

# Nebraska Section of AWWA

## Annual Business Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: November 2, 2020, 1pm-3pm

Location: Zoom Video Conference

Call the meeting to order, Brittany

Roll Call

Board members present:

Board Chairman: Brittany Travers

Chair Elect: Mary Poe

Vice Chair: Craig Reinsch

Treasurer: John Keith

Secretary: Marc Rosso

Director: Teresa Konda

Past Chair: ~~Milo Rust~~

Trustee: Brian Gongol

Trustee: Adam Darbro

Trustee: Mike Koenig

Trustee: Ryan Hurst

Board members absent:

Committee Chairs present: Rich Koenig, Larry Schmidt, Chad Roberts, Lee Dunn, Rob Pierce

Others present: Chris Miller, Chi Ho Sham, Maggie Vaulman

Approval of November 2019 Annual Business meeting minutes: Motion approve, Ryan Hurst. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mary Poe. Motion approved.

Chairman's Report: Brittany Travers discussed 2020 being interesting with the pandemic. She thanked the group for our efforts to organize the Fall Conference. She reported there are over 400 attendees at Fall Conference.

Director's Report: Teresa Konda has submitted the report. Membership is down for the year to 50,200 from 52,000. A virtual summit was held in the summer. A group of Nebraska members attended the recent RSMO event. Water matters will be virtual in April 2021. The strategic plan was completed in August.

Treasurer's Report: John Keith submitted the attached reports. The group discussed the budget for 2021 and travel costs for leadership development. Should we leave the travel budgets as in the past knowing they might not be used. Maggie Vaulman weighed in from AWWA and they are developing plans for when travel might occur.

At this time travel is not in the plans until at least April. Brittany indicated that we should leave the budgets. John will move forward with budgets status quo for 2021. Motion to approve Brian Gongol. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mike Koenig. Motion approved.

#### Committee Reports:

**Archives & History:** Rob Pierce discussed the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklets and wants to do that if the Board approves. The group thought it was a good idea and asked Rob to move forward. We could combine with the membership directory.

**Audit:** John Keith reported the audit will be in 2022.

**Awards:** Doug Woodbeck submitted the attached report and Teresa Konda read the highlights. The group discussed how best to seek and get awards presented. The awards were not as well distributed as they could be.

**Budget:** Discussed during the Treasurer report.

**Cross Connection:** Rich Koenig reported he has sent the report to Mary Poe. With the current situation they did not do much. The budget request for 2021 is the same as 2020. Rob Pierce reported they did four trainings.

**Education:** John Keith submitted the attached report. He discussed they have had twelve workshops with twelve cancelled. The area training ran was cancelled. They are working with MAP to do this virtually instead. It was extended through March. The USDA grant goes into 2021. John received a call that if Nebraska would not do the training that the USDA would do it. The meeting will be virtual and NE-AWWA provides the administration and marketing and the USDA will provide all the presentations for the workshops. NEAWWA is in the top five of the area 1 Sections.

**Fall Conference:** Mary Poe submitted the attached report. The awards ceremony practice went well. The vendor raffle will be held and will be a \$500 prize. Participants will need to like vendor pages. This will be awarded at the banquet. There have been lots of questions on the software and it works better on Chrome. Brittany Travers reported on using the software and Lucas Billesbach has sent information on what to expect in the conference. Before the opening session there will be a session on how to navigate the conference.

**Fuller Award:** The award will not be given this year.

**Manufacturers/Associates Council:** Lee Dunn submitted the attached report. The MAC did not meet in 2020. In the upcoming year they are looking to add committee members because of upcoming retirements. There are 26-27 vendors registered. \$5,500 is the income for Fall Conference. He wants to John Lechner award for Nebraska. Estimated budget is \$400.

**Membership Engagement & Development:** Larry Schmidt submitted the attached report. He indicated for the most part membership has held strong considering the pandemic conditions.

**Nominations:** The following recommendations for open offices were made:

Chair:	Mary Poe
Chair-Elect:	Craig Reinsch
Vice-Chair:	Marc Rosso
Treasurer:	John Keith

Secretary: Ryan Hurst  
Director: Teresa Konda  
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Trustee: Adam Darbro  
Trustee: Mike Koenig  
Trustee: Chris Miller

The slate of nominees was presented, and nominations were requested from the floor three times. Motion to approve. Teresa Konda. 2<sup>nd</sup>. John Keith. Motion approved. Welcome Chris Miller to the Board.

Public Information: Mary Poe submitted the attached report. She discussed the Governors proclamation for Drinking Water Week, and they did get that signed. The water tasting contest is cancelled at Fall Conference. The children's poster contest has 20 posters as opposed to past conferences that have had as many as 100. They are scanned and Brian Gongol developed a web site to vote on them. It is live now and closes Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

Publications: Brian Gongol submitted the attached report.

Research and Student Activities: No report.

Safety: Rob Pierce submitted the attached report. He discussed there are three awards.

Scholarship: Angel Lowry submitted the attached report. Craig Reinsch reported there were 13 scholarships and two will be awarded.

Small Systems: Adam Darbro submitted the attached report. Adam reported they have two new members. They did not have committee meetings in 2020.

Top Ops: Chad Roberts submitted the attached report. Top Ops will not be at the conference at Fall Conference. In 2021 they hope to move back into what has occurred in past years.

Total Water Solutions: No report.

Water for People: Teresa Konda reported the committee cancelled wine tasting and the golf outing. The clays shoot was held and generated \$1500 for WFP.

Water Utility Council: Chad Roberts submitted the attached report. The 2021 fly-in is planned to be virtual.

Young Professionals: Hayden Delay submitted the attached report. Craig reported out.

Community Engineering Corps: Bruce Dvorak submitted the attached report. Teresa Konda reported out.

New Business: Brittany discussed virtual conferences and the potential to use this platform in the future.

Miscellaneous Items: None.

Adjournment:

Next Meeting:

Date: November 2021 - Fall Conference

Location: Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE

Respectfully submitted by: Marc Rosso, Nebraska Section AWWA Secretary