

## **NEBRASKA SECTION AWWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**July 14, 2005**

Meeting was held on July 14, 2005 at the Fremont NE City Council Chambers. Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Present were: Larry Andreasen, Kristine Ranslem, Joel Christensen, Tony Bilek, Michael Wentink, Mari Matulka, and Rich Koenig

### **Director's Report**

Joel Christensen provided AWWA information regarding the potential of AWWA dropping insurance coverage on Section Directors and Officers due to the difficulty in locating an insurer. Sections may have to provide insurance through local carriers. Estimated rates are \$500 to \$1,000. Joel will investigate coverage and rates.

Joel has been elected to the AWWA Nominating Committee for Vice presidents and director-at-large. Candidates will be selected in October for election in January 2006.

Discussion at the Regional Officers meeting included ways to increase participation, including Section input into the agenda for these meetings. The tentative scheduled location for the 2006 Regional Meeting is Des Moines Iowa.

Directors' Board meeting of June 11 and 12 included discussion on governance of the Association. Although the Association could possibly expedite needed actions and lower costs by restructuring the participation of Section Directors, most strongly believe that direct representation by each Section is very important.

The Association dignitary at the Fall Conference will be Janice Skadsen, Vice President.

### **Minutes of May 6 Meeting**

Motion made by Tony Bilek to approve minutes of the May 6, 2005 meeting; seconded by Kris Ranslem. Motion approved by all.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The current budget (July 11, 2005) and account information were distributed and reviewed. Based on revenues received, the golf outing for Young Professionals, organized by John Olsson, was very successful. There was discussion on when to transfer of checking account funds to CDs. Motion to approve treasurer report was made by Kris Ranslem; seconded by Joel Christensen. Motion approved by all.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Audit**

Larry presented audit report information received from Chris Koenig.

**Awards**

Mike Wentink reported that Steve Kelley and committee might present up to six Water Industry Service Awards (WISA) at the Fall Conference. Ten candidates were nominated; the extension of the date for receipt of candidates resulted in a good number to choose from. Steve and committee are meeting to review these and make selections on July 14, 2005.

**Budget**

No report.

**Cross-Connections**

The four joint NSAWWA/LoNM cross-connection control workshops are developed and ready to go.

**Education**

Mike Wentink presented the tentative Pre-Conference agenda for November 7. This year the Pre-conference is provided by the Nebraska Training Coalition.

Agenda development is underway for the Joint LoNM/NSAWWA Fall and Winter Seminars.

NSAWWA will participate and sponsor the November 3 Teleconference. The topic is “The Shrinking Workforce: Hype or Crisis?” Chuck Thomerson has mailed the paperwork for the Section’s participation, and will be coordinating the teleconference arrangements as he did for the March teleconference.

Bruce Dvorak is working with NeRWA to secure arrangements for transfer of the Section Library educational materials to the NeRWA office in Wahoo.

**Fall Conference**

Tony Bilek reported the Fall Conference development is progressing. Brief bios of speakers need to be provided to Mike Wentink for the continuing education hour assignment process. Discussion occurred on the conference theme. Suggestions include “The Value of Water” and others. National AWWA Vice-President Janice Skadsen will be the speaker for the opening session. She is the water quality manager for the City of Ann Arbor, MI.

**Fuller Award**

Joel Christensen reported that a Fuller Award winner has been selected.

**MAC**

Tony Bilek reported that our increase in exhibit fees at the Fall Conference still presents a bargain for exhibitors when compared to other similar events. The fee this year is \$450.

**Membership**

The NSAWWA received a membership retention award.

**Nominations**

No report.

**Public Information**

No report.

**Publications**

Mari Matulka reported the deadline for material inclusion in the next issue of *Wise Water Words* is August 1. Get your information to Mari. She is promoting advertising space in the next Section Directory to potential advertisers.

**Research**

Bruce Dvorak will have a report in the next *Wise Water Words*.

**Safety**

No report.

**Scholarships**

Larry Andreasen requested that the NHHS R&L Drinking Water Program gave him a list of possible scholarship candidates for the Fall Conference. There was discussion on the two-percent scholarship eligibility for the Section Top Ops competitors at the national conference. Larry will confer with Lynn Wegehaupt.

**Small Systems**

No report.

**Student Activities**

No Report.

**Water for People**

Joel Christensen discussed the report submitted by Glenn Dostal. NSAWWA WFP Committee provided Omaha Steaks “Festival Gift Package” for the silent auction held at the national conference. The item brought \$225 and the item was delivered to the winner in New York City.

National WFP requests that Sections distribute wristbands for sale at \$5 each for the next two months and submit the proceeds to National WFP. Discussion by Officers, and recommendation by Glenn, concluded NSAWWA probably would not be capable of promoting this due to lack of any organized functions in Nebraska for the next couple of months.

**Water Utility Council**

Information and updates are in *Wise Water Words*.

**Young Professionals**

A municipal water treatment presentation is tentatively scheduled for Fall 2005; probable location will be at a M.U.D. Omaha facility. The P.E. review short-course scheduled for the Fall Conference is being developed.

**Old Business**

AWWA Library materials to NeRWA – Refer to Education Committee report.

Top Ops – Refer to Scholarship Committee report.

Director and Officer Insurance – Refer to Director’s report.

**New Business**

Fall Conference – Refer to Fall Conference Committee report.

NSAWWA received a “Thank You” for the Section’s contribution of \$1,000.

The AWWA Summer Workshop is scheduled for late July 2005 in Breckenridge, CO. Larry Andreasen and Kevin Tobin will attend.

The new technical assistance contract with NHHS R&L was discussed. It was concluded that NSAWWA will propose to NHHS R&L that wording be added in the scholarship assistance section of the contract to include “...and other AWWA education activities...”

Tony Bilek motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mike Wentink seconded, and all approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2005.