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Date: September 11th, 2014 at 9:30 am to 12:00 PM – Olsson Associate tour to follow**Location:** **Olsson Associates New Office**, 601 P Street, Suite 200

Board Meeting Agenda

- Roll Call
- Approval of last Board Meeting minutes (May 9th, 2014)
- Chair's Report
 - Initiative 1 - Update mission statement
 - Drinking water versus all things water
 - Initiative 2 - Template bank for water/wastewater SOPs & Policy
 - Initiative 3- Explore benchmarking for water/wastewater utilities
 - Small Systems EPA Grant Ad Hoc Committee Creation
 - NeRWA Visit
- Director's Report.
- Treasurer's Report.
- Committee reports.

Old Business:

- Obtain agreement to with joint organization for releasing fall conference list of attendees – Just names & employers
- Video recording on select presentations for streaming off of web site

New Business:

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

Next Meeting(s):

November 5th Alley Rose 6:30 pm NSAWWA BOD & Committee ChairNovember 6th – 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Kearney Younes Center Annual ConferenceAnnual Joint Conference Thursday & Friday November 6th & 7th

Adjournment:

Draft Board Meeting Minutes May^{9th}, 2014

Nebraska Section American Water Works Association

Chair David Lathrop called the meeting to order @ 0900 hours. The meeting was held at Woodland Hills Golf Course in Eagle, Nebraska.

Board Members, Committee Chairs and Visitors present:

Board Chair: David Lathrop

Chair Elect: Doug Woodbeck

Vice Chair: Ben Day

Secretary: Chad Roberts - Late

Treasurer: Eric Melcher - Late

Trustee: Mary Poe

Trustee: Milo Rust via Call In

Trustee: Jim Shields

Trustee: Eric Lehman - Absent

Past Chair: Eric Lee

Director: John Olsson

Committee Chairs: John Keith

Other attendees:

The **March 1^{7th}, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes** were reviewed. No changes were noted.

Ben Day motioned to approve the minutes, second by Eric Lee. Unanimous approval.

Chair's Report: See attached report from David Lathrop.

David Stated there will be no July Board Meeting this Year.

+ The Section Retreat will be held August 7th, 9:30 - 12:00, at the UNL City Campus. The Mission Statement and Statigic Plan will be the topics of discussion.

+ Explore benchmarking for water and waster utilities. Develop water system data to assist management plans. Share effort with NeRWA.

+ Create template bank (water and wastewater) available of a website for Operational and Management SOP's. Board is requested to review and comment on these SOP's.

+ E-Learning availible on the website CEH. On-Line training for water systems, possible AWWA training?

+ Section SOP's were adopted as revised at the 2013 Section Retreat.

Jim Shields motioned to approve the Chair's Report, second by Eric Lee. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report: See attached report from Eric Melcher. All outstanding invoices from the Fall Conference have been collected and paid. Ben Day stated that this year's Tax have be organized and needs David's signature after Boards approval. Ben Day proposed to the Board to approve the Taxes for the Nebraska Section for 2013. Eric Lee motioned to approve the proposal, second by Jim Shields. Unanimous approval.

Ben Day motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Doug Woodbeck. Unanimous approval.

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

Eric Lee motioned to approve the Director's Report, second by Mary Poe. Unanimous approval.

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 question if the \$15,000 was placed in the correct Allotment.

Pre-Conference Saving Account has been closed. All Funds were distributed to all members

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

See attached report from Rich Koenig.

Education: Committee Chair - John Keith Liaison - Doug Woodbeck

No report. There are some upcoming activities, Groundwater Festival and School Presentations.

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

See report from Doug Woodbeck.

Items from Doug's report:

Doug Woodbeck proposed to the Board to increase the Fall Conference Fees; \$90 to \$100 for NeAWWA, and \$165 to \$180 for the Full Conference. Ben Day motioned to approve the proposal, second by Mary Poe. Unanimous approval.

An item to review in the future is the discount for DHHS. Presently this is an ongoing discount, but the Board may have to review this. John Olsson questioned if and when does the Board end the discount. What is the line draw, for which we as a Board, have to discontinue this discount? We have to be careful.

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

No report.

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 -

See report from Eric Lee. Eric stated he has received a Letter of Resignation for Trustee from Eric Lehmann. Eric's job duties have changed this past few months and he can no longer perform the duties of the Trustee position. The Board will have to fill this position per the by-laws. Submit any nominations for the current open Trustee position by May 30th 2014. There after the Board will vote on the new officer.

Also have all nominations for Board Positions at this year's Fall Conference submitted by July 1st 2014

Public Information: Committee Chair - Mary Poe Liaison -

See attached report from Mary Poe. Mary stated there will be a Drinking contest at the Fall Conference.

Publications: Committee Chair - Brian Gongol Liaison - Mary Poe

No report.

Safety: Committee Chair - Milo Rust Liaison - Rob Pierce

No report.

Scholarship: Committee Chair - Jon Zellars Liaison - Jim Shields

No report.

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

No report. Looking at workshops in the Scottsbluff and Aurora areas.

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

No report.

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

No report.

Water Utility Council: Committee Chair - Jim Shields Liaison -

See report from Jim Shields.

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.

June 8th -12th - ACE - Boston

July 23rd and 24th - Summer Workshop - Denver

November 6th and 7th - 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.

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

David talked with Brain Gongol on video recording the Fall Conference. David submitted a letter in his director's report on the discussion on video recording.

New Business: NeAWWA received a plague from Water Research Foundation.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for Sept 1st, 2014 at 0930 hours to be held in TBD, Nebraska at Olson Associates in Grand Island Ne.

Adjournment: Doug Woodbeck motioned to adjourn, Jim Shields second. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 hours.

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July 17th, 2014

To BOD of NeRWA:

I am requesting on behalf of the Nebraska Section American Water Works Association to reserve a meeting room with a capacity for 15 to 20 people on September 11th, 2014 from 9:30 to 12:00 pm to hold a regularly schedule BOD meeting.

In addition to the regularly scheduled meeting, I would like to encourage a NeRWA representative to sit in on our meeting and present on NeRWA resources, activities and initiatives that NeRWA is currently working on. The NSAWWA will do the same.

NSAWWA and NeRWA have overlapping goals and objectives to promote safe drinking water and ensure water is clean. I would like to open lines of communication so we support one another on mutual goals for the benefit of all.

Thanks,
David Lathrop
Chair of NSAWWA
Cp 402 641 4760
Email: david.lathrop@nebraska.gov

AWWA Directors Report – September 4, 2014

Member Engagement & Development

Community Engineering Corps

- Your Association needs your help! We are seeking members for the CE Corps Technical Review Committee (TRC). As a member of the TRC, you will review each project to ensure a reasonable work scope and schedule before CE Corps enters into an engineering service agreement. This is a perfect opportunity for you to contribute to AWWA's vision of a better world through better water in a long-term meaningful way. I hope you will consider submitting your resume. Please contact Lindsey Geiger for further information; she can be reached at lgeiger@awwa.org.

Knowledge Creation and Exchange

- No updates

Organizational Stewardship

- No updates

Leadership and Advocacy

- The Washington, DC Office has started an effort (through a WITAF contract that is pending approval by the Water Utility Council) to develop comments and to develop a better understanding of the potential implications at the state level of EPA's Clean Power Plan (CPP).

The CPP was released as a proposed rule in early June by EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, and will likely cause substantial changes to the energy sector. The CPP is one of the Obama administration's highest stated priorities and is likely to proceed to a final rule despite political pressure and possible legal challenges. Using EPA's projections of impacts on the energy sector, the cost of electricity is expected to rise by an additional 6-7% by 2020 due to this rule, which would increase costs for water utilities by \$250 million per year, based upon the sector's 1% of total electricity use. However, because energy efficiency is generally less expensive than replacing or substantially modifying the power plants themselves, the CPP could potentially result in the availability of substantial funding for energy efficiency projects.

If water utilities can access just 1% of this additional funding (equal to the sector's 1% of electricity use) this could translate to as much as \$100 million for the water sector per year by 2020 to increase energy efficiency. Historically, the water sector has received less than its proportional share of efficiency funds based upon its electricity use, as only one state out of 30 with existing energy efficiency programs (which are currently much smaller than would be expected under the CPP) has any set-aside for water utilities. This provides a significant opportunity for AWWA and the water sector to engage to offset a significant portion of the rule's expense.

Respectfully Submitted,

John S. Olsson
Nebraska Section Director

Awards Committee Report

Awards will be ordered soon, these include (5) WISA, (1) Longevity, and (1) Volunteer of the Year Awards.

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2011 COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee: Cross Connection Committee Date: September 2, 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): Committee met March 12, 2014 and provided 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 2014: \$1500.00 - LofNM cost share (?)
\$ 720.00 – Ultimate Backflow Challenge
\$ 80.00 – Misc.

Budget Request for 2014 (include a short justification) \$2300.00
Help fund the “Ultimate Backflow Challenge” session and various other expenses as described above

Other Items: No new activity. Workshops are being held after the report has been submitted.

To: NSAWWA Board
From: John Keith, Chair
Education Committee
Date: September 11, 2014

Education Committee Report

Committee Members

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

Happenings

1. The LoNM indicates there have been 14 water workshops events including 255 individuals in attendance. An additional forty-eight (48) speakers, state reps and misc vendors also attended.
2. Seven (7) more training sessions are scheduled in 2014.
3. David Lathrop had gotten information about an EPA Small System Grant for training in 2015. Education Committee will assist with the associated training events for this grant.

The Fall Conference Committee reports:

The Draft agenda is completed (attached for board member information/review).

A Fall Conference Planning call was held on August 14th to discuss pertinent topics to the conference.

The fees have been increased as agreed to earlier this year.

Bio's have been received from most speakers.

Abstracts for presentations have all been received and CEH assigned. Up to 6 hrs. for G1-4 and up to 5 hrs. for G6. 0.5 extra hours for G1-4 if participating in Meter Madness.

If I remember correctly, John Olsson is taking care of picking up our dignitary. We need to make sure we have a room reserved for her (Brenda Lennox).

Everything is going as planned.

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2014 NSAWWA Fall Conference Agenda
(November 6 & 7, 2014, Younes Conference Center, Kearney Nebraska)

Wednesday November 5, 2014 – Board Dignitary Dinner at Alley Rose @ 6:30 PM		
Poker Tournament		
Thursday November 6, 2014		
7:30 – 8:30 NSAWWA Conference Registration		
Scavenger Hunt all day		
8:30 – 8:40 Pledge of Allegiance - Opening Remarks – John Olsson, NSAWWA Director		
8:40 – 9:00 AM Keynote Address – Visiting AWWA Dignitary – Brenda Lennox, Vice President - Pacific Northwest Section		
Morning Session A: Moderator – Mike Wentink	Morning Session B: Moderator - John Keith	Morning Session C: Moderator – Jim Shields
9:00 – 10:00 City of Blair Water Treatment Plant Process and Reliability Improvements - Al Shoemaker, City of Blair - Teresa Konda, HDR 1W	9:00 – 10:00 Maintenance: How Not To Hate It - Brian Gongol, D. J. Gongol & Assoc. 1W	9:00 – 10:00 The Cost of Not Having an Effective backflow Prevention Program – Rich Koenig , DHHS 1W 1BF
10:00 – 10:30 AM Break – Tour Exhibit Area		
Moderator – Mike Wentink	Moderator – John Keith	Moderator – Jim Shields
10:30 – 11:00 Zenith WTP UV Disinfection (Sioux City, Ia.) - Jeremy Walker, Olsson Associates 0.5W	10:30 – 11:00 Crete Wellhead Protection – Marc Rosso and Adam Rupe – JEO Consulting 0.5W	10:30 – 11:00 Public Education and Your Cross-Connection Control Program – Rich Koenig , DHHS 0.5W 0.5BF
11:00 – 12:00 Utility Knowledge Management (need internet connection) - Bryon Woods, HDR 1W	11:00 – 12:00 Assessment of LWS Water Main Replacement Program - Steve Owen, Lincoln Water System – Derek Gardels, HDR 1W	11:00 – 12:00 Key Elements of a Cross-Connection Control Program – Rich Koenig , DHHS 1W 1BF
12:00 – 1:30 PM Joint NWEA/NSAWWA Lunch – Brenda Lennox speaker		
1:30 to 3:30 NSAWWA Annual Business and Board Meetings		
1:30 – 2:00 Evaluating a Cross-Connection Control Program Through the Sanitary Survey – Rich Koenig , 0.5W 0.5BF		
2:00 – 3:00 Backflow Challenge – Rich Koenig , DHHS 1W 1BF		
3:00 – 4:00 Ultimate Backflow Challenge – Rich Koenig , DHHS 1W 1BF		
1:30 – 7:00 PM Exhibit/Vendor Hall open		
4:00 – 5:00 Top Ops Competition – Brian Gongol 1W		
5:00 – 5:30 Meter Madness – HD Supply – Charles Bausch 0.5W for Contestants Only		
5:30 – 6:00 Water Tasting Contest – Mary Poe		
5:30 – 7:00 Social Gathering		
7:00 – 9:00 NSAWWA Banquet (Brenda Lennox present Fuller Award)		

Friday November 7, 2014

7:30 – 8:30 Past Presidents Breakfast (Holiday Inn)

Morning Session A: Moderator – Rick Melcher	Morning Session B: Moderator – Ben Day	Morning Session C: Moderator – Eric Lee
8:30 – 9:30 Using Data To Find Issues Before They Become Problems – Jeff Neeman, Black & Veatch 1W	8:30 – 9:30 Pilger Tornado Response - Nebraska WARN (Rich Koenig , Chad Roberts, Randy Woldt, Casey Junck) 1W	8:30 – 9:30 DHHS DPH Roundtable Discussion – Field Inspection Staff 1W
9:30 – 10:00 Revised Total Coliform Rule – What you need to know – Sherry Wirth and Scott Sprague , DHHS 0.5W	9:30 – 10:00 Pilger Tornado Response continued 0.5W	9:30 – 10:00 Horizontal Collector Wells - Matt Richart, Black & Veatch 0.5W
10:00 – 10:30 Break – Tour Exhibit Area		
Moderator – Rick Melcher	Moderator – Ben Day	Moderator – Eric Lee
10:30 – 11:00 Riverbank Filtration for Public Water Supply - Chittaranjan Ray, Nebraska Water Center, UNL, 0.5W	10:30 – 11:00 What Makes a Good Seal (Beyond the Grout Study) – Tom Christopherson , DHHS DPH 0.5W	10:30 – 11:00 Shared Excavation Space - Lash Chaffin, LoNM 0.5W
11:00 – 12:00 DHHS Regulatory Update – Jack Daniel - DHHS DPH 1W		

Adequate Capacity (What does that mean to your water system) – **Scott Sprague**, DHHS (stand-by training session)

FS Inspection Staff to bring laptops and scanners for logging attendees into various sessions.

November 6: Up To 6.5 hours for grades 1-4; Up To 5 hours for grade 6;

November 7: Up To 3 hours for grades 1-4

Fuller Report.

The Fuller award committee has communicated via email and phone calls. Nominations for the award were solicited. The voting was completed and an awardee has been selected. The 2014 Fuller award winner will be announced at the Annual conference in November.

Thanks,
Glenn

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September 11, 2014

Board of Directors Memorandum

Board Meeting, Olsson Associates-Lincoln

We currently have 345 active members with 4 late. Of the 4 late members we will likely lose 3 to retirement. Our 2014 year end section goal is 339 so we have met that. AWWA will be conducting a membership drive in September in an attempt to regain some past members. I reviewed the membership charts from last year and this year and we are tracking along similar lines for retention. It is troubling that we were first in the AWWA in retention only to fall several percentage points shortly after winning that national award. We will be looking for ways to make membership more consistent in the future.

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. Those letters have been sent to several contacts and we will see how that works to drive new membership.

We updated the membership SOP and submitted that to David Lathrop for consideration. Upcoming activities include Fall Conference planning and awards/door prizes for the banquet in addition to the monthly late member notes to lapsed members.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc E. Rosso, PE

Nebraska Section AWWA Membership Committee Chair

Nebraska AWWA Section Water For People Committee

Section Board Meeting Committee Report – May 2014

Golf outing was held on May 9. Results:

- 2014 vs. 2013: Revenue down 15% to \$10,020 (more golfers but 30% less hole sponsors);
- Expenses up 5% \$5,201 (golf fees, sign printing for new sponsors);
- Net down 22% to \$4,819. (A significant portion of this was due to golf fee contributions in 2013 where participants cancelled because the date changed (due to weather) but donated fees)
- A major issue was a 30% decrease in hole sponsors from 20 to 14 due to timing and weak call follow up.
- As a committee, we could have done a better job making time to for call solicitation and follow-up. Much of this work fell to Patrick as the Golf Event Coordinator.

Shotgun Event – October 2014

- Tim Mundorf will head up the shotgun event this year. We will look at a different venue suggested by Marc Rosso. Tim will contact Marc Rosso; Chris and Tim will begin preparation for involving the committee at our next conference call.

National Conference

- Patrick Harlan attended the Water for People national conference in Denver and reviewed his experience with the committee. Other committees are raising \$50k-\$100k/yr with different events and a larger industrial base (cf. Nebraska at \$10k/yr).

Other Events

We considered other events such as:

- Silent Auction: Great revenue potential, but a lot of work. Likely too much to handle as a new venue.
- Wine Tasting: Much easier and could be a good start for expanding into a silent auction
 - Discussed having wine tasting event at Great Plains Conference in the Spring perhaps in conjunction with Young Professionals or on a different night. (Great Plains Conference did not have any dinners scheduled.)
 - Incidentally, wine tasting at Great Plains in March could help the Golf Outing attendance in May with additional promotion.
- Also discussed potentially having the event at the Fall Conference on a different night as the YP Poker tournament.

Christian New
Water for People Committee Chair

Nebraska AWWA Section Young Professionals Committee

Section Board Meeting Committee Report – September 2014

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

- Report on Events/Activities since the last Board meeting:
 - A conference call committee meeting was held on August 18th, with 6 committee members in attendance. The next meeting will be held the first part of October. The goal is to hold meetings quarterly. No meeting was held since the May board meeting.

- Upcoming Events/Activities:
 - Fall tours have been discussed. More information will be forthcoming. A tour will be held at the Grand Island uranium removal and source facility on September 25, with information submitted to be published. This event was coordinated with the University for attendance by students. We are working to schedule a tour of Snyder Industries, in Lincoln, for October/November.
 - We are also looking at continuing to support the poker tournament at the Fall Conference, in conjunction with the NWEA YP committee. The logistics have been arranged, and is on the schedule.

- Other Items:
 - Justin and I will “age out” of YP’s this year. Andrew Synhorst and Brittany Travers have agreed to be co-chairs of the committee, beginning at the fall conference.
 - We would like to add funds to attend the National AWWA YP Summit (Feb 16-17, 2015 in Austin, TX) for one of the new committee chairs.

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