

## NS-AWWA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 10<sup>th</sup> 2021

Location: Held Virtually via Zoom.

Mary Poe called the meeting to Order at 12:33 PM

### **ROLL CALL:**

#### **Board members present:**

Board Chair: Mary Poe Chair

Elect: Craig Reinsch Vice

Chair: Marc Rosso

Treasurer: John Keith

Director: Teresa Konda

Past Chair: Brittany Travers

Trustee: Chris Miller

Trustee: Adam Darbro

Trustee: Mike Koenig

Trustee: Brian Gongol

#### **Board members absent:**

Secretary: Ryan Hurst

#### **Committee Chairs present:**

Archives & History/Awards:

Rob Pierce

MAC: Lee Dunn

Scholarship: Angel Lowery

Cross Connection: Rich Koenig

Total Water Solutions: Dale Jacobson

#### **Others present:**

### **Approval of March Board Business meeting minutes:**

Chris Miller made a motion to approve the March 2021 board meeting minutes with corrections as discussed. Brittany Travers seconded, and the motion carried with all present voting aye.

### **Chair Report:**

NSAWWA did receive Thank You Note from Jim Wells' wife Paula. The Biennial Non-profit corporation report submitted. NSAWWA received extension of Non-Profit Status to November 15, 2021.

### **Director's Report:**

Verbal Director's Report was presented by Theresa Konda. ACE will be setup virtual only.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's Report was presented by John Keith.

Total of all accounts was \$157,510.31.

The 2020 Tax Extension filed by Jan Crouch.

AWWA annual allotment of \$15,000 deposited in March

Other Deposits in May 2021;

2020 Virtual Fall Conference-\$10,556.29 and RCAP Workshop - \$4,200

Motion to Approve the Treasures report by Mike Koenig Second by Chris Miller. Motion was approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Archives & History:** Rob trying to recruit more members and get a Section History publication going. Did not see the SOP on website.

**Audit:** No Report Submitted

**Awards:** Rob asked Board if latest changes to SOP have been accepted. Mary said yes. Rob asked if membership has been sent request for nominations. Brian indicated only the safety. Rob will submit email to Brian. Mary has forwarded information from Doug Woodbeck following his retirement.

**Budget:** Given by John Keith.

**Cross Connection:** Report Submitted. Sent topic ideas to Rob Pierce.

**Education:** Report Submitted. John spoke about USDA and RCAP Grant Workshops and gave summary of NLOM training events.

**Fall Conference:** Planning has begun. Next meeting on 05/17/2021.

- Event Insurance – Marc Rosso will arrange getting a quote for the planning committee.
- Pre-Conference; NWEA will not be doing the training. NSAWWA will again do in 2021.
- Costs to remain same as 2019.
- APWA will have an open bar again. Does NSAWWA want to have open bar? NWEA undecided. NSAWWA will not.
- Shared Tracks with other organizations. Will there be a Backflow track? Rich indicates that

he is willing to arrange. Asks if track would be 3 or 5 hours? Craig will speak with Rich more but should plan on 5 credit hour track.

- Simultaneous volunteer activity track (corn-hole, ladder ball, etc...) with Texas Hold-em possible. Mary indicates it would be a great idea since not everyone plays poker. Looking for someone to lead that event.

The conference will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**Fuller Award:** No Report.

**Manufacturers/Associates Council:** No Report. Lee did ask if we have a vendor list?

**Membership Engagement & Development:** No Report.

**Nominations:** No Written Report. Nominations have been sent to Mary for review and distribution.

**Public Information:** No written report. Mary said there was a Governor proclamation for Drinking Water Week but no ceremony.

**Publications:** No Report Submitted. Brian did use email distribution to small system operators for USDA training. May have caused some numerical changes in the report. Looking for other option for future email requests.

**Research and Student Activities:** No report provided.

**Safety:** No written report. Rob says only 4 systems have applied for safety awards.

**Scholarship:** No written report. Angel indicated there has been a few applications received.

**Small Systems:** No Report.

**Top Ops:** No Report

**Total Water Solutions:** Report Submitted. Dale is looking for some people to join the committee from Eastern Nebraska. Maybe someone from NDEE?

**Water for People:** No written report. Marc indicates committee met last week. May 20<sup>th</sup> Golf Scramble. Trap Shoot on September 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Fall Conference raffle.

**Water Utility Council:** No report. The Washington Fly-in was virtual. Only met with assistant for Ben Sasse. Spoke about financing and revised Lead Copper Rule. Funds available but making obtaining the funds easier would be great. Other representatives indicated they would rather meet in person.

**Young Professionals:** Report submitted. Planning on tentative Keep Omaha Beautiful clean up event. YP virtual summit is August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hoping to have an outing at first away NE football game. UNL/UNO 2021-2022 Mentoring Program Kickoff in October. Will have Fall Conference Poker tournament.

**Community Engineering Corps:** No Report

**Diversity and Inclusion.** Marc indicates they have met and have an SOP written. Mary indicates he can submit SOP for Board review.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 2021 Retreat – Wednesday June 30 (Rosso) – Hyvee catering lunch and we will have access to the climbing wall from 3:00 – 5:00.
- Water coalition NWEA/AWWA (Hurst) - No discussion.
- Website (Poe) – Committee members lists have been removed. Only have Committee Chair and the SOP on the website.
- Washington Fly In – virtual (Roberts/Poe) – Discussion during Water Utility Council report.
- ACE All virtual – Since no travel expenses, let Mary know if anyone would like to attend virtually with NSAWWA assistance. Mary discussed water taste contest. North Platte not interested in virtual water taste test this year. No section submittal.

**New Business:**

- RMSOs – limited to two conferences and can attend any RMSO but prefer to stay in region. West Region August 20-21 in Midway, UT. East Region November 16-17 in Annapolis Maryland.
- 2020 Virtual Fall Conference financials (Poe/Keith)
  - AWWA Attendance up 54% (94 in 2019 and 148 in 2020)
  - Net proceeds down 39% (\$17,207 in 2019 vs \$10,469 in 2020)
- 2021 Fall Conference Planning and discussion (Reinsch)
- Miscellaneous/Announcements

**Adjournment: At approximately 2:10 pm, Brian Gongol made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chris Miller, with all in attendance voting aye, motion carried.**

**Next Meeting:**

Date and Location: June Board Retreat June 30<sup>th</sup>. July/August 2021 Board Meeting tbd.

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Respectfully submitted by: John Keith, Nebraska Section AWWA Treasurer