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Board Meeting Agenda (v.7)

Date March 14, 2023

Time 10:00 am CT

Location Miller & Associates
1111 Central Avenue
Kearney, Nebraska

Streaming link Streaming link forthcoming

Roll call	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Rosso	in person	
Keith	in person	
Hurst		
Gongol	in person	
Koenig		
Day	in person	
Reinsch	in person	
Miller	in person	
Lowery	remote	
Darbro	in person	
Menke	remote	

Approval of agenda

Approval of minutes Approval of the January 2023 meeting minutes

Chair's report Report from Marc Rosso is attached

Director's report Report from Ben Day is attached

Treasurer's report Report from Mike Koenig

Committee reports Reports from committee chairs:

Archives	[no response]
Audit	[no response]
Awards	[no response]
Budget	[no response]
Cross connection	[no response]
Education	Report attached

Fall Conference	Report attached
Fuller	[no response]
MAC	No report
Membership	Report attached
Nominations	Report attached
One Water	[no response]
Philanthropy	[no response]
Public info	Report attached
Publications	Report attached
Scholarship	[no response]
Small systems	No report
Top Ops	No report
WUC	[no response]
YP	Report attached
CEC	[no response]

Membership report

Review late and dropped members

Old business

1. SOP update:

SOP documents should be updated by committee chairs and officers for review and approval at the board meeting at the Fall Conference

2. Bylaws:

Bylaw updates should be completed for review and approval at the board meeting at the Fall Conference

3. Water 2050 Nebraska

Survey status

4. Retreat:

The Vice Chair is to organize the retreat date and location

5. Training certificates

6. Committee liaison updates

7. Committee engagement suggestions

New business

1. Nominations committee approvals

2. Fall Conference planning update

3. Membership growth

4. Strategic Plan elements

5. Process to create YP on BOD

6. Fuller text

7. University of Wisconsin InterPro partnership

8. Board liaison contact with committee chairs

Announcements

Next meetings

May 18 (10:00 am CT)
at Woodland Hills Golf Course in Eagle

July 18 (10:00 am CT)
via videoconference

Adjournment

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Preliminary

01-27-2023 5:37:48 PM

Board Meeting Minutes

Date

January 24, 2023

Time

The meeting was called to order by Marc Rosso at 10:04 am.

Location

Olsson
601 P Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Roll call

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Marc Rosso	Lincoln	
John Keith	Lincoln	
Ryan Hurst	Videoconference	
Brian Gongol	Videoconference	
Mike Koenig	Lincoln	
Ben Day	Lincoln	
Craig Reinsch	Lincoln	
Chris Miller		Absent (excused)
Angel Lowery	Videoconference	
Adam Darbro	Videoconference	
Tom Menke	Videoconference	
Guests:	Mary Poe Maggie Vulman Tessa Yackley (Olsson)	

Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Approval of minutes

Approval of the November 2022 meeting minutes (moved by Day, seconded by Keith, approved by voice vote)

Chair's report (Marc Rosso)

Marc Rosso is asking the trustees to form an ad-hoc committee to address the SOPs for the Fall Conference meeting. Angel Lowery volunteered to lead the effort. Rosso is asking each committee chair to review their own SOPs and advance some element of the strategic plan through their committee work.

Rosso is working with Maggie Vulman of AWWA to work through necessary updates to the bylaws.

Rosso asks the members of the board to review the

membership lists to consider whether there are any individuals they could reach personally to try to retain membership between now and March.

**Director's report
(Ben Day)**

Ben Day attended the winter board meeting in New Mexico. Elected directors-at-large, vice presidents, and president-elect for the association.

The association is making efforts to improve its DEI and young professional outreach. Day is pleased to see that the membership committee has been charged with carrying out the section's DEI effort. Day will accept feedback on his draft DEI memo for the next week before forwarding comments to the association for review.

The association board is going to make room for two YP members as standing seats at the association level, and Day encourages the board to consider making a similar provision for a permanent YP seat on the Nebraska Section board.

Day notes that he participated in a "pop-up" meeting on the Water 2050 effort yesterday. It is an association-level effort with five areas of focus, and the association is looking for feedback from the section level by May 1st.

The Washington fly-in date has moved to March 22nd and 23rd.

The association surpassed its goal of 50,000 members last year, but many sections still encountered membership decline (including Nebraska). Mike Koenig had indicated that MUD will be adding five individual members soon.

Day notes that the association's budget is strong, with sound cash reserves.

Rosso asked for detail regarding the addition of a YP board representative via the bylaws. Day indicated that he believes the existing bylaws already make room for additional seats not presently used on the board.

Approval of the director's report was moved by Craig Reinsch and seconded by John Keith. Motion was approved via voice vote.

Treasurer's report (Mike Koenig)

Mike Koenig reported that the savings account was drawn down to zero and closed in December. The preponderance of those funds were moved to the Stifel investment account, with approximately \$10,000 retained in the ordinary checking account.

Outflows went to scholarships and Fall Conference-related expenses in November, while revenues came from the sporting clays event.

Koenig receives a monthly newsletter from Stifel regarding market activity, and he will share those periodically with the board.

Koenig reported that there were some funds received via the fundraising events that had not yet been posted as expenses to the philanthropy committee. There were two reported expenditures in 2022 because of a delay in issuing the 2021 donations.

Koenig reported that the small firm that the section had been using for tax preparation is no longer in operation, and the migration to a new service provider was bumpy, in part due to late submission of materials on the section's part. The filings were completed in time and we anticipate receipt of documentation soon. The section will make efforts to complete the taxes sooner in the future. Day indicated that the section has filed late in the past due to the timing of receipts from the Fall Conference and the filing deadline (November 15th). The new process for managing the Fall Conference may help us to expedite those filings without the need for extensions.

Angel Lowery left the meeting at 10:31 am.

Approval of the treasurer's report was moved by Ben Day and seconded by Brian Gongol. Approved by voice vote.

Committee reports

Archives:
No report.

Audit:
John Keith reported verbally that the firm we use for tax filings is not prepared to conduct an audit, but we have access to a different trustworthy firm in Lincoln which we can use instead.

Awards:

No report.

Budget:

Mike Koenig indicated that developing the 2023 budget was the biggest objective.

John Keith indicated that the process used in the past probably needs to be updated so that the budget process starts in September or October so that the discussion can be performed at the annual meeting.

Poe asked if the annual committee reports included budget requests. Hurst noted that few of the reports included specific budget requests.

Keith noted that the budget file had been kept on OneDrive and could be edited by individual members.

Koenig said that many of the activities related to the section anniversary would come off the books for the 2023 budget, which would streamline the budget for the year.

Angel Lowery returned to the meeting at 10:39 am.

Reinsch indicated that he was reviewing the reports from the annual meeting and found lots of budget requests in the reports. Koenig said he could review the individual reports with a goal of incorporating those into a proposed 2023 budget. Keith indicated that a March deadline would be achievable under that process.

Keith indicated that we are using 80% of the free OneDrive account, and that upgrading to a larger drive would cost a trivial amount per month. Day said that without a central repository for other section information, the OneDrive account is highly useful. Koenig commended Keith for his very well-organized use of the OneDrive account for leaving behind treasurer's information.

Keith said he found the OneDrive account useful for centralization and the cost was minimal.

Cross connection:

No report.

Education:

John Keith reported that he was able to conduct a fall RCAP round 7 meeting thanks to generous grant

funding. The event had 75 attendees, which was a nice coincidence with the section's 75th anniversary. The Nebraska Section is one of the top three performers in terms of attendance at these events per member.

Keith is planning to use funds from RCAP round 8 to fund a preconference event at the Fall Conference in 2023. MAP attendees had their fees comped to attend the 2022 Fall Conference, and he would like to do the same in 2023, since their participation facilitates the training event.

Fall Conference:

John Keith has been in contact already with Brittany Travers (acting in her capacity with NWEA) to begin the planning for the conference.

Fuller Award:

No report.

MAC:

No report.

Membership:

Chuck Seuferer submitted a report on membership. Rosso asks the board members to review the individuals listed to see which members they might know. Day reviewed the dropped membership list and believes many have simply retired. Poe asked if there was a retiree-level membership; Rosso said he believed there was a low-level retiree membership option available.

Nominations:

No report.

One Water:

No report.

Philanthropy:

No report.

Public Information:

Mary Poe reported on the outcomes of the water-tasting contest from the Fall Conference. The scores were tightly clustered this year (more so than usual). Poe suggests that in the future, the judges be reminded that they can go back and change scores, particularly after the first round or two.

Drinking Water Week 2023 will be held May 7-13. Poe said she could continue to coordinate the proclamation, even though she is no longer on the board. With the week being held later, we have more choices as to the date of the public proclamation. Reinsch recommended requesting the May 1st proclamation date. Poe will make that request and report back when more is known.

Reinsch asked about coordinating with members to get information out sooner about Drinking Water Week. Poe indicated that she believes utility members already receive information from the association, but she can follow up to find out more information.

Reinsch asked if any of the utility members present had preferences about the best way to get information to them for dissemination to the public. Menke said that two weeks or more would be the preferred lead time; Hurst concurred. Hurst advised that time is needed to get the event onto the municipal council's agenda, as well as into local publications.

Reinsch suggested that there are mayoral proclamation templates available that could enhance the event's local impact. Hurst said that his utility focuses more on World Water Day, but could see using Drinking Water Week events and materials, if sufficiently different from the World Water Day content.

Poe said that she would coordinate with the association to find out what resources are available and will attempt to disseminate those to the membership in March. Reinsch asked Vulman if any materials are available; Vulman shared a link for more information¹.

Publications:

Report submitted.

Scholarship:

No report.

Small Systems:

No report.

Top Ops:

1 <https://www.awwa.org/Events-Education/Drinking-Water-Week/DWW-Materials#7602521-childrens-activities>

Report submitted. The committee needs to determine what team to send to ACE, based upon qualifications and competition requirements. Discussion ensued regarding the location and timing of the event. Due to limited space in the facility, it may be hard to separate the water-tasting and Top Ops events. Poe indicated that there was a smaller crowd than usual for the water-tasting contest.

Water Utility Council:

Report submitted.

Young Professionals:

No report.

Community Engineering Corps:

No report. Rosso asked whether the committee is still considered active. There was no resolution of the question.

Membership report

Marc Rosso dismissed the report, the subject having been discussed previously during the meeting.

Maggie Vaulman requested (via the meeting chat session) that the section advise her of any deceased members listed in our reports so they can be removed from the automated reports.

Old business

No new business was entertained.

New business

1. Appointment of a nominating committee:

Marc Rosso asked Craig Reinsch to form a nominating committee. Tom Menke volunteered to assist. Ben Day asked the committee to integrate the DEI memo in its process.

Reinsch commented that the nominations committee in the past has developed a pool of prospective members that it might want to develop for future leadership opportunities, both at the committee and board level. Reinsch said his committee would need further guidance from the board in this regard. Mary Poe noted that many of the committee chairs are already seasoned board members and past members, and that it may be worthwhile to consider whether that would require cycling members out of those committee roles. Hurst advised that he became more involved in AWWA specifically because he was asked to become involved at the board level.

2. SOP update:

Marc Rosso asked Angel Lowery to confirm that she would lead the effort to update the SOPs. Lowery confirmed her willingness to participate.

3. Bylaws:

Marc Rosso asked Maggie Vulman to summarize their activity so far. Vulman noted that the current Nebraska Section bylaws are more restrictive than necessary to satisfy the state's legal requirements, and more restrictive than the association's approach. Vulman said that the current rules require a vote via hard copy, but that the proposed changes could be distributed electronically. A 30-day voting period is required subsequent to the announcement. If approved, the executive committee can review those proposed changes. This means the proposed updates can be approved via the executive committee's consent agenda at ACE, then re-approved (as required) at the Fall Conference.

Craig Reinsch asked whether the duties of the chair should include assigning board liaisons to individual committees. Vulman recommended following the "freedom within the framework" approach advocated by David LaFrance, meaning to limit the number of formal restrictions on local behavior within the bylaws.

Reinsch asked about the requirement to conduct the business meeting at the Fall Conference. Vulman advised that the maximum flexibility possible was best, particularly in light of the experiences of 2020. A business meeting should be required, and in practice may always be conducted at the Fall Conference, but should not be required by the bylaws.

Reinsch asked if the bylaws were the appropriate place to locate requirements for voting; Vulman suggested that the best approach is to defer in the bylaws to the laws of the state.

Ben Day moved to approve the proposed amendments to the bylaws and the process for approval, seconded by John Keith. The motion was approved by voice vote.

4. Water 2050 Nebraska:

Marc Rosso suggested that the Water 2050 questions raised by Ben Day could be shared via OneDrive, or that an ad-hoc committee could be

formed for the purpose of reviewing them. Day indicated that the process could be ad-hoc, but that he would like to know the preferred way of soliciting and collecting feedback from the membership. The process should begin soon, since the report is requested by May 1st.

Day will gather feedback and report back at the March board meeting for board approval of the final report before it is returned to the association.

5. Retreat:

Ryan Hurst recalled the 2021 board retreat, and said he would look into sites available for a meeting in July. Hurst asked whether anyone had particular site preferences; none were offered. Reinsch recalled that the 2021 retreat was held on June 30th, and that the agenda included SWOT analysis of the section's activities and a review of the Fall Conference activities. Hurst will proceed with an early-July plan in mind.

6. Training certificates:

Marc Rosso spoke with Steve Kelley about the process of collecting and disseminating training certificates. Reinsch noted that a template exists. Keith asked if a different process is necessary from the automatic system used by Mike Wentink.

Rosso asked if a printed certificate is necessary to indicate participation. Day noted that with an all-volunteer section, it's not necessary to add more paperwork to a process already being tracked automatically. Hurst noted that the state does tell operators to keep a physical copy of participation certificates to ensure that they have a backup in case the issue comes up at the time of license renewal. Keith said they consider it a job responsibility for operators to track their own hours. Poe noted that the rural water association furnishes printed certificates, which may contribute to some of the uncertainty.

7. AWWA/RCAP/EPA small systems training:

An online vote was conducted to authorize John Keith to apply for a grant applicable to a pre-conference event in November.

Votes as recorded by e-mail

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Rosso	x		
Keith	Motion		

Hurst	Second
Gongol	x
Koenig	x
Day	x
Reinsch	x
Miller	x
Lowery	x
Darbro	x
Menke	

Marc Rosso moved, seconded by Ryan Hurst, to ratify the results of the online vote. The motion was approved by voice vote.

8. Fuller Award at ACE:

Marc Rosso asked that Brian Gongol submit a distilled 40-word biography for the Fuller Award at ACE.

9. Washington Fly-In:

The Water Utility Council had requested board approval to send Alex Evans, Tom Menke, and Chad Roberts to the 2023 Washington Fly-In. Since the funds were already allocated to the committee via the budget, no further action was taken.

10. Committee liaison updates:

Mary Poe advised that she was listed as a board liaison for some committees, and that those liaisons should be listed. Rosso agreed to make updates to the document and distribute.

11. Committee engagement suggestions:

Mary Poe commented that in her role now as a post-board member, and that the varying levels of engagement with the board gave her cause to consider whether the board should do more to encourage committee activity and interaction with the board.

Day commented that he perceives a decline in committee chair engagement with the regular board meetings. Poe noted that Hurst's efforts to prod board liaisons to reach out to the chairs seemed to help last year. Poe also noted that calling the retreat something other than a "board" retreat might help. Day concurred that more membership activity would be preferable.

Next meetings

March 14th (10:00 am CT)
at Miller and Associates in Kearney

May 18 (10:00 am CT)
at Woodland Hills Golf Course in Eagle

Late June/early July
Section leadership retreat

July 18 (10:00 am CT)
via videoconference

Adjournment

Mike Koenig moved to adjourn, seconded by John Keith. The motion was approved by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 am.

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Chairs Report

Members of the Board, Committee Chairs and Section Members:

Good morning! I hope everyone is in the process of learning more about why we do what we do. I was excited to learn that a student that the city interviewed, but did not hire, had taken a position with a local construction company after I sent his resume around the industry. Passing along knowledge and growing young professionals are two of my key goals as I near the end of my working career. Why I do what I do.

Spring is almost upon us, and the team is working on a variety of things. Angel Lowery is leading the effort with the Trustees to prepare the SOP updates for initial review. These will be ready for approval at Fall Conference. Nominations will be ready to approve at the May meeting. The Bylaws updates are ready to approve. The Board is discussing how best to have a Young Professional Board member. Whew!

This year is racing by and in April our John Keith will lead the NSAWWA effort to plan Fall Conference. The 2022 Fall Conference netted our Association \$17,369.61 in revenue. The total income for the conference was \$122,364.11 with expenses of \$66,182.81 and profit of \$56,181.30. Four hundred and fifteen people attended the event, which I believe is a record. This was the first year SWANA participated in the event. Their participation was well received and they intend to continue with the event.

Mark your calendar for the 2023 golf event at Woodland Hills on May 18, 2023. The Board meeting will be that morning so plan to stay and golf if you can. Also mark your calendar for September 15, 2023 to attend the Water for People Sporting Clays Shoot at Oak Creek Sporting Club.

Drinking water week is May 7-13, 2023. More information can be found by searching for 'drinking water week' on AWWA's web site (<https://www.awwa.org/>). There are templates for social media, press releases, proclamations, radio spots and children's activities. The Board would encourage the members to utilize this information to promote DWW in your community. Mary Poe is coordinating the Governors Proclamation and will have a date soon. We encourage as many members as possible to attend this event.

That is it for now. See you in May at Woodland Hills!

Respectfully submitted,

Marc E. Rosso, PE

Chair of the Nebraska Section of the American Water Works Association.



American Water Works Association Nebraska Section

March 14, 2023

RE: Directors Report

Dear NE Section Board Members,

I will report that the Section Water 2050 input form has been sent out to the Board as well as the Section membership. As of March 2, 2023 we only have five responses. If you have not responded, please do so, I plan on submitting the results to AWWA within the next 30 days.

<https://forms.gle/5Hf5Pxt5AbQjV93z6>

Also, I have been collecting mail from the Section's P.O. Box and have been scanning in all received ballots related to the by laws changes. These have been sent to Maggie Vulman at the Association.

In addition, related to my action items from the last meeting, I submitted a report to AWWA regarding the status of DEI within the Nebraska Section. I posted it on the one drive. The Nominations and Membership committees will utilize certain matrix in recruiting and determining how to create a more diverse membership and Board.

Other updates are as follows:

Awards

Submit your Section Education Award Nomination Form

AWWA annually recognize Sections for the best education efforts conducted in 2022! The Section Education Award recognizes Section education programs exemplary of initiatives that educate water industry personnel, the public, students or other groups about water. All Sections are encouraged to submit.

[Click here to access and download the submission form.](#)

Upcoming Events

Effective Utility Management Seminar – May 2-3, 2023 in Denver, Colorado

“Don't miss this opportunity to take a deep dive into the Effective Utility Management (EUM) framework. This seminar is vitally important for utility managers who want to make meaningful changes in everyday utility operations, to promote long-term sustainability and success.”

DC Fly in - March 22 & 23rd



American Water Works Association **Nebraska** Section

DEI

I submitted a report to AWWA regarding the status of DEI within the Nebraska Section. I posted it on the one drive. The Nominations and Membership committees.

Water Utility Insider

If you haven't seen the February 17th issue yet, there are some very important items to catch up on:

February 17, 2023

In This Issue:

- [EPA announces PFAS, other funding news](#)
- [Comments sought on U.S. BABA revisions](#)
- [SAB kicks off Cr\(VI\) health assessment review](#)
- [Health Canada opens PFAS discussions](#)
- [EPA to host webinar on financial guidance](#)
- [IAPMO and AWWA jointly publish new manual](#)

I look forward seeing everyone at the May Board meeting.

Respectively submitted:

Ben Day

AWWA Director – Nebraska Section

To: NSAWWA Board
From: John Keith, Chair
Education Committee
Date: March 14, 2023

Education Committee Report

Committee Members

John Keith, Chair
Brian Gongol Mike Wentink
Rob Pierce

Happenings

1. Rob indicates there were **111** attendees at **7** events so far in 2023. Due to weather training events were postponed in Blair (March 27) and Columbus (March 30).
2. An AWWA/EPA Small System Grant (Round 8) workshop is tentatively planned in November 2023 as part of the pre-conference at Joint Fall Conference in Kearney. The in-person event will be completed with assistance from Midwest Assistance Program (MAP) staff. The Grant/Training Agreement was approved by Board members via email January 16, 2023. **This is a \$4,200 Grant.**

To: NSAWWA Board
From: John Keith, Chair
Fall Conference Committee
Date: March 14, 2023

Fall Conference Committee Report

Committee Members

John Keith, Chair
Brian Gongol Mike Wentink
Rob Pierce

Happenings

1. Fall Conference Kickoff Meeting will be Thursday April 13, 1:30 pm at the Great Plains Conference.

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March 9, 2023

Board of Directors Memorandum

March 14, 2023 Board Meeting

We currently have 305 active members, with 10 late members. Since the last Board meeting in November we are up three member from 302. For comparison, in January 2022 we had 309 active members with 29 late. In a large part, we anticipate a significant number of late members rejoining as they include several member renewals that are sent to municipal finance departments to process and it takes 30 days to process. This year we have seen a decrease in memberships and reluctance from people to renew. This is partly due to former members taking other positions in different fields of work and other individuals retiring. Hopefully with a little reminder they will remember to renew. We have been reaching out with current members who have connections with late/dropped members.

I came on as Membership Committee Chair in November of 2022, and my goal this year is to increase membership along with learning more about AWWA. We can report “more of the same” for 2023. I have a focus on water systems maintaining their memberships. Recently it seems there has been a trend of those entities being late or dropping memberships. We continue to monitor late members and notify them of lapsed memberships, on a monthly basis.

As of this committee report being sent out, I have not heard of the date for the AWWA Membership Summit. Last year I attended it virtually. In that summit, there was a lot of useful information. Depending on when it is, I hope to attend it again.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Seuferer

Nebraska Section AWWA Membership Committee Chair



Nebraska AWWA Nominations Report

March 14, 2023

Nominations committee members: Ben Day, Tom Menke, Craig Reinsch, and others as desired.

The positions up for nomination for the upcoming November 2023 to November 2024 term include:

- Chair-Elect
- Vice-Chair
- Treasurer
- Trustee
- Trustee

2023/2024 Officers not requiring a nomination include:

- Chair - John Keith (Large Utility) - through November 2024
- Secretary - Brian Gongol (Manufacturer's Rep.) - through November 2024
- Director - Ben Day (Engineer) - term continues through June 2025
- Past-Chair - Marc Rosso (Large Utility) - automatic term through November 2024
- Trustee - Chris Miller (Engineer) - second term - through November 2025
- Trustee - Tom Menke (Small Utility) - through November 2025

As stated in the current bylaws: "The Committee's nominations shall be in the hands of the Secretary not later than July 31. Upon receipt of the nominations, the Secretary shall, within 20 days, mail to each member, a notice setting forth the nominations of the nominating committee and stating the date, time, and place of the next business meeting, at which the elections will be held."

The nominations committee will meet and have a recommended slate of candidates for the May 2023 board meeting for consideration.

The elections will occur on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at the regularly scheduled board meeting to be held at the Fall Conference.

Submitted by: Craig Reinsch
Past Chair and Nominations Committee Chair

Public Information Committee Report

March 10, 2023

Committee Members: Mary Poe, Brian Gongol, Chuck Seuferer

Activities:

- Facebook page has 479 followers

Upcoming Events & Activities:

- Drinking Water Week - May 7-13
 - Governor's Proclamation – Requested for Monday May 1 @ 9:00 AM. Haven't heard back, but they usually don't confirm until the month before.
 - Will let the Board know and will send invites once it is confirmed
 - The Section Chair gives a 2-minute speech

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

March 14, 2023

Brian Gongol, chair - brian@gongol.net

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Current members:

- Brian Gongol, Laura Hardesty, Darren Jack, Teresa Konda, Mary Poe, Mike Wentink

Changes since last report:

- None

KEY UPDATES

- **Task delegation:** The chair is delinquent in delegating tasks to the other committee members

WEBSITE

Updates have been made to the website as requested by the board and committees.

Month	Updates	Year ago	Trend
April 2022	2	12	↘
May 2022	9	7	↗
June 2022	2	10	↘
July 2022	6	9	↘
August 2022	10	7	↗
September 2022 (to date)	15	12	↗
October 2022	13	11	↗
November 2022	0	6	↘
December 2022	4	1	↗
January 2023	6	5	↗
February 2023	5	7	↘
March 2023 (to date)	2	5	

E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

WWW Weekly emails are going out regularly.

Recent editions	Open rate ¹	Click rate ²
December 2	33.1%	2.2%
January 6	32.9%	1.4%
January 27	34.0%	4.3%
February 10	33.0%	3.6%
March 3	25.1%	1.2%

WISE WATER WORDS

Please don't hesitate to send content at any time, since we always publish to the website first.

Edition	Articles due	Target publication
Spring edition	March 15	April 1
Summer edition	June 15	July 1
Fall edition	September 15	October 1
Winter edition	December 15	January 1

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow the Facebook page and Twitter account, and don't hesitate to "like" and share content as much as you feel comfortable.

MULTIMEDIA

Nothing new to report.

DATA DASHBOARD

Medium	Members/Fans	January report	Change
Facebook likes	440	430	+10
Facebook follows	480	476	+4
E-mail distro list	415	417	-2
LinkedIn	14	14	n/c
Twitter	143	140	+3
YouTube subscribers	131	130	+1
YouTube views	173,137	172,219	+918

1 Of the emails sent, how many were opened by subscribers

2 Of the emails sent, how many registered at least one click



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2023 NWEA/NSAWWA YP Committee Report and Schedule

Co-Chairs: Abhijeet Saraf

March

- AWWA YP Summit - Sarah Nguyen (Committee Chair), Abhijeet Saraf (Committee Co-Chair), Abigail Kigin (Mentorship Chair) and Cody Weddon (MUD Plant Operator) to attend the AWWA YP Summit hosted at Sacramento, CA from March 26th – 27th.

April

- Great Plains Waste Management Conference – Committee to organize the YP bags tournament in the conference.
- Committee to organize a tailgate event for YPs at an outdoor UNO Volleyball game. Date TBD.

May/June/July

- Committee to organize a YP webinar event with virtual speaker in near future. Details TBD.
- Committee to organize plant tours for the YP mentors and UNL/UNO student mentees in summer/fall semester. Date TBD.