budget. Justin Stine asked if the amount in the Young Professional could be changed from \$200 to \$500. The Board didn't see any reason not to grant the request, Young Professional amount was increased to \$500. With no other changes, Eric asked the Board to Approve the Budget for 2014

Ben Day motioned to approve the Budget for 2014. Jim Shields seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Cross-Connection Control: Committee Chair - Rich Koenig Liaison - Chad Roberts

See attached report from Rich Koenig. Rich asked the Board if there was any interest to add 3 more hours to the Fall Conference for Backflow Topics. The Cross Connection Committee voted against adding hours to the Fall Conference backflow tract. So the next step was to ask the Board for their input. Chad expresses a strong interest in adding the 3 hour to the present tract. Milo Rust also supported the idea. The Board felt we should try adding this to this year's Fall Conference. Milo Rust proposes to the Board to add 3 more hours to the present 2 hour backflow tract at the Fall Conference in 2014. Chad Roberts seconded the proposal. Unanimous approval.

Education: Committee Chair - John Keith Liaison - Doug Woodbeck

See attached report from John Keith.

Fall Conference: Committee Chair Doug Woodbeck - Liaison - David Lathrop

No report.

Fuller Award: Committee Chair - Glenn Dostal Liaison - John Olsson

See attached report from Glenn Dostal.

MAC: Committee Chair - Tony Bilek Liaison - Jim Shields

No report.

Membership: Committee Chair - Marc Rosso Liaison - Eric Lee

See attached report from Marc Rosso.

Nominations: Committee Chair - Eric Lee Liaison -

No report.

Public Information: Committee Chair - Mary Poe Liaison -

See attached report from Mary Poe.

Publications: Committee Chair - Brian Gongol Liaison - Mary Poe

No report.

Safety: Committee Chair - Milo Rust Liaison - Rob Pierce

See attached report from Milo Rust.

Scholarship: Committee Chair - Jon Zellars Liaison - Jim Shields

No report.

Small Systems: Committee Chair - Eric Melcher Liaison - Ben Day

No report. The workshop that was planned in Aurora was postponed. Looking at workshops in the Scottsbluff and Aurora areas.

Student Activities: Committee Chair - Dr. Xu Li Liaison - Ben Day

See attached report from Dr. Xu Li.

Water For People: Committee Chair - Christian New Liaison - Ben Day

See Attached report from Christian New. Christian has submitted his letter of resignation of Committee Chair effective 11/7/2014.

Water Utility Council: Committee Chair - Jim Shields Liaison -

No report. Milo Rust, Jerry Obrist, and Jim Shields are signed up for the Fly In to Washington this year. Jim thanked everyone who addressed the letter on Fire Hydrants with lead free requirement.

Young Professionals: Committee Chair - Justin Stine/Craig Reinsch Liaison - Mary Poe

See report from Justin Stine.

Old Business: David attended the Special Event Insurance Webinar on March 18th.

April 4th and 5th - RMSO - Des Moines - Mary Poe has expressed interest in attending.

June 8th -12th - ACE - Boston

July 23rd and 24th - Summer Workshop - Denver

November 7th and 8th - Fall Conference -

Obtain agreement with the joint organization for releasing Fall Conference attendee's information. The information would only be in the form of Names and Employees.

\$50 million fund is gathering steam. Jim stated there is some talk but the correct amount is about \$32 million not \$50 million. Most of the funds will be used for AG and Flood Water Protection. There may be some funds available for Water Quality Projects.

David will be sending Dennis Watts a list of all Awards winners to be posted on the website.

David will also talk with Brain Gongol on video recording the Fall Conference.

New Business: Nebraska Water Environmental Federation is working with professors at Florida Gateway College to extend their 15 week water course with Nebraska material. The Cost of the course is about \$550. The Education Committee felt this was an item which we aren't interested in. We have many options in Nebraska for operators to continue their education and training.

Chad Roberts asked the Board if they have heard any talk on Chlorine Gas. We have received a letter that expresses an idea to remove Chlorine Gas from drinking gas applications. Jim stated that this is a topic that does come up every few years and it's about that time again. We will monitor it to see if it becomes a greater issue for the future.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for May 9th, 2014 at 0930 hours to be held in Eagle, Nebraska at Woodland Hills Golf Course.

Adjournment: Jim Shields motioned to adjourn, Chad Roberts second. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 hours.

AWWA Directors Report – March 17, 2014

Protecting Drinking Water Sources through Agricultural Conservation - Toolkit

Protecting Drinking Water Sources through Agricultural Conservation” toolkit is available from the Source Water Collaborative, a group of Non-governmental organizations (NGOs), in which AWWA and its sister water utility associations, participate. The Source Water Collective works with USEPA and other federal agencies to advance source water protection. The toolkit is an introduction to working with the nation’s Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Conservation districts are a trusted resource within the agricultural community and can be an important partner for water systems advancing source water protection efforts that impact state and local agricultural communities.

<http://www.sourcewatercollaborative.org/swp-usda/>

2014 ACE Complimentary Registration

Again this year, the Association will be providing one complimentary registration per section for AWWA section staff members (or for the secretary-treasurer, for sections without staff) to attend ACE14 in Boston, MA. In exchange, we may request that person’s assistance in the operation of the conference. Details regarding the offer are attached.

Community Engineering Corps Informational Webinars

Several weeks ago AWWA, ASCE and EWB-USA launched the Community Engineering Corps. This program harnesses the expertise of thousands of volunteers by providing pro bono engineering services that address the infrastructure needs of underserved communities in the United States. Ready to learn more? Join us for a free webinar to see just how you can make a difference right here in the United States! See the attached memo for webinar schedules and registration information.

U.S. EPA Awarding AWWA with Grant Funds

The U.S. EPA recently announced its intention to award AWWA with grant funds in conjunction with two separate organizations - the Rural Community Assistance Partnership and the Environmental Finance Center at the University of North Carolina. AWWA will collaborate with these two organizations in providing training and technical assistance for small public water systems to improve water quality and provide safe drinking water. As part of this grant, AWWA will work with its 43 sections to successfully provide free training to small systems through in-person workshops, e-Learning, and webinars. AWWA staff will conduct a webinar for sections in the next 3-4 weeks to deliver more details as they become available and to answer questions. For more information, visit the [U.S. EPA’s Preliminary Selections announcement](#) or contact [Cynthia Lane](#), Director of Engineering and Technical Services or [Chad Weikel](#), Education and Workforce Manager.

Random Thought.....Drinking Fountain Competition

Opportunities with the Association – President Elect and beyond.

Respectfully Submitted,

John S. Olsson

Nebraska Section Director

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To: Section Staff

From: Gary Sullivan, Sr. Section Relationship Manager

Date: February 26, 2014

Re: 2014 AWWA Annual Conference & Exposition

Again this year, we will be providing one complimentary registration for AWWA Section staff members to attend the 2014 Annual Conference & Exposition in Boston, ACE14. In exchange, we may request the person's assistance in the operation of the conference.

Every section will be entitled to receive one complimentary full registration (**without President's Reception**) for ACE14 for one Section staff person. All other associated travel costs will be the Section's responsibility. Full registration includes access to the technical sessions and exhibit hall. Other events, such as the Sunday workshops, luncheon, and tours, will be the responsibility of the individual, if they choose to attend any or all of them. For those Sections without staff, you may select/send your secretary-treasurer.

Registration

Complete the registration form (attached) to Linda Berridge, lberridge@awwa.org **Please do not submit the form through the normal online registration procedure.** We want to insure your registration is made **complimentary**. For hotel registration, you can use the regular hotel registration form and submit it per its instructions. Please submit your registration by **April 1, 2014**.

Memo

6666 West Quincy Avenue

Denver, CO 80235-3098

T 800.926.7337

D 303.794.7711

F 303.347.0804

www.awwa.org

2014 Annual Conference & Exposition American Water Works Association

June 8-12 | Boston, MA

6666 West Quincy Ave | Denver, CO 80235, USA

awwa.org/ace14 800.926.7337 or 303.794.7711

Individual Membership # _____ or Company Membership

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Company/Organization _____ Title _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Country _____ ZIP/Postal

Code _____

Primary Phone _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work E-mail _____

Is this a change of address for your AWWA Membership? ____ YES ____ NO

Conference Registration Super-Saver Rate

On or before March 28, 2014

Standard Rate

March 29–May 30, 2014

After May 30, increased onsite rates will apply

Please Circle One **Member Nonmember Member Nonmember**

AA Full Registration With President's Reception \$820 \$1,020 \$1,020 \$1,220

A Full Registration Without President's Reception \$780 \$980 \$980 \$1,180

B One Day Only \$450 \$650 \$650 \$850

G Exhibits Only (not exhibitors) \$95 \$95 \$145 \$145

H Student (ID required) \$75 \$75 \$75 \$75

PF Professors \$620 \$820 \$820 \$1,020

I Operator (Full Conference) \$680 \$880 \$880 \$1,080

W Operator's Day (Tuesday) \$125 \$155 \$125 \$155

Facility Tours These are optional and an additional cost. Limited capacity.

T1 (TUE) John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant \$50

T2 (TUE) Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant \$50

T3 (TUE) Cambridge Stormwater Wetland and Park \$50

T4 (TUE) Walter J. Sullivan Water Purification Facility \$50

T5 (WED) Metropolitan Waterworks Museum Tour \$50

T6 (WED) Gillette Stadium Onsite Water Recovery and Reuse \$50

T7 (WED) The Fresh Pond Reservation and Its Source Waters \$50

Workshops These are optional and an additional cost. Recommended materials are indicated with corresponding workshops.

Titles Member Nonmember Student Purchase

Materials

Total

SUN01 Water POWER: 6 Steps to Energize Your Career as a Water Professional \$75 \$75 \$75

SUN02 Getting a Grip on External Corrosion Control for

Infrastructure Sustainability

\$235 \$335 \$60 +30027-3E

\$62.00

SUN03 Learn How Water Main Rehabilitation Technologies Can Help Solve

Your Infrastructure Challenges

\$235 \$335 \$60

SUN04 Envision™ for Sustainable Water Infrastructure \$235 \$335 \$60

SUN05 Building Information Modeling (BIM)–Applications

& Benefits to Water Treatment Plants

\$235 \$335 \$60

SUN06 Jar Testing–Optimizing Through Tried and True Methods \$235 \$335 N/A +30037

\$44.40

SUN07 Groundwater Supply Sustainability Through Well Rehabilitation

& Maintenance

\$190 \$290 \$30

SUN08 Disinfection–Back to the Basics \$190 \$290 \$30

Spouse/Guest Registration Qty Price Total

SA Spouse/Guest with President's Reception \$60

SB Spouse/Guest without President's Reception \$20

Name: Name: Name:

Ticketed Events Qty Price Total

T8(MON) First-Time Attendee Breakfast/Program NC

T10(TUE) Water Industry Luncheon \$60

T11(WED) Fuller Award Breakfast \$40

T12(WED) AAES/AIDIS/AWWA Luncheon \$50

T13(WED) Annual President's Reception \$40

What one business activity best describes your company? (please circle only one–Required)

A. Public Water Supply Utility–Municipally Owned B. Public Water Supply Utility–Investor Owned C. Government–Federal, State, Local

D. Consulting Firm E. Contractor F. Private Industrial System or Water Wholesaler

G. Manufacturer of Equipment & Supplies H. Distributor of Equipment & Supplies I. Educational Institutions (Faculty & Students)

J. Fully Retired K. Research Lab, Libraries and other related organizations

L. Public Official M. Other (please specify) _____

What one category best describes your job title? (please circle only one–Required)

A. Executive (General Manager, Commissioner, Board Member, City Manager, Municipal Superintendent, Mayor, President, Vice President, Owner, Partner, Director, etc.)

B. Management/Non-Engineering (Division Head, Section Head, Manager, Department Head, Comptroller, etc.)

C. Design and Engineering/Both Managerial and Non-Managerial (Chief Engineer, Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Environmental or Field Engineer, Planning Manager, System Designer, etc.)

D. Scientific/Non-Managerial (Chemist, Biologist, Biophysicist, Researcher, Analyst, etc.)

E. Purchasing (Purchasing Agent, Procurement Specialist, Buyer, etc.)

F. Operations (Foreman, Operator, Maintenance Crewman, Service Representative, etc.)

G. Marketing & Sales/Non-Managerial (Market Analyst, Marketing Representative, Salesperson, Sales Representative, etc.)

H. Professorial (Educator, Teacher, etc.)

I. Other (please specify) _____

What one category best describes your field served/principal activity? (please circle only one–Required)

A. Both Water Supply & Wastewater

B. Water Supply Only

C. Wastewater Only D. Other (please specify) _____

Are you a first-time attendee? ____YES ____NO

Would you like to be involved with AWWA Committees? ____YES ____NO

If you require special accommodations to fully participate, please provide a phone number or email address and AWWA will contact you within five (5) business days. _

Fax this form to 303.347.0804

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be received in writing, on company letterhead, and faxed or mailed to AWWA. Phone cancellations are not accepted. All cancellations postmarked/fax-dated by 03/28/14 will receive a refund, minus a 25% administrative fee. Beginning on 03/29/14, cancellations will not be refunded; however, substitute registrants are welcome. Fax requests for substitutions or cancellations to 303.347.0804 or email eyoungren@awwa.org.

This form is not valid for On-site registration or Exhibitor registration.

Page 2 Registration Form Registrant Name: _____

Total/Method of Payment: AWWA Federal Tax ID# 13-5660277

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

☐ Check ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Government PO

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Community Engineering Corps Informational Webinar

Action Required/Requested: Attend one of the informational webinars for more information on how to get involved with the Community Engineering Corps.

Additional Interested/Affected Section Positions:

Respond To: No response is needed in order to participate in the webinars, just register via the links provided in the attached memo.

Respond By: N/A

Last week AWWA, ASCE and EWB-USA launched the Community Engineering Corps. This program harnesses the expertise of thousands of volunteers by providing pro bono engineering services that address the infrastructure needs of underserved communities in the United States. Ready to learn more? Join us for a free webinar to see just how you can make a difference right here in the United States!

Webinar Schedule

Introduction to the Community Engineering Corps - Webinar

Link: <https://student.gototraining.com/rt/6179614145324684032>

Phone Number: (215) 383-1020

Access Code: 631-105-713

Audio PIN: Shown after joining the training

Dates and Times:

February 26, 2014 2:00 p.m. Mountain Time

March 13, 2014 6:00 p.m. Mountain Time

March 24, 2014 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time

April 16, 2014 11:00 a.m. Mountain Time

Community Engineering Corps Project Process - Webinar

Link: <https://student.gototraining.com/rt/2835558381140346368>

Phone Number: (484) 589-1016

Access Code: 266-840-234

Audio Pin: Shown after joining the webinar

Dates and Times:

February 27, 2014 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time

March 11, 2014 10:00 a.m. Mountain Time

March 25, 2014 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time

April 14, 2014 9:00 a.m. Mountain Time

NE AWWA

Treasurers Report & Budget Report – March 17, 2014

Treasurers Report

Account Summary as of 3/11/14:

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| - Checking Account | \$46,430.98 |
| - Savings Account | \$5,648.54 |
| - Pipe Workshop | \$2,712.76 |
| Subtotal | \$54,792.28 |
| - CD's Total | \$65,129.97 |
| - Total of all Accounts | \$119,928.25 |

Bills: AWWA Membership Summit – Marc Rosso \$789.33

Annual Conference Disbursements:

NSAWWA \$13,075.10

NWEA \$13,420.19

NAPWA \$5,368.08

(Not Included in Account Summary)

2013 Fall Conference:

The amount of disbursement has been reviewed by members of NSAWWA proposed and sent to the other organizations. Provided they agree on the division of funds, a check can be made to each with approval of NSAWWA Board Members.

Taxes:

There has been a request for an extension submitted to the IRS in filing the 2013 taxes. Ben has indicated he will work on the 2013 taxes once the Fall Conference disbursements are agreed upon and paid.

Audit:

There will be no formal audit required in 2014. Although, throughout the year, the Audit Committee may perform an informal / internal audit of the Treasurer Records for 2014.

CD's:

There may be some CD's nearing maturity therefore I'll meet with the Bank at the end of March to renew the CD's. If additional action is necessary please advise (Board Motion, etc.,).

Budget Report

2013 Budget Report

Ben has indicated he will work on the year end budget report for 2013 once the fall conference disbursements have been made to the appropriate organizations.

2014 Budget Report

After gathering information from Board Members and Committee Chairs I believe all of the requests are included in the budget with a couple exceptions (SRF – Conference - YP Summit). Any additions or corrections can be discussed at the meeting scheduled for March 17. (Please see attached) After discussion I suggest the budget be approved.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ben Day – Eric Melcher, Treasurer

NEBRASKA SECTION AWWA BUDGET 2014

| | 2014 Actual | Yr End Est | 2014 Budget | |
|---|-------------|------------|-------------|--|
| INCOME | | | | |
| Section Allotment | 0 | 12153 | 12153 | |
| Association Allotment | 0 | 2847 | 2847 | |
| Multi-section Allotment | 0 | 650 | 650 | |
| Annual Fall Conference | 0 | 13000 | 13000 | Assumes \$13,000 over expenses - Confirm with lead for 2015 - AWWA |
| Annual Fall Conference - Donation from Chamber | 0 | 1000 | 1000 | Lead 2013, 2015, 2018 |
| Interest on Accounts | 11 28 | 532 | 900 | |
| Advertising Income | 0 | 2000 | 2000 | |
| Water for People | | | | |
| Raffles - Fall Conference | 0 | 2200 | 2200 | Revenue Neutral |
| Goal Event | 0 | 13000 | 13000 | Revenue Neutral |
| Trap Event | 0 | 3000 | 3000 | Revenue Neutral |
| Safety Committee | 0 | 1300 | 1300 | 2 workshops |
| Special Project Funding | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| WARN | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Small Systems | 0 | 250 | 250 | |
| Education Committee | | | | |
| Pipe Workshop (Biannual '10, '12, '14) | 0 | 1500 | 1500 | Revenue Neutral; Asset management workshop in 2012 |
| Preconference (Biannual '11, '13, '15) | 0 | 0 | 0 | Revenue Neutral |
| SRF | ? | ? | ? | Status? |
| YP Poker Tournament | 0 | 1150 | 1150 | Revenue Neutral |
| Miscellaneous | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | 11 28 | 54562 | 54950 | |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Safety Committee | 0 | 1600 | 1600 | 2 workshops & handouts; application mailing & congrats \$200 |
| Cross Connection Workshop | 0 | 2300 | 2300 | (Ultimate backflow challenge \$720, \$60 misc, \$1500 for LONM contract) |
| Education | | | | |
| Education Committee | 0 | 600 | 600 | |
| LOHMSAWWA Seminars | 0 | 5000 | 5000 | |
| Pipe Workshop ('10, '12, '14) | 0 | 1500 | 1500 | Revenue neutral; Asset mgt workshop in 2012 |
| Preconference ('11, '13, '15) | 0 | 0 | 0 | Revenue neutral based upon 2011 budget. 2013 budget request of \$1,000 |
| Public Info Comm. | 0 | 600 | 600 | Budget Request |
| Small Systems Committee | 0 | 500 | 500 | No Expense in 2012 |
| Director's Spouse or Incoming (Meeting Expense) | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$510 for spouse spent in 2012, \$540 for incoming director in 2013 |
| Publications | | | | |
| Wise Water Words | 0 | 2952 | 2952 | From Brian Gongol |
| Membership Directory ('12, '14, '16) | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Advertising | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Student Activity | 0 | 550 | 550 | \$100 van for annual conf, \$200 migs at UNL, \$250 membership cost |
| | | | | 550 defray |

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|--|---|---|------|------|---|
| Membership | | 0 | 300 | 300 | \$277.54 was spent in 2011 on mailings. (\$455 was spent in 2011 for gold NSAWWA lapel pins). Committee request for 2013 - \$300 |
| Awards (non-safety or water contest) | | 0 | 900 | 900 | 370 WISA & Meritorious Operator award forms mail out, 33 Fuller Award Plaque, 27 Fuller Award Pin, 70 Best in Show MAC, 109 AWWA Section Chair Plaque & Pin, 124 Star plaques, more awards expected in 2012; Main |
| Water Research Foundation (WRF) | | 0 | 1000 | 1000 | Mabuka had awards left over from 2010, \$100 Safety Awards |
| Regional Officer's Meeting/Officer Training | | 0 | 1000 | 1000 | Send check at Treasurer's convenience to: Ms Kay Priebe, Water Research Foundation, 6966 W Quincy Ave, Denver, CO 80235 |
| Summer Leadership Workshop | | 0 | 1500 | 1500 | |
| Membership Summit | | 0 | 1100 | 1100 | |
| WFP Workshop | | 0 | 1000 | 1000 | Budget Request Chris New |
| Regional Officer Meetings | | 0 | 1500 | 1500 | 3000 \$1,500 approved from this budget for Mary Poe to attend ACE 2013 |
| Nebraska Hosting RMSO in 2016 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Annual Meeting at Fall Conference | | 0 | 850 | 850 | |
| Annual Fall Conference Shared Expenses (13, 15, 16) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 Cost center when NSAWWA is lead organization at annual conf |
| Annual Fall Conference Distribution of Chamber Donat | | 0 | 600 | 600 | Disbursement to other organizations for Keamey Chamber Donation |
| Water for People - Event Expenses | | 0 | | | |
| Raffle - Fall Conference | | 0 | 700 | 700 | Revenue neutral |
| Golf Event | | 0 | 5600 | 5600 | Revenue neutral |
| Trap Event | | 0 | 1500 | 1500 | Revenue neutral |
| Water for People - Donation WFP | | 0 | | | |
| Raffle - Fall Conference | | 0 | 1500 | 1500 | Revenue neutral |
| Golf Event | | 0 | 6500 | 6500 | Revenue neutral |
| Trap Event | | 0 | 1500 | 1500 | Revenue neutral |
| MAC Activities | | 0 | 200 | 200 | 200 \$200 for Annual conference MAC Lottery |
| Scholarships | | | | | |
| Abel Wolman | | 0 | 1000 | 1000 | Director gives check during Winter Mtg or ACE or just mail in, AWWA |
| Stockholm Water Prize | | 0 | 500 | 500 | Executive Director, AWWA, 6966 W Quincy Ave, Denver, CO 80235 |
| Motor Madness | | 0 | 1000 | 1000 | |
| Top Ops | | 0 | 3300 | 3300 | 2 to 3 people, \$3000 of people up to expenses; \$255 Top Ops Cash prizes an annual conference. Where does motor madness fit in??? |
| Poster Board Competition | | 0 | 1000 | 1000 | 1 person (registration is free) |
| Conference | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0???? |
| Leisen | | 0 | 3000 | 3000 | |
| SRI | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Young Professionals | | 0 | | | |
| YP Activities Expenses / YP Summit | ? | 0 | 200 | 200 | 200 300 to 500 for group activities |
| YP Charity Event Expenses | | 0 | 700 | 700 | YP Poker tournament, revenue neutral |
| YP Charity Donations | | 0 | 450 | 450 | Engineers Without Borders or Water For People donation, revenue |
| Water Utility Council | | 0 | 1000 | 1000 | neutral, 2013 donation to Engineers Without Borders |
| Nitrates Ad Hoc Committee | | 0 | 0 | 0 | Registration at ACE & travel expenses, \$980 spent in 2013 |
| WARN | | 0 | 750 | 750 | WARN newsletter as per Rick Meicher 11/00 Request |
| Washington Fly-In | | 0 | 2200 | 2200 | \$2131 spent in 2012 |
| Business | | | | | |

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|--|--------------|---------------|---|
| Conference Calls | 0 | 250 | \$177 was spent in 2011 |
| Web Site Hosting ("12, "14, "16) | 0 | 125 | 125 For two year renewal |
| Web Site Registration | 0 | 0 | 0 Renewals in 7/20/16 |
| PO Box | 0 | 60 | 60 \$55 in 2013 |
| Bonds for treasurers (2) | 100 | 125 | 125 \$100 was spent in 2011 |
| Refrest (Annual) | 0 | 200 | 200 \$151.61 spent in 2012 |
| Tax Prep (Annual) | 0 | 600 | 600 |
| Secretary of State ("11, "13, "15, etc) | 0 | 0 | 0 \$25 |
| Audit ("10, "13, "16, etc) | 0 | 0 | 0 In 2010, \$2500 was spent |
| Miscellaneous (pens, postage, envelopes) | 0 | 160 | 160 |
| History & Archives | 0 | 500 | 500 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$ 100.00 | \$ 56,762.00 | \$ 60,262.00 |
| NET INCOME | \$ (88.72) | \$ (4,180.00) | \$ (5,312.00) |
| Preference Savings Acct ** | \$ - | | All accounts accurate as of 3/11/14 |
| Pipe Workshop Savings Acct* | \$ 2,712.76 | | XXXXXXXX9140 |
| Savings Acct Balance | \$ 5,648.54 | | XXXXXXXX6735 |
| Checking Acct Balance | \$ 46,430.98 | | XXXXXXXX8714 |
| | \$ 54,792.28 | | XXXXXXXX9662 |
| * transferred from checking to savings | 1121.86 | | 9/11/12 |
| ** transferred from Precont' Savings to Checking | 3558.44 | | 12/27/12 sent check to NRRWA in the amount of \$3,285.16 for disbursement |
| CD Reserves | | Interest Rate | |
| 082612 CD | \$ 11,912.84 | 1.40% | TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXXX1283 |
| 032613 CD | \$ 11,932.37 | 1.90% | TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXXX1300 |
| 080814 CD | \$ 8,142.38 | 1.64% | TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXXX5435 |
| 040815 CD | \$ 8,142.38 | 1.04% | TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXXX5443 |
| Total | \$ 40,129.97 | | |
| Reserve Goal \$40,000 | | | |
| | | Interest Rate | |
| 032912 Leisen Scholarship CD | \$ 8,333.00 | 0.90% | TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXXX5690 |
| 112912 Leisen Scholarship CD | \$ 8,334.00 | 1.88% | TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXXX5674 |
| 092916 Leisen Scholarship CD | \$ 8,333.00 | 0.90% | TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXXX5662 |
| Total | \$ 25,000.00 | | |
| Book Allotment Budget / Income | | 600.00 | |

NE AWWA**Vice Chair Report – March 17, 2014**

At the last Board meeting it was suggested that I send out a notice to the Board and Committee Chairs to see if there is interest in a 2014 summer retreat and if so, what topics would be interesting to the group. I received comments from three individuals that in their opinion a retreat is not necessary. Marc Rosso indicated it would be a good time for him to discuss membership and that SOP's could be discussed as long as they were prepared in advance.

Based upon this feedback, I propose that we don't hold a 2014 summer retreat. However, I will volunteer my time to assist Doug with the Fall Conference.

Submitted By:

Ben Day, Vice Chair

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The awards committee is looking at putting an article in Wise Water Words also Rural Water to hopefully get some nominations for deserving candidates. The article will also be posted on the AWWA website.

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2011 COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee: Cross Connection Committee **Date:** March 4, 2014
Chair: Rich Koenig **Vice Chair:** Leroy Kramer

Total Members: 6 **Active Members:** 6

Executive Board Liaison: Chad Roberts

List of Active Members: Rich Koenig, Leroy Kramer, Chad Roberts, Rob Pierce , Terry Vail and Doug Meyer.

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls): E-mail was sent April 25, 2013 to the Committee to generate potential topics for the 4 - 1 day workshops co-sponsored with LNM

Proposed changes in committee membership: None

Deliverables/Activities: 4 – 1 day workshops co-sponsored with LNM and assist with the “Ultimate Backflow Challenge”
Assist with selection process for the following awards:

“Cross Connection Control Program of the Year”
“Cross Connection specialist of the Year”

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work? Working OK

Plans/Projects for upcoming year: 4 – 1 day workshops co-sponsored with LNM
Provide CCC Training at the Annual Conference with the “Backflow Challenge” and “Ultimate Backflow Challenge”

Anticipated Budget Expenditures for 2013: \$1500.00 - LofNM cost share (?)
 \$ 720.00 – Ultimate Backflow Challenge
 \$ 80.00 – Misc.

Budget Request for 2013 (include a short justification) **\$2300.00**
Help fund the “Ultimate Backflow Challenge” session and various other expenses as described above

Other Items

A Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2014 with a report to be given at the Monday, March 17, 2014 Board meeting.

To: NSAWWA Board
From: John Keith, Chair
Education Committee
Date: March 17, 2014

Education Committee Report

Committee Members

John Keith, Chair
Nick McElvain Brian Gongol
Rob Pierce Steve Kelley
Mike Wentink

Happenings

1. Rob indicates there have been 7 water workshops events including 104 in attendance. There have also been 3 confined space workshops (in cooperation with Safety Committee) with 101 in attendance.

Ten (10) more training sessions are scheduled in 2014.

2. Florida Gateway College. I have attached letter of information from David Lathrop and a copy of an email containing the Education Committee response

From: John D. Keith
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2014 2:55 PM
To: 'Lathrop, David'
Cc: John D. Keith
Subject: RE: Training Offering

Good Morning David,

Sorry for the long time to reply but I wanted to get input from the Education Committee.

It is the opinion of the majority of the Education Committee that NSAWWA should NOT enter into an MOU with Florida Gateway at this time. While it is very important that the Section encourage operators/members to obtain their desired higher levels of education, expertise or credentials, the Education Committee feels that it is best to promote the training opportunities within the Section. The opportunity provided by Florida Gateway and other institutions should be considered for certification (sole decision by NDHHS) but not endorsed by the Section. Things considered when looking at the MOU included:

1. Cost. NDHHS offers more than adequate training at very reasonable cost.
2. Time Commitment. Operators, especially those of small systems, typically would rather to attend a workshop or training while “on the clock” versus after hours on the computer. Also in the case of Florida Gateway, most operators do not want to spend 6-10 hours / week for 15 weeks for training.
3. On-line training. While a good theory to get training “in the comfort of home”, historically in Nebraska the use of on-line training has been very limited.
4. Endorsement. Providing the Sections endorsement of the Florida Gateway program might in the future open the door for more and more institutions seeking an MOU and endorsement to the point that it would seem like NSAWWA is endorsing just any program that asks. It is also important that if an endorsement is to be given, that the Section should have reviewed the program thoroughly and even had a member go thru the training program and provide important feedback/opinion for consideration by NSAWWA before endorsement.
5. Section Training Opportunities. In the Committee’s opinion there is plenty of excellent training providers for certification training and continuing education within the Section to promote/endorse if the Board decides to go in this direction. These providers include but are not limited to NE Department of Health and Human Services, League of Nebraska Municipalities, many Department of Natural Resources and not to forget AWWA and Water Research Foundation webcasts.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I would be willing to discuss this further with the NSAAWWA Board at a future meeting if you would like.

John D. Keith
Manager of Laboratory Services
Lincoln Water System | P.O Box 144 | 401 Highway 6 | Ashland, Ne 68003
Office 402-441-1622 | Mobile 402-219-3259 | FAX 402-441-1621

To:

Date: January 28th, 2014.

Re:

The NWEA is collaborating with professors at Florida Gateway College to extend their existing 15 week certification preparation offering to wastewater operators in Nebraska.

The professors are offering to set up a similar training opportunity for preparation in passing Grade I & II water operator exam with the collaboration of the NSAWWA. The training would consist of their existing drinking water course supplemented with Nebraska specific material.

The NSAWWA obligations would consist of an active endorsement of the course to potential exam takers. In addition, NSAWWA would announce the training opportunity through NSAWWA existing databases and media channels. Information on the class and links etc. would be placed on NSAWWA web site. No expenditures are required by NSAWWA.

Ryan Hurst is a point of contact with NWEA who has sought out and help set up the training opportunity for wastewater. Ryan is a water/wastewater operator for the City of Seward.

The class consists of one training module per week. The class is mostly online structured self study with a set schedule. The professor's work directly with the student on a one on one basis as needed via emails and phone conversation.

The cost for the course including tuition, materials, fees etc. is about \$550.
The time commitment per week is 6 to 10 hours.

FGC are members of the AWWA and WEF. There will be CEU's available but this would need to be cleared through DHHS. The class is a certification training course that can be turned into college credit.

The POC with NWEA is Ryan Hurst: (402)641-1792. Ryan.hurst@cityofsewardne.com

All information about FGC staff can be found at : <https://www.fgc.edu/academics/liberal-arts-and-sciences/water-resources/water-resources-contact-us/>

Further information about what FGC has to offer for water professionals can be found at: <https://www.fgc.edu/academics/liberal-arts-and-sciences/water-resources/>

FULLER AWARD COMMITTEE

We will begin to accept nominations and start the selection process in the next few months for the Fuller award to be awarded at the fall conference.

Thanks,

Glenn

March 17, 2014

Board of Directors Memorandum
Board Meeting, Olsson Associates

In January I attended the membership summit in Denver and learned exciting new things about AWWA and how to drive membership. Over 30 membership chairs and AWWA staff were in attendance including the membership chair from Mexico who saw snow for the first time. On Wednesday the session was designed for 1st time attendees and we learned of benefits of being an AWWA member. Thursday sessions included a keynote by address Sheri Jacobs, President of Avenue M Group, who discussed that we need to focus on what problems our members have, what programs we have that solve those problems and sell those benefits. The Art of Membership, How to Attract, Retain and Cement Member Loyalty was her discussion. It was very insightful and we will be talking about how to implement some of her strategies for the NEAWWA. Three breakout sessions included Building an Action-Oriented Committee, Communicating the Value of Your Utility Membership and Recruiting New Members. On both Wednesday and Thursday evening activities included networking events so we learned more about what our fellow Sections were doing in their parts of the country. Friday's sessions included the upcoming roll out of the new membership information which will be in graphical form and anticipated in the 2nd quarter of the year. This data will be very valuable as we attempt to grow our membership. Which, by the way, Nebraska is currently #1 in both retention (94.1%) and growth by percentage (5.7%) of all 43 Sections. We completed our 2014 membership plan and submitted to AWWA well ahead of the March 31 deadline. We are entered in the membership challenge which could pay \$200 to the section if we meet goals.

We currently have 327 active members, 21 late and 348 total members. Our 2014 year end section goal is 339 so we are ok so far. Several expired members are utilities that are active and long-time members so we will be checking with them to see if they received their renewals.

Since the last Board meeting we have organized discussed how to approach the engineers that stamp water plans for HHS approval in addition to Fall Conference attendees that are not AWWA members. Upcoming activities include updating the SOP with activities that seem to work well and addition of new ideas for late 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marc E. Rosso', with a stylized, flowing script.

Marc E. Rosso, PE
Nebraska Section AWWA Membership Committee Chair

Public Information Committee Report

March 7, 2014

Committee Members: Mary Poe, Brian Gongol, Eric Obert, Jami Cerone

Activities:

- Facebook page has 151 fans

Upcoming Events & Activities:

- Committee meeting – March 2014

Drinking Water Week activities – May 4-10, 2014

Student Activities and Research Committee Report (2014-03-07)

The Student Activities and Research Committee has conducted the following activities:

- More than 10 UNL undergraduate and graduate students attended the Fall conference in Kearney, NE. Two of them, Stefan Schaepe and Garret Johnson received the AWWA Theodore Leisen Scholarship. Three graduate students presented their research finding at the conference.



- The student chapter plans to organize a gathering for students to watch an AWWA webinar in early April: Watershed, Forest, and Source Water Protection.

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2013 COMMITTEE REPORT
March 7, 2014

Safety Committee
Milo Rust

I will not be able to attend the board meeting will try to join you by phone.

Members of the safety committee have not change as of this time.

Nothing to report from the safety committee.

**Nebraska AWWA Section
Water For People Committee**

Section Board Meeting Committee Report – May 2014

Water for People Golf Outing

The golf outing is set for May 9, 2014 at Woodland Hills. Preparations are being made to also accommodate the Board Meeting at Woodland Hills.

Solicitation began at the most recent Water Conference and call solicitation will begin in March.

We ask for the Board's help through participation and with solicitation of Hole Sponsors and Foursomes. Brochure is attached to this report as a separate file.

Finally, I am submitting my resignation as Chair effective 11/7/2014. It has been a pleasure serving both the Water-For-People organization and, more importantly, the NE AWWA and WEF organizations.

Sincerely,
Chris New
Water for People Committee Chair

WATER UTILITY COUNCIL

A report will be available after our April AWWA Fly-In. Jerry 😊

Nebraska AWWA Section Young Professionals Committee

Section Board Meeting Committee Report – March 2014

Here is a list of highlights/plans/requests for the Young Professionals Committee – Nebraska Section (submitted by Craig Reinsch):

➤ Upcoming Events/Activities:

Desired tours (discussed on a Feb. 4, 2014 conference call), invites being requested

- Griffin Pipe plant tour
- WTP tours: Council Bluffs, Nebraska City, Grand Island, & Mahoney State Park
- UNL E-Week support (April 2014, week of the 21st)

May and Other Events

- Groundwater Festival, Grand Island (May 2014)
- We plan to continue to supporting the poker tournament at the Fall Conference, in conjunction with the NWEA YP committee.

➤ Other Items:

- None at this time.

Committee Members: Rory Sudbeck, Brittany Travers, Justin Stine, Craig Reinsch, Andrew Synhorst, Billy Kaufold, Jeff Hubby, Teresa Konda, Xu Li, David Stewart, Jake Miriovsky

Chairperson

David Lathrop * 402-641-4760

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Jim Shields * 402-504-7457

Eric Lehman * 605-593-1241

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Archives & History

Kevin Tobin * 402-504-7560

Audit

David Lathrop * 402-641-4760

Awards

Dennis Watts - 402-844-2210

Budget

Eric Melcher * 402-694-6992

Cross Connections

Rich Koenig * 402-370-3114

Education

John Keith * 402-944-3306

Fall Conference

Doug Woodbeck * 402-471-0521

Fuller Award

Glenn Dostal * 402-990-4195

Manufacturers/Associates Council

Tony Bilek * 402-333-9660

Membership

Marc Rosso * 402 474-8772

Nominations

Eric Lee * 402-441-1629

Publications

Brian Gongol * 515-223-4144

Public Information

Mary Poe * 402-471-1003

Research and Student Activities

Dr. Xu Li * 402-472-6042

Safety

Milo Rust * 308-432-0506

Scholarship

Jon Zellars * 402-504-7913

Small Systems

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Water for People

Christian New * 402-216-2367



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Chair's Report

Initiative 1 - Update Mission Statement Plan of Action

Review mission statement

Edit & update mission statement

Approve mission statement

- Form 3 Person Ad Hoc Committee

List NSAWWA Activities & match to mission statement

Approve mission statement at fall conference

Initiative 2- Add Water/Wastewater SOP & Policy Templates to Website

Make templates available for reviewing

Add none, some or all templates to web site

Initiative 3 - Benchmarking Water/Wastewater Performance

Create rough outline of key benchmarking parameters

Approach partners for collaboration

Invite limited participants

Water Utility Council

Jim Shields • 402-504-7457

Young Professionals

Justin Stine • 402-435-3080

Craig Reinsch • 402-458-5671

Adopted June 2013



AWWA

Strategic Plan



American Water Works
Association



AWWA

Strategic Plan

VISION

A better world through better water

MISSION

Providing solutions to effectively manage water, the world's most important resource

CORE PRINCIPLES

Protect Public Health

Safeguard the Environment

Pursue Excellence

Act with Integrity

Provide Value

Foster Diversity and Inclusion

| Strategic Goals | Strategic Objectives |
|--|---|
| Member Engagement & Development AWWA will be the association of choice for water utilities, professionals, and organizations | Enhance member understanding of the value of membership |
| | Increase the usage of member benefits |
| | Increase engagement of members with AWWA and each other |
| | Increase the number of memberships in strategic membership categories |
| Organizational Stewardship AWWA will effectively and efficiently use its resources to serve its members and the water community | Enhance the long-term viability of AWWA by enhancing revenue growth |
| | Enhance the effectiveness of the business relationship between the Association and its Sections |
| | Improve the alignment of the Association's program portfolio to meet member needs |
| | Increase investments in the Association's drinking water and total water solutions offerings |
| | Improve the effectiveness of the volunteer leadership in guiding the Association |
| | Improve the use of technology to create greater efficiency and effectiveness |
| Knowledge Creation & Exchange AWWA will be the authoritative resource on water | Expand the Association's knowledge resources to include additional drinking water and total water solutions in response to member needs |
| | Increase the coordination of educational programs and services between the Association and its Sections |
| | Increase the variety of distribution channels through which members can access AWWA knowledge resources |
| | Increase the relevancy of the Association's knowledge resources for global water professionals |
| Water Policy & Leadership AWWA will be recognized as the valued and credible voice for water | Enhance AWWA's credibility with decision makers |
| | Increase public understanding of water issues and the value of water |
| | Enhance media understanding and trust of AWWA |
| | Increase Section and member participation in advancing the Association's water policy and leadership |



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Revised: November 2, 2011

STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Plan

Goals and Objectives

Mission Statement

The Nebraska Section of the AWWA is dedicated to promoting quality drinking water in sufficient quantity for all Nebraskans. The Nebraska Section membership is a leader in the drinking water industry through efforts in education, public awareness and other activities.

Goals

1. Provide a continuing education training program and assist Nebraska public water systems to improve all facets of public water system operations.

- Make conference technical sessions available through different media.
- Increase system assistance in Capacity Development by five percent each year.
- Investigate and implement new training opportunities one per year.
- Continue partnership in training coalition with League of Nebraska Municipalities, Nebraska Rural Water Association, NETC and Nebraska Health and Human Services.

2. Promote confidence and understanding to the public about public water supply systems.

- Provide public service announcements and news releases to the membership.
- Provide educational information at special events.
- Promote the Nebraska Section AWWA and public water supply systems statewide through various media.

3. Nebraska Section AWWA promotes activities to retain current members and recruit new members.

- New membership growth of two percent per year.
- Develop research regarding barriers to small system/operator's membership.
- Utilize existing activities to include a membership retention and recruitment element.
- Update and implement the Nebraska AWWA membership development plan.

4. Provide small system support through a continuous outreach program.

- Effectively communicate the benefits of AWWA membership to a small system by using committee members to contact 10 percent of small systems.
- Expand the mentoring program to include retired members.
- Increase by five percent the number of hits to the mentoring page. Publish one annually in Wise Water Words and The Water Spout about the mentoring information.
- Expand the AWWA teleconference accessibility for small systems by increasing the

- number of downlink sites for applicable topics.
- Partner with Training Coalition members to add 10 new publications to the NSAWWA library annually.
- Assist 10 small systems in the application process for water operator's reimbursements annually.

Ensure that five on-site visitations for the mentoring program occur per year.

5. Increase Nebraska Section AWWA impact on legislative, regulatory and policy issues at all levels of government.

Serve as a legislative/regulatory resource to section membership and others.

Provide effective and timely information on pending regulatory issues.

Build coalitions with other organizations at regional state and section levels.

6. Nebraska Section AWWA promotes opportunities for participation and career development for young industry members.

Continue implementation of Young Professionals committee, recognizing that professionals and operators have different expectations and the Section needs to have offerings for each.

7. Nebraska Section AWWA promotes knowledge and awareness of opportunities within the water industry.

Review target student base.

Review committee organization.

Develop plan for approaching technical schools, community colleges and high schools.

Continue and expand student activities at universities.

8. Partner with other relevant State organizations such as NE Rural Water and NE Water Environment Association to understand their goals and objectives and endeavor to provide complimentary service when beneficial to AWWA membership.

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Goals

1. Promoting effective water utility operations.
 - Workshops & conferences*
 - Small systems emphasis
 - Two of four trustees dedicated to small systems.
 - Small system committee that puts on two workshops in remote areas
 - Top Ops competition
 - Cross connection competition
 - Maintaining a resource library
2. Developing water industry leaders.
 - Rotation of officers through BODs.
 - Encourage RSMO, Summer Workshop, ACE other national conference attendance
 - Committee chairs & committee involvement
 - Promote national committee participation
 - Young professionals network, industry tours & opportunities for service.
 - Utility council annual Washington Fly In
3. Bringing water operators, manufacturers & vendors, consultants, regulators and other water related professionals together to share ideas & knowledge.
 - BOD meetings
 - Workshops & conferences*
 - Partner & collaborate for mutual benefit with water related organizations.
 - Wiserwater Words Publication
 - Membership Directory – Updated every 3 Years
 - Teleconference capability for section meetings
 - RSMO, Summer Workshop, ACE other national conferences
 - National committee participation
 - NSAWWA Web page
4. Recognizing professional achievement in the water industry. Promoting & assisting the “water cause” to owners, customers & general public.
 - Awards & announcements in local paper
 - Earth day
 - Drinking water week
 - Groundwater Festival
 - Water tasting
 - Children poster competitions
 - Water Research Foundation donation
5. Advocating for water industry interests on legislative, regulatory and policy issues.

- Director liaison with national – Winter meeting & ACE
- Water Utility Council – Washington Fly In
- Maintain awareness of state & national water issues
- Maintain standing utility council committee to track issues and recommend actions
- Encourage membership to appeal to their representatives on water issues

6. Supporting & encouraging students into water industry fields.

- Leisen scholarship
- Stockholm water prize
- Supporting student chapters
- Poster competitions & trip to national ACE
- Discounts for student membership

7. Membership retention & recruitment & appreciation

- Contacting non-renewing members
- Discounts for new members
- Door prizes
- Alley rose dinner for BOD & Chairs
- Water for people benefits
- Section volunteer of year
- Membership committee involvement at national workshop

8. Section Maintenance

- Financial management
- Officer succession
- Archives & History
- Articulating & updating mission statement

*Workshops & Conferences

- Pipe workshop (Every other year)
- Small system workshops (1-3 every year)
- Annual fall joint conference
- LoNM partnership for Water Workshops

**Partnerships: League of Nebraska Municipalities, Fall Joint Conference, Nebraska WARN

***Awards: Safety, WISA, Fuller, etc

Develop New initiatives to Support Overarching Goals

Video record select presentations for online streaming

Benchmarking

Standard Operating Procedures BMPs

EPA Small System Grant 4 Priority Areas

1. Training and Technical Assistance for Small Public Water Systems to Achieve and Maintain Compliance

with the SDWA

- a. 8 Hr Workshop in Nebraska for <10,000 people on SDWA
- b. 3 Hr eLearning course on Revised Total Coliform Rule
2. Training and Technical Assistance to Improve Financial and Managerial Capacity and Enable Small Public Water Systems to Provide Safe Drinking Water
 - a. 40 8 Hr workshops across nation on Financial & Managerial Capacity
 - b. 2 Hr eLearning Financial & Managerial Capacity
 - c. 17 Webinars
3. Training and Technical Assistance for Small Publicly-Owned Wastewater Systems and Onsite/Decentralized Wastewater Systems to Help Improve Water Quality
4. Training and Technical Assistance for Private Well Owners to Help Improve Water Quality

Award details – http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/sdwa/smallsystemsrfafm

RFA Announcement – http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/sdwa/upload/epaowogwdw1303.pdf

Funding 55/45 split between National AWWA and Sections (in kind match to include marketing & section labor)

Timeline Sections to commit by July 2014

EPA Grant Q&A on Sunday, 6/8, 1-2 pm, Boston Convention Center, Room 106.

Announcing AWWA'S 2014 eLearning Rebate Program

Action Required/Requested: Simply add the eLearning course link to your website and include the link in your e-newsletter and/or printed newsletters. Contact Mindi Dean to confirm your participation.

Additional Interested/Affected Section Positions: Section Leadership, Section Staff

Respond To: [Mindi Dean](#), eLearning Specialist _

Respond By: N/A

Grow your educational offering by promoting AWWA's eLearning courses and earn money back for your section!

WHAT: Any member or non-member that registers (based on zip codes) for a self-paced or facilitated AWWA eLearning course Jan. 1—Dec. 31, 2014, earns your section \$5.00 per self-paced course and \$20.00 for a facilitated course.

WHO: All sections, as long as they promote the AWWA eLearning program on their website.

HOW: Simply add the eLearning courses link - [eLearning Courses](#) - to your website and include the link in your e-newsletter and/or printed newsletters.

GET PAID: Section rebate checks will be distributed first quarter of 2015 for the 2014 fiscal year.

Non Qualifying Courses: *AWWA 3rd party management courses.*

CONTACT: To confirm your participation, contact Mindi Dean, eLearning Specialist, via email mdean@awwa.org or by phone at 303.347.6204.

Liability Protection

Acceptable

- Tradeshow
- Dinners
- Meetings
- Conferences
- Bowling Events
- Golf
- Webinars
- Professional Sporting
- Events(attendance at)

Not Acceptable

- Professional Sporting
- Events(attendance at)
- Athletic Participants
- 5k's, Fun Runs, etc.
- Trap or Skeet Shoots
- Motorcycle Rally
- Events where liquor is being sold by the Section.

Sample waivers available at national.

Separate Insurance

Timeline

What would be covered?

- General Liability vs Accident
- Liquor Liability
- Auction Items

How Much Will it Cost?

Risk Management

Vendors?

- Is there a written contract?
 - Additional Insured
 - Waiver of Subrogation
 - Primary /Noncontributory
- Do they have insurance?
 - Have you asked?
 - What limits do they carry?
 - Does it cover participants?
 - Does it cover liquor?

Liquor Liability Questions

- Who is responsible for liquor liability?
- What is host liquor liability?
- When should you be looking at other insurance for liquor liability?
- How to reduce Liquor Liability claims?
 - Develop an Alcohol Serving Policy

Train employees/volunteers to serve Responsibly



Community Engineering Corps Informational Webinar

Action Required/Requested: View the new video highlighting the Community Engineering Corps and attend one of the informational webinars for more information on how to get involved.

Additional Interested/Affected Section Positions:

Respond To:

Contact your Section Services representative if you'd like to use the video at your Section conference. No response is needed in order to participate in the webinar, just register via the link provided.

Respond By:

Community Engineering Corp™

At the 2014 winter meeting the Board approved AWWA entering into an agreement with Engineers Without Borders and the American Society of Civil Engineers to launch the Community Engineering Corp™ (CEC). We have created a video highlighting the program, which is available for you to use at your Section conference, just contact your Section Services representative. You can check it out on AWWA's YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qwa8_qe4kVQ&feature=youtu.be.

You can learn more about this new program at www.awwa.org/CEC or by attending one of the following webinars:

Introduction to the Community Engineering Corps - Webinar

Link: <https://student.gototraining.com/rt/6179614145324684032>

Phone Number: (215) 383-1020

Access Code: 631-105-713

Audio PIN: Shown after joining the training

Dates and Times:

March 24, 2014 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time

April 16, 2014 11:00 a.m. Mountain Time

Community Engineering Corps Project Process - Webinar

Link: <https://student.gototraining.com/rt/2835558381140346368>

Phone Number: (484) 589-1016

Access Code: 266-840-234

Audio Pin: Shown after joining the webinar

Dates and Times:

March 25, 2014 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time

April 14, 2014 9:00 a.m. Mountain Time

2014 Annual Conference & Exposition
June 8-12 | Boston, MA
awwa.org/ace14

COMPLIMENTARY
REGISTRATION FORM

American Water Works Association
6666 West Quincy Ave | Denver, CO 80235, USA
800.926.7337 or 303.794.7711

Individual Membership # _____ or Company Membership # _____
First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____
Company/Organization _____ Title _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____
State/Province _____ Country _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____
Primary Phone _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work E-mail _____
Is this a change of address for your AWWA Membership? ☐ YES ☐ NO

| Conference Registration | | Super-Saver Rate On or before March 28, 2014 | | Standard Rate March 29–May 30, 2014 After May 30, increased onsite rates will apply | |
|-------------------------|---|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| Please Circle One | | Member | Nonmember | Member | Nonmember |
| AA | Full Registration With President's Reception | \$820 | \$1,020 | \$1,020 | \$1,220 |
| A | Full Registration Without President's Reception | \$780 | \$980 | \$980 | \$1,180 |
| B | One Day Only | \$450 | \$650 | \$650 | \$850 |
| G | Exhibits Only (not exhibitors) | \$95 | \$95 | \$145 | \$145 |
| H | Student (ID required) | \$75 | \$75 | \$75 | \$75 |
| PF | Professors | \$620 | \$820 | \$820 | \$1,020 |
| I | Operator (Full Conference) | \$680 | \$880 | \$880 | \$1,080 |
| W | Operator's Day (Tuesday) | \$125 | \$155 | \$125 | \$155 |

| Spouse/Guest Registration | | Qty | Price | Total |
|---------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------|
| SA | Spouse/Guest with President's Reception | | \$60 | |
| SB | Spouse/Guest without President's Reception | | \$20 | |
| Name: _____ | | Name: _____ | Name: _____ | |

Workshops These are optional and an additional cost. Recommended materials are indicated with corresponding workshops.

| Titles | | Member | Nonmember | Student | Purchase Materials | Total |
|--------|--|--------|-----------|---------|----------------------|-------|
| SUN01 | Water POWER: 6 Steps to Energize Your Career as a Water Professional | \$75 | \$75 | \$75 | | |
| SUN02 | Getting a Grip on External Corrosion Control for Infrastructure Sustainability | \$235 | \$335 | \$60 | +30027-3E \$62.00 | |
| SUN03 | Learn How Water Main Rehabilitation Technologies Can Help Solve Your Infrastructure Challenges | \$235 | \$335 | \$60 | | |
| SUN04 | Envision™ for Sustainable Water Infrastructure | \$235 | \$335 | \$60 | | |
| SUN05 | Building Information Modeling (BIM)—Applications & Benefits to Water Treatment Plants | \$235 | \$335 | \$60 | | |
| SUN06 | Jar Testing—Optimizing Through Tried and True Methods | \$235 | \$335 | N/A | +30037 \$44.40 | |
| SUN07 | Groundwater Supply Sustainability Through Well Rehabilitation & Maintenance | \$190 | \$290 | \$30 | | |
| SUN08 | Disinfection—Back to the Basics | \$190 | \$290 | \$30 | | |

Facility Tours These are optional and an additional cost. Limited capacity.

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|----------|--|------|
| T1 (TUE) | John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant | \$50 |
| T2 (TUE) | Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant | \$50 |
| T3 (TUE) | Cambridge Stormwater Wetland and Park | \$50 |
| T4 (TUE) | Walter J. Sullivan Water Purification Facility | \$50 |
| T5 (WED) | Metropolitan Waterworks Museum Tour | \$50 |
| T6 (WED) | Gillette Stadium Onsite Water Recovery and Reuse | \$50 |
| T7 (WED) | The Fresh Pond Reservation and Its Source Waters | \$50 |

| Ticketed Events | | Qty | Price | Total |
|-----------------|---|-----|-------|-------|
| T14(SUN) | Student/Young Professional Scavenger Hunt | | NC | |
| T8(MON) | First-Time Attendee Breakfast/Program | | NC | |
| T10(TUE) | Water Industry Luncheon | | \$60 | |
| T11(WED) | Fuller Award Breakfast | | \$40 | |
| T12(WED) | AAEES/AIDIS/AWWA Luncheon | | \$50 | |
| T13(WED) | Annual President's Reception | | \$40 | |

Total/Method of Payment:

AWWA Federal Tax ID#

13-5660277 Total Amount Due: \$ _____

☐ Check ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Government PO

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Fax this form to 303.794.8915 - Attention: Linda Berridge



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Mr. David Lathrop, PE
c/o Nebraska Section AWWA
(via email)

April 23, 2014

Re: Recording presentations at the Fall Conference

Dear David:

If the board would like to move ahead with recording presentations at the Fall Conference, we would need the following items:

1. Recording devices
2. Stands or tripods for mounting those devices
3. Power sources
4. Recording media (flash drives)

As far as recording devices are concerned, there are three options:

1. Any digital camera (cameras with HD video recording capability start around \$80)\
2. A dedicated video camera (like the GoPro Hero series)
3. Any smartphone with a camera feature

To be honest, while we could certainly invest in purchasing some recording equipment, I would recommend asking around first to see whether anyone would be willing to lend their device, particularly the first year we would try something like this. I'm sure we could find three or four volunteers willing to lend us cameras for the purpose.

To get videos worth posting online, we should have the cameras mounted to some kind of stand or tripod. This would require some coordination in advance of the conference -- I have a tripod or two of my own, but they aren't necessarily suitable to every camera. If we find volunteers willing to lend their cameras, it would be a decent investment on the part of the section to purchase tripods or tabletop stands for mounting.

As a practical matter, we would need to coordinate in advance to make sure that enough power is available (probably in the form of several batches of "AA" batteries to allow us to record multiple sessions). Also as a practical consideration, the Section would really need to provide recording media (probably in the form of SD cards, since that's a widely-used standard in digital cameras).

Finally, each session to be recorded would need to have someone assigned to start and stop the video recording. This is probably something that could be assigned to the moderator for each session, since it's really just a matter of pressing the record button.



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Someone would then need to collect the memory cards at the end of the day and get them to me so I could upload the videos to post them on YouTube. The upload is the easy part.

We should also make certain that the speakers consent -- well in advance of the conference -- to having their presentations recorded and shared. I know there are things that I say, don't say, or phrase differently, depending on whether I'm presenting to a friendly audience or for something to be shared with the public. (Jokes, for instance, make a lot of sense with a live crowd, but can come across badly to people who just stumble across our talks on YouTube.)

Alternatively -- and this is worth considering -- instead of recording videos and posting them to the Internet, we may wish to share slideshows via a service like Slideshare. You can see examples of my own talks (some even from past AWWA conferences) at <http://www.slideshare.net/briangongol>. This would lose the "live" element of the video presentation, but might be easier to do...all that would be required in that case is for the presenters to just send their PowerPoint slide decks to me for posting to the Internet.

I'll leave it to the board to decide whether videos, slide decks, or maybe some of each would be appropriate. I'm at your service otherwise, but from a technical standpoint, putting presentations online is only slightly more difficult than posting something on Facebook. The hard part is making sure that all of the right tools are available the day of the recording and that everyone involved knows what is expected.

Sincerely,

Brian Gongol

Director's Report

AWWA – NE, Directors Report, April 2014

Water – It Defines Us!

From a legislative standpoint, 2014 was a big year relative to the advancement of water. Under the leadership of Sen. Tom Carlson, LB 1098 and a couple companion bills were introduced and ultimately promulgated into law on April 17th (see pics. in link). The main bill creates a water sustainability fund with not only an initial investment, but also with annual cash infusions in the years ahead. The bill also restructures the state's Natural Resources Commission to create greater emphasis on sustainability. This new structure will evaluate projects and fund those that best meet the needs of future generations across a range of priorities. Priorities include reducing aquifer depletion, increasing stream flow, managing flood threats, protecting wildlife, promoting conservation, and *ensuring municipal and industrial needs can be met*. "This is a difficult and challenging issue and this legislation is aimed at planning for better future water use in our state," Heineman tells reporters during a news conference on the day of the signing.

In the same way, the American Water Works Association is taking a holistic approach with the Total Water Solutions initiative. It is recognized that water is not easily divided into different use categories, and water professionals increasingly must understand and manage water in all its stages. As a Section, it is becoming increasingly important for us to be a diverse group that has a deep understanding of drinking water, but also a general understanding of all things water. In the coming months and years it will be important for the Nebraska Section to take stock in how we are represented within our structure and what we can do to be leaders. Let's face it, water is a crown jewel no matter where you live in the world, and Nebraska happens to be sitting right on top of some of the best water around -- just ask the good folks of Curtis... voted best water in the world. The opportunities are great for us, so we need to adapt and be thinking about how we can better serve our members and the citizens of Nebraska.

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This link will take you to some pictures of the bill being signed into law.

http://www.governor.nebraska.gov/photos/2014/04/16_water_reg/index.html

This link as a little more detail about the bill signing that occurred this week.

<http://nebraskaradionetwork.com/2014/04/16/water-sustainability-bill-signed-into-law-by-govheineman-audio/>

NE AWWA

Treasurers Report & Budget Report – May 9th, 2014

Treasurers Report

Account Summary as of 5/02/14:

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| - Checking Account | \$43,070.99 |
| - Savings Account | \$5,702.66 |
| - Pipe Workshop | \$2,712.99 |
| Subtotal | \$51,486.64 |
| - CD's Total | \$65,129.97 |
| - Total of all Accounts | \$116,616.61 |

Bills:

| | |
|--|-----------|
| AccuConference – Conference Calling | \$23.61 |
| Post Office Box Rental – Doug Woodbeck, Reimbursement | \$79.00 |
| AWWA Fly-In Washington, DC – Jerry Obrist, Reimbursement | \$1081.84 |

2013 Fall Conference:

Disbursements have been made to NAPWA in the amount of \$5,368.08 and to NWEA in the amount of \$13,420.19 as approved by NSAWWA.

Taxes:

There has been a request for an extension submitted to the IRS in filing the 2013 taxes. Ben is working on the 2013 taxes and may have more to report to the Board.

CD's:

There may be some CD's nearing maturity therefore I'll meet with the Bank at the end of May to renew the CD's, if necessary. (Is a motion necessary to allow me to renew the CD's) Wells Fargo Bank would like to see a copy of the minutes to allow me access to the CD Acct. information.

Budget Report

2014 Budget Report

Income for the year includes Section Allotment, Assoc. Allotment, Multi-Sec Allotment, Kearney Chamber Donation for a total of \$16,247.30.

Expense for the year includes Membership Summit, Annual Fall Conf Distribution, Washington, DC Fly-In, Misc. Business for a total of \$20,795.54. (\$4,548.24) Please see attached NSAWWA 2014 Budget

Respectfully Submitted:

Eric Melcher, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP UNION AWWWA BUDGET 2014

| | 2014 Actual | Yr End Est | 2014 Budget | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| INCOME | | | | |
| Section Allocation | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 11,841.00 | \$ 12,153.00 | |
| Association Allocation | \$ 78.00 | \$ 3,189.00 | \$ 2,847.00 | |
| Multi-section Allocation | \$ 168.30 | \$ 650.00 | \$ 650.00 | |
| Annual Fall Conference | \$ - | \$ 13,000.00 | \$ 13,000.00 | Assumes \$13,000 over expenses - Confirm with lead for 2012 - AWWWA |
| Annual Fall Conference - Donation from Chamber | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | Lead 2013, 2015, 2016 |
| Interest on Accounts | \$ - | \$ 532.00 | \$ 900.00 | |
| Advertising Income | \$ - | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| Water for People | | | | |
| Raffle - Fall Conference | \$ - | \$ 2,200.00 | \$ 2,200.00 | Revenue Neutral |
| Golf Event | \$ - | \$ 13,000.00 | \$ 13,000.00 | Revenue Neutral |
| Trap Event | \$ - | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | Revenue Neutral |
| Safety Committee | \$ - | \$ 1,300.00 | \$ 1,300.00 | 2 workshops |
| Special Project Funding | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| WARN | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Small Systems | \$ - | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | |
| Education Committee | | | | |
| Pipe Workshop (Biannual '10, '12, '14) | \$ - | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | Revenue Neutral, Asset management workshop in 2012 |
| Preconference (Biannual '11, '13, '15) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | Revenue Neutral |
| SRF | | | | Status? |
| YP Poker Tournament | \$ - | \$ 1,150.00 | \$ 1,150.00 | Revenue Neutral |
| Miscellaneous | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$ 16,247.30 | \$ 54,612.00 | \$ 54,950.00 | |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Safety Committee | \$ - | \$ 1,600.00 | \$ 1,600.00 | 2 workshops & handouts, application mailing & congrats \$200 |
| Cross Connection Workshop | \$ - | \$ 2,300.00 | \$ 2,300.00 | (Ultimate backflow challenge \$720, \$80 misc., \$1500 for LONNM contract) |
| Education | | | | |
| Education Committee | \$ - | \$ 600.00 | \$ 600.00 | |
| LONNM/NSA/WWA Seminars | \$ - | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| Pipe Workshop ('10, '12, '14) | \$ - | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | Revenue neutral, Asset mgmt workshop in 2012 |
| Preconference ('11, '13, '15) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | Revenue neutral based upon 2011 budget. 2013 budget request of \$1,000 |
| Public Info Comm. | \$ - | \$ 600.00 | \$ 600.00 | Budget Request |
| Small Systems Committee | \$ - | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | No Expense in 2012 |
| Director's Spouse or Incoming (Meeting Expense) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$510 for spouse spent in 2012, \$840 for Incoming director in 2013 |
| Publications | | | | |
| Wise Water Words | \$ - | \$ 2,952.00 | \$ 2,952.00 | From Brian Gongol |
| Membership Directory ('12, '14, '16) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Advertising | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Student Activity | \$ - | \$ 550.00 | \$ 550.00 | \$100 van for annual conf, \$200 mtgs at UNL, \$250 membership cost defray |

PREVIOUS YEARS NOTES

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|--|----|-----------|----|----------|----|----------|--|
| Membership | \$ | - | \$ | 300.00 | \$ | 300.00 | \$277.54 was spent in 2011 on mailings; (\$455 was spent in 2011 for gold NSAWWA lapel pins) Committee request for 2013 - \$300 |
| Awards (non-safety or water contest) | \$ | - | \$ | 900.00 | \$ | 900.00 | 370 WISA & Meritorious Operator award forms mail out, 33 Fuller Award Plaque, 27 Fuller Award Pin, 70 Best in Show MAC, 108 AWWA Section Chair Plaque & Pin, 124 Six plaques, more awards expected in 2012; Mari Matulka had awards left over from 2010, \$100 Safety Awards Send check at treasurer's convenience to: Ms Kay Priebe, Water Research Foundation, 6666 W Quincy Ave, Denver, CO 80235 |
| Water Research Foundation (WRF) | \$ | - | \$ | 1,000.00 | \$ | 1,000.00 | |
| Regional Officer's Meeting/Officer Training | | | | | | | |
| Summer Leadership Workshop | \$ | - | \$ | 1,500.00 | \$ | 1,500.00 | |
| Membership Summit | \$ | 789.33 | \$ | 1,100.00 | \$ | 1,100.00 | |
| WFP Workshop | \$ | - | \$ | 800.00 | \$ | 800.00 | Budget Request Chris New |
| Regional Officer Meetings | \$ | - | \$ | 1,500.00 | \$ | 3,000.00 | \$1,500 approved from this budget for Mary Poe to attend ACE 2013 |
| Nebraska Hosting RSMO in 2016 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | |
| Annual Meeting at Fall Conference | \$ | - | \$ | 850.00 | \$ | 850.00 | |
| Annual Fall Conference Shared Expenses ('13, '15, '18) | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | Cost center when NSAWWA is lead organization at annual conf |
| Annual Fall Conference Distribution of Chamber Donat | \$ | 18,788.27 | \$ | 600.00 | \$ | 600.00 | Disbursement to other organizations for Kearney Chamber donation |
| Water for People - Event Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Raffle - Fall Conference | \$ | - | \$ | 700.00 | \$ | 700.00 | Revenue neutral |
| Golf Event | \$ | - | \$ | 5,600.00 | \$ | 5,600.00 | Revenue neutral |
| Trap Event | \$ | - | \$ | 1,500.00 | \$ | 1,500.00 | Revenue neutral |
| Water for People - Donation WFP | | | | | | | |
| Raffle - Fall Conference | \$ | - | \$ | 1,500.00 | \$ | 1,500.00 | Revenue neutral |
| Golf Event | \$ | - | \$ | 6,500.00 | \$ | 6,500.00 | Revenue neutral |
| Trap Event | \$ | - | \$ | 1,500.00 | \$ | 1,500.00 | Revenue neutral |
| MAC Activities | \$ | - | \$ | 200.00 | \$ | 200.00 | \$200 for Annual conference MAC Lottery |
| Scholarships | | | | | | | |
| Abel Wolman | \$ | - | \$ | 1,000.00 | \$ | 1,000.00 | Director gives check during Winter Mtg or ACE or just mail in: AWWA |
| Stockholm Water Prize | \$ | - | \$ | 500.00 | \$ | 500.00 | Executive Director, AWWA, 6666 W Quincy Ave, Denver, CO 80235 |
| Meter Madness | \$ | - | \$ | 1,000.00 | \$ | 1,000.00 | |
| Top Ops | \$ | - | \$ | 3,300.00 | \$ | 3,300.00 | 2 to 3 people, \$3000/w of people up to expenses; \$255 Top Ops Cash prizes an annual conference. Where does meter madness fit in? 777 |
| Poster Board Competition | \$ | - | \$ | 1,000.00 | \$ | 1,000.00 | 1 person (registration is free) |
| Conference | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | |
| Leisen | \$ | - | \$ | 3,000.00 | \$ | 3,000.00 | |
| SRF | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | |
| Young Professionals | | | | | | | |
| YP Activities Expenses | \$ | - | \$ | 200.00 | \$ | 200.00 | 300 to 500 for group activities |
| YP Charity Event Expenses | \$ | - | \$ | 700.00 | \$ | 700.00 | YP Poker tournament, revenue neutral |
| YP Charity Donations | \$ | - | \$ | 450.00 | \$ | 450.00 | Engineers Without Borders or Water For People donation, revenue neutral. 2013 donation went to Engineers Without Borders |
| Water Utility Council | \$ | - | \$ | 1,000.00 | \$ | 1,000.00 | Registration at ACE & travel expenses, \$980 spent in 2013 |
| Nitrile Ad Hoc Committee | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | |
| WARN | \$ | - | \$ | 750.00 | \$ | 750.00 | WARN newsletter as per Rick Melcher 11/30 Request |
| Washington Fly-In | \$ | 1,081.84 | \$ | 2,200.00 | \$ | 2,200.00 | \$2131 spent in 2012 |

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|--|----|------------|----|------------|----|------------|---|
| Business | | | | | | | |
| Conference Calls | \$ | 41.79 | \$ | 250.00 | \$ | 250.00 | \$177 was spent in 2011 |
| Web Site Hosting ('12, '14, '16) | \$ | - | \$ | 125.00 | \$ | 125.00 | Each Year |
| Web Site Registration | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | Renews in 7/30/16 |
| PO Box | \$ | 79.00 | \$ | 60.00 | \$ | 60.00 | \$56 in 2013 |
| Bonds for treasurers (2) | \$ | - | \$ | 125.00 | \$ | 125.00 | \$100 was spent in 2011 |
| Retreat (Annual) | \$ | - | \$ | 200.00 | \$ | 200.00 | \$151.61 spent in 2012 |
| Tax Prep (Annual) | \$ | - | \$ | 600.00 | \$ | 600.00 | |
| Secretary of State ('11, '13, '15, etc) | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$25 |
| Audit ('10, '13, '16, etc) | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | In 2010, \$2500 was spent |
| Miscellaneous (pens, postage, envelopes) | \$ | 15.31 | \$ | 150.00 | \$ | 150.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$ | 20,795.64 | \$ | 58,262.00 | \$ | 69,762.00 | |
| NET INCOME | \$ | (4,548.24) | \$ | (3,650.00) | \$ | (4,812.00) | |
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| | | | | | | | |
| Preconference Savings Acct ** | \$ | - | | | | | All accounts accurate as of 5.02.14 XXXXXXXX9140 ACCT. HAS BEEN CLOSED PRIOR TO 5.1.14 XXXXXXXX8735 XXXXXXXX8714 XXXXXXXX9662 |
| Pipe Workshop Savings Acct* | \$ | 2,712.98 | | | | | |
| Savings Acct Balance | \$ | 5,702.66 | | | | | |
| Checking Acct Balance | \$ | 43,070.99 | | | | | |
| Total | \$ | 51,486.64 | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | |
| CD Reserves | | | | | | | Interest Rate |
| 082612 CD | \$ | 11,912.84 | | | | | 1.40% TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXX1283 |
| 032613 CD | \$ | 11,932.37 | | | | | 1.90% TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXX1300 |
| 080814 CD | \$ | 8,142.38 | | | | | 1.64% TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXX5435 |
| 040815 CD | \$ | 8,142.38 | | | | | 1.04% TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXX5443 |
| Total | \$ | 40,129.97 | | | | | |
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| Reserve Goal \$40,000 | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | Interest Rate |
| 032912 Leisen Scholarship CD | \$ | 8,333.00 | | | | | 0.90% TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXX6690 |
| 112912 Leisen Scholarship CD | \$ | 8,334.00 | | | | | 1.89% TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXX5674 |
| 082916 Leisen Scholarship CD | \$ | 8,333.00 | | | | | 0.90% TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXX5682 |
| Total | \$ | 25,000.00 | | | | | |
| Total All Accounts | \$ | 116,616.61 | | | | | |

Vice Chair Report

Archives and History

Audit

Awards

Committee will be meeting in Late June to review nominations for awards. We are continuing to receive nominations for all awards.

Budget

Cross Connection

Education

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee: Fall Conference

Date: April 24, 2014

Chair: Doug Woodbeck

Number of active members on committee: 9 Executive Board Liaison: David Lathrop

List of Active Committee Members: Ben Day, Brian Gongol, Tony Bilek, Rich Koenig, Eric Lee, Rob Pierce, Teresa Konda, Mary Poe, Chad Roberts, Mike Wentink

When and where has the committee met this past year (include conference calls): Have not officially met yet. A Joint Fall Conference Planning Meeting was held on April 16, 2014 at the Embassy Suites in LaVista, Ne. Members from all three organizations (NWEA, APWA, and NSAWWA) were present. A NSAWWA Fall Conference Committee for agenda planning needs to be held fairly soon following submission of presentations (May 31).

Proposed changes in committee membership: None

Deliverables/Activities: Call For Papers has been sent out on April 24, 2014. Submissions are to be sent to doug.woodbeck@nebraska.gov. May 31 is the requested submission deadline.

At the meeting on April 16th, the conference fees were discussed. It was decided that the fees should be raised from \$90.00 to \$100.00 for the NSAWWA (individual organization) portion of the conference, and from \$165.00 to \$180.00 for the full conference. All organizations must officially adopt the new fees and report back to the Joint Committee for finalization of the fee increase.

Discussion was had regarding fees for State representatives attendance at the conference. Each organization will handle this issue on their own. According to a motion passed last year, NSAWWA will charge the State for meal costs only, foregoing the conference fee.

On-line conference registration was discussed. A line for e-mail addresses will be included on the registration forms. Apparently there has been fair success with on-line registrations for the Great Plains Conference (about 50% of attendees registered on-line). The website can be tweaked to improve on-line registration. The No-pay option will be rearranged on the website to make this option clearer. Web (on-line) registration is slated to begin on August 29, 2014. The deadline for on-line registration is October 10, 2014. Separate areas will be set up for Attendee/Vendor registrations (packet pick-up) at the conference to make this process run smoother. The cancellation policy will be included on the webpage registration area. October 29 is the deadline for cancellations, if fees are to be refunded. An e-blast will be sent out to all members by each organization regarding the conference, registration, etc.

MAC will be assigning booth space for the conference, as always. On-line capability should make this process much easier. An e-blast will be sent to all vendors regarding the conference. This should save us some mailing costs.

The Poker Tournament will be held on Wednesday evening. The Board/Dignitary Dinner will be scheduled for Wednesday evening, November 5th, at the Alley Rose, unless someone has a different idea for a venue. Dinner time will be 6:30 PM (?).

A Joint Conference Committee conference call is set for May 28 at noon, with a follow-up face-to-face meeting scheduled for July 2 in Omaha (location TBD).

How may the Executive Board assist the committee in accomplishing its work? Approve increase in Conference Fees.

Plans/Projects for the upcoming year: Fall Conference in Kearney.

Budget Expenditures for previous year: \$66,326.25 income, \$36,452.89 expenses, Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce donation disbursement \$651.65, total expenses \$37,104.54. Net income \$29,221.71.

Budget request for current year: \$50,000.00 for expenses

Other: _____

Please submit completed form to NSAWWA Secretary at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

Fuller Award

Manufacturers / Associates Council

Membership

May 9, 2014

Board of Directors Memorandum

Board Meeting, Woodland Hills

Top of the morning to you all! We currently have 334 active members with 10 late. Our 2014 year end section goal is 339 so we are short so far. AWWA will be conducting a membership drive in April-May in an attempt to regain some past members. In looking at the attached chart of membership covering 2012-2014 we are tracking along the same lines with a decrease in membership in the 1st and 2nd quarter. This is largely due to losing student members.

Since the last Board meeting we have organized discussed how to approach the engineers that stamp water plans for HHS approval in addition to Fall Conference attendees that are not AWWA members. We have drafted a letter for review by the Board and will be sending that before Fall Conference. We have also initiated a pilot program with AWWA to enroll potential members with a three month membership in hopes they will see value and renew. This will occur before Fall Conference. We are working with the League of Municipalities on an article for the upcoming Utilities Newsletter promoting AWWA.

Upcoming activities include updating the SOP with activities that seem to work well and addition of new ideas for late 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc E. Rosso, PE

Nebraska Section AWWA Membership Committee

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2014 COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee: _Nominations_____ **Date:** 4-25-14_____

Chair__Eric Lee_____ **Vice Chair:** ____n/a_____

Total Members: __3__ **Active Members:** __3__

Executive Board Liaison: _____

List of Active Members: Eric Lee, John Olsson, Mary Poe

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

A conference call was held 4-23-14

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership: _none_____

Deliverables/Activities:

- Discussions were held concerning a more proactive/competitive format to recruit new board members based on John's observations at the Winter Board Meeting.
- Reviewed August 2013 Retreat changes in SOP's, confirmed recommended changes and affirmed the July 31, 2014 date to have the Slate of Candidates to section Secretary
- Discussed Trustees duties and responsibilities as Board Members and the ability of individuals to carry out such duties and responsibilities

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

No suggestions at this time.

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year: Follow through with above mentioned activities and provide written updates on progress and conclusions

Budget Expenditures for 2013: None

Budget Request for 2014 (include a short justification): None

Other Items: None

Publications

NE Section AWWA Public Information Committee Report
May 9, 2014

Nebraska Section Facebook page has 152 fans. Watch for informational posts during Drinking Water Week (also shown below). Anyone can access the facebook page – you do not need to have an account and do not need to log on to facebook to view the page.

Drinking Water Week is May 4-10. The committee conducted the following activities:

- Letters sent to mayors of 38 first and second class cities inviting them to issue a proclamation declaring May 4-10 as Drinking Water Week in their community.
- Three press releases to be issued during DWW were sent to several Nebraska newspapers.
- Five Facebook posts were scheduled to show up during DWW. Here is what they say:
 1. Today marks the first day of Drinking Water Week. Are you hosting plant tours to celebrate? Giving a community or school talk? Has your mayor signed a proclamation?
 2. Happy Drinking Water Week! Thanks to the nearly 300 individual members of the Nebraska Section AWWA for their efforts to deliver clean, safe drinking water to Nebraska.
 3. This Drinking Water Week, take a moment to read about the Safe Drinking Water Act, which regulates drinking water safety nationwide: <http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesregs/sdwa/>
 4. Fun fact for Drinking Water Week:
It takes 32 gallons of water to make just one glass of wine.
 5. Nebraska could need nearly \$2 billion over the next 20 years to make sure we have safe drinking water for all. What are you doing to help spread the word about a need that affects us all?
<http://www.infrastructurereportcard.org/a/#p/state-facts/nebraska>

Submitted by Mary Poe
April 30, 2014

Research and Student Activities

Safety

Scholarship

Small Systems

Water for People

Water Utility Council:

On April 1st and 2nd Jim Shields (Omaha) and Jerry Obrist (Lincoln) represented the Nebraska Section at the AWWA Water Matters! Fly-in in Washington DC.

Milo Rust (Chadron) was also scheduled to participate but bad weather in his area kept him grounded.

The purpose of the Fly-In is to advance AWWA's legislative issues on Capitol Hill with the constituents of Congress carrying the messages. The Fly-In also boosts name recognition among members of Congress and helps further establish our water professionals as authoritative sources of knowledge and expertise on drinking water issues with members of Congress and their staffs.

The Fly-In is a two-day event. We begin the first morning with briefings and discussions of current drinking water issues before Congress and issues that we want to bring before Congress. The afternoon and the next morning are set aside for AWWA members to visit their members of Congress.

All 5 Nebraska congressional offices were visited and we also attended the Nebraska Breakfast.

This breakfast is held every Wednesday morning as a way for visitors to the capital to meet their representatives in a more informal setting.

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When Chemical Spills Threaten Water Supplies

Actions Requested:

- Ensure a thorough review of existing law and regulation concerning above-ground storage tanks to ascertain what, if any, changes are needed to federal law. We believe that any legislation addressing chemical spills into water supplies must:
 - mandate immediate notification of water utilities that may be affected by a release of chemicals or other contaminants into sources of drinking water;
 - provide a streamlined, usable process for providing water utilities with information about contaminants that pose a threat to their water supplies;
 - clarify that a water system's receipt of information about upstream chemical storage does not confer additional monitoring requirements or responsibilities on the water system;
 - allow utilities as well as EPA and state agencies to petition a chemical facility to change its practices, without creating any obligation to do so or risk for not doing so;
 - allow communities and water systems to recover costs incurred from a contaminant spill; and
 - provide states and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with resources to carry out these new responsibilities.

Background: The accidental release of coal-cleansing chemicals in January into West Virginia's Elk River, which made Charleston's water undrinkable for several days, triggered quick responses in Congress. In the Senate, we saw introduction of and a hearing involving S. 1961, the Chemical Safety and Drinking Water Protection Act, and in the House, introduction of H.R. 4024, the Ensuring Access to Clean Water Act. We agree with the intent of both of these bills and they do address important points of this issue. However, we do have suggestions to make both of these bills more effective.

We understand it was the intent of these bills that immediate notification be provided to downstream utilities in the event of a spill. These notification requirements and protocols need to be explicitly spelled out in the legislation. We suggest that all water utilities within 25 miles downstream of a chemical facility be notified of a spill within one hour of a spill occurring. Utilities must be informed what chemical was spilled, how it acts in water, and the best way to treat or remove it from water sources.

Because the volume of such information could be high, we suggest the development of an information repository in each state that could be released to a water utility as needed in the event of a spill. The receipt of this information concerning upstream chemicals should not confer new requirements for monitoring or other actions by water utility. It is worth noting that for many chemicals in use in this country, monitoring or measuring techniques may not exist.

Legislation now in play would provide utilities, state agencies, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with the authority to commence civil actions or petition a chemical facility to improve the facility or its practices in order to reduce the risk of a spill. We support this provision, but it is also necessary to make clear that water utilities are under no obligation to take such steps and will face no legal or regulatory jeopardy for taking or not taking such action.

S. 1961 and H.R. 4024 would allow the state and EPA to recover costs incurred from spill activities, but does not mention water systems or the communities affected by a spill. In West Virginia, we saw the local water utility suffer damage, including a loss of revenue. Local businesses suffered financially as well. Federal legislation should make it clear that water systems and local communities are eligible for recovery of losses suffered as the consequence of a spill.

AWWA believes that in general, the responsibilities for above-ground storage tanks should be placed in the agency or office that handles hazardous wastes and emergency response, since most expertise for chemical tanks and spills will reside there, rather than in the drinking water office. It is critical that state and federal regulators charged with these responsibilities receive additional resources commensurate with this expansion in responsibility.

Cyber Security and Water Utilities

Actions Requested:

- Enact legislation such as H.R. 3696, the National Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection Act, that would:
 - provide greater information sharing by federal agencies about cyber threats to critical sectors such as water, including imminent cyber threats to our sector, effective measures for protecting water systems from those threats, and methods of remediation from cyber attacks;
 - formally recognize and utilize Sector Coordinating Councils and Information Sharing and Analysis Centers;
 - develop through the National Institute of Standards and Technology a voluntary, sector-led set of standards and processes to reduce cyber risks for critical sectors; and
 - expand liability protections for technology providers and water systems deploying cybersecurity technologies.

Background: A number of bills have been introduced in the 113th Congress addressing various aspects of cyber security. Most of them have some features which the water community could support. However, H.R. 3696 in its current form appears to be the most comprehensive and reasoned approach to cybersecurity.

The water sector's greatest need in cybersecurity is information about what threats are looming, how we can protect ourselves from them, and what steps can be done to repair the damage from a cyber attack. H.R. 3696 and H.R. 624, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act, both would provide this type of information (The House Committee on Homeland Security has approved H.R. 3696 and the full House has approved H.R. 624). There also needs to be recognition that different sectors may face different threats. That is why utilization of already-existing Sector Coordinating Councils is important. Each sector also already has existing expertise on cybersecurity.

In February 2013, President Obama issued Executive Order 13636 - Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity. It directed the National Institute of Standards and Technology to work with stakeholders to develop a voluntary framework for reducing cyber risks.

This past February, AWWA released the AWWA Cybersecurity Guidance & Tool, a voluntary, water sector-specific approach that supports the NIST cybersecurity framework. It can be found at www.awwa.org/cybersecurity. This guidance provides water utility managers with a concise set of best practices and standards. It puts forth a transparent and repeatable process for evaluating the security of a utility's process control system. In order to provide the widest benefit, AWWA has made the guidance and tool free and available to all water and wastewater systems. The Cybersecurity Guidance & Tool are living documents, and it is expected that future revisions and enhancements will be made based on input from government experts, users, and others. All of this illustrates that cooperation and collaboration between federal officials and sector experts is both critical and effective in cybersecurity efforts.

H.R. 3696 provides a degree of needed liability protection for the producers of cybersecurity products and processes. We recommend adding liability protection for those who use those products in good faith. Such liability protection should be extended to water systems exercising best practices in cybersecurity.

CRUCIAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE TOOLS

State Revolving Loan Fund Programs, Tax-Exempt Municipal Bonds, Private Activity Bonds

Actions Requested:

- Support robust funding for the drinking water and wastewater state revolving loan fund programs.
- Protect the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.
- Remove water infrastructure projects from state volume caps on private activity bonds.

Background: Water infrastructure is vital to our nation's well-being for a variety of reasons. Water infrastructure protects public health and the environment, supports the local and national economies, protects us from fires, creates jobs, and brings us a better quality of life. Moreover, the US Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) estimates that for every dollar spent on water infrastructure, about \$2.62 is generated in the private economy. And for every job added in the water workforce, the BEA estimates 3.68 jobs are added to the national economy.

In 2012, AWWA released a report titled, "Buried No Longer: Confronting America's Water Infrastructure Challenge," which revealed that restoring existing water systems as they reach the end of their useful lives and expanding them to serve a growing population will cost at least \$1 trillion over the next 25 years. Please note that this \$1 trillion is only for buried drinking water assets. Need for above-ground facilities, waste water, storm water, and other water-related investments are at least as large, and must be added to reflect the true magnitude of the water investment needs we face. "Buried No Longer" is available at www.awwa.org/BuriedNo-Longer.

While communities are best served by water utilities that are self-sustaining through local rates and charges, there are times when an investment in infrastructure is required that is too large to be accommodated affordably in a short time frame using only local rates and charges.

This calls for a variety of tools in the infrastructure finance toolbox. Two extremely valuable tools in water infrastructure finance are the state revolving loan fund program and tax exempt municipal bonds.

State Revolving Loan Funds (SRFs)

State revolving loan funds (SRFs) have been excellent tools for providing support for water infrastructure. The SRFs provide much-needed support for both drinking water and wastewater utilities, thus assisting in the fundamental protection of public health and the environment, particularly for small to medium-sized communities. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) are the anchors for federal investment in water infrastructure. It is vitally important that these successful programs be maintained and strengthened.

The Administration's FY 2015 budget request seeks \$757 million for the drinking water SRF program and \$1.018 billion for the wastewater SRF program – a \$581 million decrease from FY14 enacted budget. This could become a tremendous setback in the nation's efforts to restore its water infrastructure, particularly for cash-strapped small and medium-sized communities, which receive most of the SRF loans. We urge you to restore these critical SRF programs to FY2014 levels, at a minimum.

Municipal Bonds

Tax-exempt municipal bonds have been a keystone for water project finance, being used by at least 70% of U.S. utilities to some degree. Because the interest on these bonds is exempt from federal taxation, the bonds carry lower interest rates than taxable bonds – thus lowering costs for the utility and for all who pay a water bill in that community. Moreover, municipal bonds provide relatively quick access to capital and are generally unencumbered by red tape. They often provide the core funding for water infrastructure projects. Subjecting interest earned on municipal bonds to federal income taxes will devastate water project finance. We urge you to protect the current exemption of municipal bond interest from federal taxation.

Private Activity Bonds

Another tool that could help meet our water infrastructure investment needs is greater use of private activity bonds (PABs). Currently, tax-exempt private activity bonds for public water and wastewater infrastructure projects are counted against state-by-state volume caps and must compete against projects in other critical sectors such as housing and education. This severely limits the amount of PABs that can be issued for water and wastewater infrastructure projects, which are usually less visible than other types of infrastructure. To encourage public-private partnerships and reduce financing costs, PABs for community water systems should be taken out from under the state PAB volume cap, in the same way that PABs for solid waste projects were removed as part of the 1986 Tax Reform Act.

In summary, we urge you to support a robust SRF program, protect the federal tax exemption of municipal bond interest and remove water projects from the state volume cap on Private Activity Bonds.

Include a Water Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Authority in the Water Resources Conference Bill

Actions Requested:

- Include a provision in the final water resources development legislation now before a House-Senate conference committee to create a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Authority.
- In WIFIA, remove the 49-percent cap on WIFIA support for a given water infrastructure project and allow any non-federal share to be financed with tax exempt local debt.

Background: As a member of Congress, you are more aware than most of how water infrastructure protects public health, protects the environment, makes fire protection possible, and remains vital to a community's long-term economic growth and stability. Last May, the Senate approved S. 601, the Water Resources Development Act. Title X of that bill creates a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Authority (WIFIA). The House passed H.R. 3080, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act, this fall, but without a WIFIA title. Now a House-Senate conference is meeting to iron out a single water resources bill. We urge you to support inclusion of a WIFIA in that final bill.

WIFIA would provide loans for water infrastructure projects at long-term, U.S. Treasury rates, thus providing tremendous financial benefits for water utilities and their customers. If a community can save just two percentage points on the interest rate for a 30-year loan, that results in cost savings of 25 percent for the total project. By holding down the cost of water project finance, WIFIA will directly benefit your constituents by improving the affordability of service and allowing greater investment in water infrastructure than would otherwise be possible.

There are two provisions in Senate bill that must be corrected. First, it would cap WIFIA support of a project at 49 percent of the project's cost. This is a copy of the finance model used in the transportation program called TIFIA, on which WIFIA is modeled. However, transportation projects typically rely on a variety of sources of financing at local, private sector, state and federal levels. Water systems, on the other hand, are entirely supported by local rates and charges, so the 49-percent cap does not make sense.

This 49-percent cap led to another problem. In scoring WIFIA, the Congressional Budget Office assumed that the remaining 51 percent of a project would be financed by tax-exempt municipal bonds, thus having a negative impact on the Treasury. This led to the Senate version of WIFIA prohibiting the use of tax-exempt municipal bonds for the non-WIFIA share, on the assumption that these water infrastructure projects would not be undertaken unless there is a WIFIA. That is a misunderstanding. Whether or not there is a WIFIA, most water projects are still vital and must be undertaken to assure compliance with water quality standards and assure reliability of service. Without WIFIA these projects will be undertaken, but they will cost more without WIFIA and your constituents will face higher water bills. Moreover, in the absence of WIFIA, far more of the cost of these critical projects – likely 100% in most cases – will be financed with tax-exempt debt. Allowing WIFIA to finance 100% of project costs will actually mean less tax-exempt financing, not more. And because WIFIA is strictly a loan program at Treasury rates, it will cause no net loss to the Treasury.

We urge you to ask water resources conferees to include WIFIA in the conference agreement, allowing up to 100% of project costs to be financed by WIFIA loans and allowing any non-WIFIA share to be financed with tax exempt debt.

Young Professionals