

Draft Business Meeting Minutes 11/2/2011
Nebraska Section American Water Works Association

Board Chairwoman Teresa Konda called the meeting to order @ 1330 hours in Room B at the Holiday Inn in Kearney, Nebraska, located at 110 Second Avenue.

NSAWWA Board Members Present for the Annual NSAWWA Business Meeting were:

Teresa Konda, Board Chairwoman (Audit Committee)
Rob Pierce, Chair Elect (Safety Committee, Fall Conference)
Eric Lee, Vice Chair
David Lathrop, Treasurer (Budget Committee)
Doug Woodbeck, Secretary
Tony Bilek, Director (MAC)
Milo Rust, Trustee
Chad Roberts, Trustee
Ben Day, Trustee (Nitrate Ad Hoc)
Eric Melcher, Trustee (Small Systems Committee Chair)
John Olsson, Past Chair (Nominations Committee Chair)

In addition to the Board Members, the following members were present;

Robert Behrens, Glenn Dostal, Bruce Dvorak, John Keith (Education Committee Chair), Rich Koenig (Cross-connection Control Committee Chair), Brian Gongol (Publications Committee Chair), Chip Haas, David Houghtelling, Erin Hunt, Dale Jacobsen, Christian New, Jerry Obrist (Water Utility Council Committee Chair), Steve Owen, Dave Plank (AWWA Newsletter Editor), Mary Poe (Public Information Committee Chair), Craig Reinsch (Water For People Committee Chair), Marc Rosso, Justin Stine (Young Professionals Committee Chair), Kevin Tobin, Dennis Watts (Awards Committee Chair) and Mike Wentink.

The **November 4, 2010 Draft Business Meeting Minutes** were reviewed. No changes were recommended. Jerry Obrist moved to approve the minutes, second by Tony Bilek, unanimous approval.

Director's Report (see attached): Tony Bilek discussed the fact that on a National level, the Life Membership of AWWA is growing. Currently there are 5,700 Life members. Currently these members pay no dues. That is changing this coming year. National decided to require Life members to pay an annual fee because it costs National to keep them as active members. Their annual fees will be \$85.00. There will be a Membership Summit on January 25-27, 2012, in Denver, Colorado. The Washington (U. S. Capitol) is planned for March 7-8, 2012. If anyone is interested in accompanying Jerry Obrist to Washington, please let him know soon so arrangements may be made. At the Section level concern for Nebraska is the Keystone Oil Pipeline.

The Section should develop a position statement regarding this very important issue, as this pipeline has the very real potential to impact the water obtained from the Ogallala aquifer. The suggestion was forwarded that an Ad Hoc Committee should be formed to investigate this issue. The Young Professionals Summit is planned to be held in conjunction with the Utility Management Conference to be held in Miami in January of 2012. The Winter National AWWA Board Meeting is scheduled for January 12-22, 2012. The Region 4 RMSO Annual meeting is scheduled for March 16-17, 2012 in Kansas (city yet to be determined). There is also a meeting scheduled for Indianapolis, Indiana on April 27-28, 2012. Lastly, Tony called for all members to thank Teresa Konda and John Olsson for all of their hard work and dedication to the Section. Eric Lee motioned to approve the Director's Report, Rob Pierce second, unanimous approval.

Treasurers Report (see attached budget): The Treasurer's Report was discussed as well as the Budget Report. David Lathrop reported some individual line items are overspent but the budget as a whole is still under-spent. One item that was not planned for at the beginning of the budget year was the purchase of the display grasshoppers. These have proved to be a good investment. So far, the Section has received \$4,800.00 from the WFP Golf Event and, if the funds from the WFP Shotgun Event are fully matched, we will have raised 12,800.00 for that effort. Bruce Dvorak moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Milo Rust second, unanimous approval.

Committee Reports:

Archive & History: See attached. Not very active. The purpose of this committee is to compile the history of the section and maintain those records and history in one location. John Miriovsky indicated he wanted to step down as Chair of this committee because he didn't really have the necessary time to dedicate to it, but at the same time would like to stay active as a committee member. Kevin Tobin volunteered to Chair the committee and Brian Gongol volunteered to be a committee member.

Audit: See attached. Teresa Konda and John Olsson indicated that our financial status has been reviewed and everything is in order.

Awards: See attached. Dennis Watts reiterated the desire to create a "Longevity" award for presentation to water system operators (not necessarily NSAWWA members) who have reached the age of 75(?) and at least 15(?) years as a water system operator (currently working). This item will be placed on the agenda for the January 2012 BOD meeting. Due to the high costs of using the U. S. Postal Service for mass mailings, Dennis suggested eliminating the mass mailing of award solicitations. Instead, it may be as or more effective to use electronic means of notification to members. This issue would need to be decided early next year.

Budget: David Lathrop had nothing more to add. See attached Budget and dialog above in the Treasurer's Report.

Cross-Connection Control: See attached. Chad Roberts indicated this committee had met two times this year. They held four one-day workshops this year and had 177 attendees total. The committee helped in putting together the Backflow Challenge teams. The attached report shows Anticipated Expenditures for 2010. This should be for 2011.

Education: See attached. John Keith said the Education Committee held 12 one-day workshops this year and have five more scheduled before years end. They have had 230 total attendees so far. The committee is making a \$5,000.00 budget request for next year and is planning to hold an Asset Management workshop instead of a Pipe Workshop. The planned location for the Asset Management workshop is Mahoney State Park, likely the week of April 2, 2012. The consensus of the Section was for John to reserve the meeting room for that week. If we had to cancel for some reason, we would only lose \$12.84 as long as we met the cancellation notification date. The reservation cost is \$150.00 (25% of the total rental cost). This will be a two-day workshop and should yield five hours of continuing education per day of attendance, for a total of 10 hours for both days. However, the training providers for this workshop are USEPA staff and they are still waiting to hear if they will have sufficient budget to be able to do the training. If they cannot, the idea may have to be scrapped. Because many will travel to this workshop, it should not be scheduled for a Monday or Friday.

Fall Conference: Rob Pierce estimated this years conference attendance at approximately 271 for the AWWA portion and roughly 440 total conference attendees (APWA, AWWA and NWEA).

Fuller Award: Teresa Konda indicated a Fuller Award will be given at the conference banquet.

MAC: Tony Bilek said the Vendors were scheduled to tour the Younes Conference Center at 5:00 PM this afternoon (11/2/2011). The new location is very large and should provide ample space to bring in big/heavy equipment next year and those following. The space is sold by the square foot. Tony asked if there were suggestions regarding how the space should be sold. Having Vendors register for display space on-line would eliminate a number of issues that have come up in the past. Vendor memberships are currently \$450.00 and are going to increase to \$500.00. Should the Section increase exhibitor fees to be equal to membership fees? We should (and have) offer the opportunity to have "sponsor" recognition for those vendors that do not have or buy exhibit space.

Membership: Teresa Konda indicated we plan to continue offering new member coupons for reduced membership fees. There is also an effort to get current members to sponsor new members for a prize. The Section sponsors partial

memberships for students. Rich Robinson was successful in obtaining “door prizes” for giving away in a drawing at the banquet. There are currently 356 active members. At this time last year, there were 380, so the Section has lost some members.

Nominations: John Olsson reported that nominations for NSAWWA Officers were submitted to the Section Secretary as required by the Nominations SOP. All nominations were listed in the Wise Water Words publication prior to the Annual Conference. Tony Bilek motioned to accept the nominations report, David Lathrop second, unanimous approval.

Public Information: See attached. Mary Poe indicated the committee sent notice to the 30 Class 1 cities mayors/Bd. Chairs enticing them to make a public proclamation for National Water Week in May this past spring. A news release was sent out regarding this conference. Our “Facebook” identity has 103 “fans” and roughly 30-50 visitors per week. We have also included a “Public Resources” area on our webpage. Mary indicated that she has order and we’ve received the pre-(return)addressed envelopes for mass mailings by the Section and Committee chairs. We also have return address stamps that Mary ordered. They were given to the Membership Committee and the Publications Committee to be used for larger envelopes for mailing the membership directories. The “Water Tasting” contest has gone over well and will likely again this year. The “Best Tasting Water” award will be given out at the banquet. Brian has developed a slide show titled “Waters of the Big Ten” to accompany the “Water Tasting” contest.

Publications: See attached. Brian Gongol said the Ontario Section inquired as to whether or not we were satisfied with our newsletter “Wise Water Words” since we signed the contract with national to publish that document. The consensus is basically “Yes” we are satisfied. New pages continue to be added to our webpage with many documents (archives) to be moved onto/into the appropriate area/page. Many documents have already been put in the correct place. Brian reminded everyone to submit any videos to him that you think would be appealing for placement on our “YouTube” site. He is trying to get as many active/valid e-mail addresses for members as possible in order to make communication easier and faster. We should possibly research other means of outreach to our members and potential members. “Sell” is the operative word when it comes to making your water system more relevant to the public and customers.

Safety: Rob Pierce indicated they have held two workshops and had a total of 56 attendees. Eight “Safety” awards will be given out at the banquet. Rob is stepping down as the Safety Committee chair and Milo Rust will take his place. The committee will be looking for more activities to get involved with. They still need to submit their budget request for 2012.

Scholarship: Teresa Konda reported that there will be four scholarships given out at the luncheon on November 3, 2011.

Small Systems: See attached. The committee members have been very busy with their jobs, so have not been able to hold any workshops. They plan to hold two workshops this coming year with tentative topics on Trenching and Shoring, Cross-Connection Control and radio read meters.

Student Activities: See attached. Ben Day reported the committee has 15 members with five being active. They are trying to coordinate with the Young Professionals committee on their activities. The annual elections for the Student Chapter will be held in April 2012.

Water For People: See attached. Craig Reinsch reported they had good weather for the annual WFP Golf Event and the Sporting Clays Event. Christian New will be stepping up as the new chair for the WFP Committee.

Water Utility Council (WUC): See attached. Jerry Obrist reported that the annual Fly-In to Washington went well. This was a joint AWWA/WEF effort. The main theme of their talks was "Infrastructure". There were six topics presented for discussion, but three were more prevalent. There was one person that accompanied Jerry on this trip. They met with four of the five Delegations and dropped off information to the Third District. They had breakfast with our representatives on Wednesday morning. WIFYA – a water infrastructure loan program was discussed.

During the AWWA conference, Jerry and two others from the NE Section provided informational drop-offs at each of the representatives' offices. They discussed telecommunications, specifically with regard to the 700MHz works smartgrid being pushed by the electrical vendors.

We are looking for anyone interested in participating in the 2012 Washington Fly-In to accompany Jerry. Tony Bilek indicated he may be interested. Jerry's second term on the National AWWA WUC is up this year so we will need to be looking for a new WUC Chair. There is also a need for other utility members to volunteer to help on the NE Section AWWA WUC. Jerry will continue on the NE Section WUC until his retirement. E-mail Jerry if you have an interest in participating (jobrist@lincoln.ne.gov).

Young Professionals: See attached. Justin Stine reported that there is only one water system operator on this committee. The other members are all engineers and vendors. The committee would really appreciate having some operators join to have some diversity on the committee. There have been a few WTP tours this year. There is a Poker tournament planned for this conference and provides a means by which you may get involved by donating to a worthy cause, "Engineers

Without Borders". The committee needs to get energized with more personal involvement, especially from the operators.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Nitrate: See attached. Ben Day said the committee participated in the GWF Annual Conference held in Omaha last month, October 2011. There are 10 members on the committee with about five being active. The committee needs to do more research to investigate the impact of Nitrates in Nebraska (cost, water quality, # of PWS impacted, etc.). We will try to write a White Paper and have it ready by this time next year. We are requesting \$250.00 for the 2012 budget.

SOP's: Teresa indicated that all of the SOP's are now finished and are available on our webpage. She thanked all for their assistance on this arduous task. The new format was adopted at the September 2011 BOD meeting and they should help to ease the transition of new persons into those positions.

Section/Committee Mailings: See Public Information discussion.

Strategic Goals: John Olsson submitted the proposed revisions for the Strategic Goals document. Essentially, the changes are simply re-prioritizing the goals in a more logical order. One of the goals that needs to be emphasized is the promotion of AWWA at all functions where the section is involved. We should always have membership applications on-hand and be ready to talk about member benefits as well as the cost/value of membership. We also need to make sure, as we have in the past, to continue to partner with other relevant organizations in our activities (WEF, APWA, GWF, etc.). Doug Woodbeck motioned to approve the Strategic Goals report, Chad Roberts second, unanimous approval.

Committee Reports where narrative is provided but written reports are not attached to this report:

Budget (attached to e-mail as a separate document)

Membership

Fall Conference

Fuller Award

MAC

Nominations

Safety

Scholarship

Next Meeting: The next NSAWWA Business meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2012 at 1330 hours at the Annual Fall Conference to be held in Kearney, Nebraska at the Younes Conference Center.

Adjournment: Tony Bilek motioned to adjourn, John Olsson second, unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 1500 hours.

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2011 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Archives and History **Date:** October 14, 2011

Chair: John Miriovsky **Vice Chair:** Rob Pierce

Total Members: 2 **Active Members:** 0

Executive Board Liaison: Rob Pierce

List of Active Members:

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

No report. The committee has been inactive. I have spoken to Rob asking him to replace me as Committee Chair. Time does not allow me to put forth the effort it will take to do justice to this committee.

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:

Deliverables/Activities:

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:

Budget Expenditures for 2011:

Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification):

Other Items

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**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2011 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Audit **Date:** 10/31/11

Chair: Teresa Konda **Vice Chair:** _____

Total Members: 3 **Active Members:** 3

Executive Board Liaison: _____

List of Active Members:

Teresa Konda
David Lathrop
Tony Bilek

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

Board Meetings

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:

Board Chairperson to become Committee Chair

Deliverables/Activities:

Report at Annual Business meeting. Director Tony Bilek and Board Chairperson Teresa Konda reviewed the Section financial statements. Everything appears to be in order.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:

An external audit for year 2012 should be planned for. Audit to take place in 2013 to evaluate 2012 expenses.

Budget Expenditures for 2011:

Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification):

Other Items:

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**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2011 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Awards

Date 10/31/2011

Chair: Dennis Watts

Vice Chair Doug Woodbeck

Total Members: 6 **Active Members:** 6

Executive Board Liaison: Doug Woodbeck

List of Active Members:

Dennis Watts Rob Pierce Doug Woodbeck
Chad Roberts Jack Satur Steve Kelley

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

Teleconference and one meeting in Lincoln and one in Kearney.

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:

None

Deliverables/Activities:

Six Wisa Awards
One Volunteer Ward
Three Life Member Awards

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

Continued Support

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:

Look at the possibility of Service awards and other operator awards.

Budget Expenditures for 2011:

\$428.65 Mailing to all operators asking for award nominations.
\$125.00 Award Plaques

Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification):

\$750.00 Same as above however we will be looking at a couple of additional awards.

Other Items:

None

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2011 COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee: Cross Connection Committee

Date: October 26, 2011

**Chair: Rich Koenig
Kramer**

Vice Chair: Leroy

Total Members: 5 Active Members: 5

Executive Board Liaison: Chad Roberts

List of Active Members: Rich Koenig, Leroy Kramer, Chad Roberts, Rob Pierce and Terry Vail

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls): March and July

Proposed changes in committee membership: None

**Deliverables/Activities: 4 – 1 day workshops co-sponsored with LNM and assist with the “Ultimate Backflow Challenge”
Attendance at the 1 day workshops is still being finalized**

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 and assist with the “Ultimate Backflow Challenge”

**Anticipated Budget Expenditures for 2010: \$1000.00 - LofNM cost share (?)
\$ 770.00 – Ultimate Backflow**

Challenge

\$ 230.00 – Misc.

**Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification) \$2000.00
Help fund the “Ultimate Backflow Challenge” session and various other expenses as described above**

Other Items

To: Nebraska Section AWWA Board Members

From: Tony Bilek

Subject: October 2011 Directors Report

Life Member Notifications

Notifications have been sent to many of the life members regarding the implemented changes to this member program. Beginning Oct 27, AWWA will begin the process of notifying all current Life Members about the modifications. Section Service Representatives are available for assistance or customer service at 1-800-926-7337.

Membership Matters 2012 Summit

The 2012 Membership Matters Summit will be held in Denver, January 25-27. New ideas and hands-on training is offered to energize Membership Committees. Perhaps we can discuss with Rich Robinson if it would be wise to send a junior committee member. Membership webinars are also available.

2012 Washington DC Fly-in

The 2012 Washington DC Fly-in is scheduled for March 7-8. I'm sure Jerry Obrist will be discussing attendance from our section. Along with any legislative bills to discuss, I believe the Board should discuss the Keystone XL Pipeline project and form a collective position on the project (good bad or indifferent). WE (the Board) should communicate with the Nebraska MA of WEA and determine if they are considering participation to the Washington DC Fly-in.

YP Summit

AWWA and WEF have announced that the 2012 Young Professionals Summit will be held in conjunction the Utility Management Conference in Miami, FL on January 30. YP Summit will be offered discount rates to the Utility Management Conference.

YP Presentations at ACE-2012

AWWA is accepting abstracts from YP's for presentations at the 2012 ACE in Dallas. Abstracts and/or posters are due by December 13. Abstracts can be submitted through AWWA's online service. Questions can also be directed to Linda Moody or Nancy Sullivan.

Winter Board Meeting

The 2012 Winter Board Meeting will be held from January 20-22. Elections will be held for President, Vice-Presidents, Director-at-Large and Service Provider Director-at-Large. I am planning on attending the board meeting but I am uncertain, at this time, whether or not my wife will be joining me.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Bilek

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2011 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Education

Date: November 2, 2011

Chair: John Keith

Vice Chair: Nick McElvain

Total Members: 7 **Active Members:** 7

Executive Board Liaison: Doug Woodbeck

List of Active Members:

John Keith, Chair

Nick McElvain

Steve Kelley

Brian Gongol

Chuck Thomerson

Rob Pierce

Mike Wentink

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

All correspondence has been via email. Committee hopes to meet during the Annual Conference in Kearney this year.

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership: none

Deliverables/Activities:

Twelve Water Workshops cosponsored with League of Nebraska Municipalities with five more scheduled during November and December 2012.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

Continued support and consideration of upcoming education possibilities and recommendations of new educational avenues is always appreciated.

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:

Asset Management Workshop in March/April 2012

Budget Expenditures for 2011:

\$600 AWWA Bookstore

\$? LoNM Agreement (Invoice to be submitted at year end)

Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification):

\$5,000.00 LoNM Agreement for joint workshop coordination

\$1,500.00 Tentatively planned Asset Management Workshop March or April 2012

\$600 AWWA Bookstore Section Funds

Other Items:

FYI \$600 AWWA Bookstore Section Funds are available each year to the Section

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2011 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Nitrate Source Water Protection Ad Hoc Committee **Date:** October 17, 2011

Chair: Ben Day **Vice Chair:** _____

Total Members: 10 **Active Members:** 10

Executive Board Liaison: NA

List of Active Members:

Ben Day	Erin Hunt
Bruce Dvorak	Joel Christensen
Chad Roberts	John Olsson
David Lathrop	Mike Sousek
Doug Woodbeck	Steve Kelley

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

Two Conference calls, met as smaller group at Board meetings and Summer Retreat.

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:

None

Deliverables/Activities:

We attended two or more NE Groundwater Foundation Well Head Protection Network meetings and sponsored / manned a booth at the National Groundwater Foundation conference in Omaha.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:

Evaluate the trajectory of impacts of nitrates in groundwater in Nebraska. Work with NDHHS, UNL, and others to evaluate the following:

- Trends of nitrate concentrations
- Impacts of nitrates– how many utilities are impacted by the 10 ppm limit on nitrates and how many would be impacted if it were reduced to 5 ppm. Attempt to summarize the costs associated with nitrates to the existing utilities impacted and the potential costs if the MCL is reduced.
- Prepare a white paper, with input from various groups, to summarize the findings.

Budget Expenditures for 2011:

Not budgeted but the section spent \$450 for the booth at the National Groundwater Foundation Conference

Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification):

\$250 for expenses related to development of a white paper and associated printing costs

Other Items:

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**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2011 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Public Information **Date:** November 2, 2011

Chair: Mary Poe **Vice Chair:** Marc Rosso

Total Members: 5 **Active Members:** 5 **Executive Board Liaison:** David Lathrop

List of Active Members:

Mary Poe, Marc Rosso, Brian Gongol, Eric Obert, Jami Cerone

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

February 9, 2011 – Omaha
September 20, 2011 - Lincoln
E-mail correspondence as needed

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership: None, but new members are welcome.

Deliverables/Activities:

Materials sent to Mayors of the 30 class I cities inviting them to issue a Mayor's Proclamation
for Drinking Water Week
Public Resources Page added to website
Fall Conference news release sent to various media outlets in the state
Water tasting contest and award at the fall conference
Nebraska Section Facebook page: 103 fans; 30-50 visits per week

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

Share ideas and feedback with the PI Committee.

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:

Gather and add materials to website on Public Resources page
Manage Facebook page and explore other networking options
News releases for awards, fall conference, and other events as needed
Activities prior to or during Drinking Water Week
Work with the education committee on student outreach efforts
Water tasting contest

Budget Expenditures for 2011:

Approximately \$510

Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification):

May spend more money on DWW activities.
Budget request = \$750

Other Items:

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PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

November 2, 2011

Brian Gongol, chair - brian@gongol.net

WISE WATER WORDS

I received an inquiry from the Ontario Section in mid-September asking whether we were satisfied with the publishing relationship with the national office; I responded shortly afterward, advising that we have been pleased so far. It is in our best interests to encourage other sections to adopt the program, since economies of scale will help keep the program afloat through lower production costs and broader advertising opportunities.

↘ We will be preparing our final edition of the year following the Fall Conference. Please send your submissions as soon as possible.

WEBSITE

New pages have been added to the website. The public information committee requested pages for public information resources and the water-tasting contest. The events page has taken shape, which should serve the purpose of the calendar that was requested at the section retreat in August. The YP committee has several new pages dedicated to this year's events. I have added links to the board minutes and agendas from 2009 and 2010; preceding years will be added as time permits.

MULTIMEDIA

There have been 75 views of our YouTube channel since its creation on September 7th (as of November 2nd). I created a DVD including the "History of AWWA", Water For People, and Work for Water promotional videos and sent the disc to Ben Day on September 21st for use at the Groundwater Foundation National Conference. This disc could be re-used for other events, including the annual conference in Kearney, if there will be a section membership table.

E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

On September 21, I sent emails to 146 people who were on Mari Matulka's old e-mail distribution list but who had not yet signed up for the new system. A total of 30 people asked to join the list, and 15 declined. The remainder did not reply. The e-mail distribution list currently has 209 members. We sent 4 updates in September and 6 in October.

↘ If you have anything you want to issue via the e-mail distribution list, please send it directly to awwaneb@gongol.net. That places it in the "waiting room", where I can approve it to go out to the entire list.

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2011 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Publications

Date: October 13, 2011

Chair: Brian Gongol

Vice Chair: none

Total Members: 3

Active Members: 3

Executive Board Liaison: Tony Bilek

List of Active Members:

Brian Gongol

Mari Matulka

Mary Poe

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

All activity has been conducted via e-mail and occasional person-to-person telephone calls.

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:

We would welcome any new members who are willing to contribute to the publications, particularly those who would be willing to take up one of the recurring features in Wise Water Words.

Deliverables/Activities:

- ⤴ Wise Water Words (three times per year)
- ⤴ AWWANeb.org (updated several times per month)
- ⤴ e-mail distribution list (utilized about five times per month)

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

The board can help by delivering feedback to the committee about the quality and quantity of the deliverables, and by encouraging the membership at large to contribute suggestions and contributions to Wise Water Words.

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:

Produce the annual section directory.

Budget Expenditures for 2011:

Renewal of domain name

Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification):

Renewal of domain hosting services for website

- ⤴ Prices vary by provider, but approximate costs are about \$100 per year. Substantial discounts are often available for prepayment of two years, so it may save the section a lot of money to prepay for two years of hosting (though this would cause our 2012 expenditure to look unusually large). A budget of \$250 would certainly be enough to cover at least two years of hosting, though I can probably obtain a discount to get the price below \$200 for two years. The exact price won't be known until the actual renewal period comes up during 2012.

Publication of biennial directory

- ⤴ The committee's SOP document says that this costs about \$8,000. This does not include the value of the envelopes or bulk mailing costs, which were previously covered by a utility member. The total value of advertising revenue to expect from this project is also uncertain, since the advertising for Wise Water Words has been taken up by the national office. Our only reasonable guidance comes from previous years' experience, but these costs and revenues may vary.

Other Items:

We remain under contract with national AWWA to publish our newsletter for 2012, so no changes to revenues or expenses are anticipated.

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**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2011 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Small Water System Committee **Date:** 10/31/2011

Chair: Eric Melcher
Jundt

Vice Chair: David

Total Members: 10 **Active Members:** 10

Executive Board Liaison: David Lathrop

List of Active Members:

Eric (Rick) Melcher, David Jundt, Milo Rust, Steve Kelley, Marty Norton, Jim Kruse, David Lathrop, Ken Ekeler, Jim Green and Doug Allen

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

To date there have been no meeting set for this year.

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership: None

Deliverables/Activities: The Committee is currently in the process of providing a workshop in Chapman. Tentative Topics being trenching and shoring – backflow, cross connection programs – radio read meters.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

The small water system committee has not been able to provide any workshops due to the many activities throughout the past year. Although, we are in the process of locating a presenter for the topic of trenching and shoring practices which is the final topic needed for the workshop tentatively scheduled in Chapman. We appreciate the support of the Executive Board by way of funding and materials when needed.

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year: Our goal would be to provide a minimum of 2 workshops during the 2012 calendar year.

Budget Expenditures for 2011: None to date. Although, there may be invoices for the workshop in Chapman provided the appropriate presenters are available.

Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification): I'll recommend budgeting the same for the upcoming year for workshops conducted by the small water system committee.

Other Items:

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**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2011 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Student Activities and Research **Date:**
10/17/2011

Chair: Xu Li **Vice Chair:**

Total Members: ~15 **Active Members:** 5

Executive Board Liaison: Ben Day

List of Active Members:

Xu Li
Michael Florek (president of the UNL AWWA/NWEA student chapter)
Andrew Anderson (vice president)
Allison Cole (Secretary)
Dorian Roffe-Hammond (Treasurer)

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

The committee chair and the president of the student chapter met in November 2010, January, April, and August 2011.

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:

The student chapter will hold its annual election in April 2012. As the current officers graduate next year, it is expected that a class of new officers will be elected.

Deliverables/Activities:

- On November 4th 2010, about 10 AWWA student members attended the Fall Conference in Kearney, NE.
- On April 7th 2011, about 10 AWWA student members attended and presented at the Great Plain Waste Management Conferences in La Vista, NE.
- In April 2011, the UNL AWWA/NWEA student chapter held its annual election and a class of new officers were elected.
- In April 2011, a few of AWWA student members attended the tour to the Missouri River Wastewater Treatment Plant in Omaha with students in the CIVE 425 class.
- On April 15th 2011, the UNL AWWA/NWEA student chapter organized a water-tasting contest at UNL E-Week Fair.
- On May 6th 2011, three members of the UNL student chapter volunteered to help with the fundraiser at the Water for People golf scramble in Omaha, NE.

- On August 22nd 2011, three members of the UNL student chapter volunteered to help with the NWEA Scholarship Golf Outing event in Ashland, NE.
- On October 5th 2011, the UNL student chapter co-organized a social mixer with the Young Professional committee in Ashland, NE.
- On October 12th and 13th 2011, the UNL student chapter co-organized a field trip to the drinking water facility with the Young Professional committee in Hickman, NE.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

The current support is sufficient.

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:

- Student meetings in Spring semester.
- Involvement in the UNL E-Week to advertise the drinking water industry.
- Annual election in April 2012.
- Participation in local conferences.

Budget Expenditures for 2011:

- About \$100 to cover the cost of reserving a university van to provide transportation to student attendees to the Kearney Fall Conference in November 2010.
- About \$50 to cover the cost for presenting at the UNL E-week.
- \$72 to subsidize 4 AWWA student membership applications ($\$18 \times 4 = \72) in October 2011.

Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification):

- ~\$100 to reserve a van to bring students to the Kearney conference in November 2011.
- ~\$100 for holding student meetings at UNL
- ~\$100 for subsidizing AWWA student membership applications.

Other Items:

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**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2010 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Water For People

Date: 10/17/2011

Chair: Craig Reinsch

Vice-Chair:

Total Members: 6 **Active Members:** 6

Executive Board Liaison: Teresa Konda

List of Active Members: Ben Day, Glenn Dostal, Teresa Konda, Christian New, Arnie Radloff, Craig Reinsch

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls)?:

Committee Conference Call(s): early 2011

Events: May 6 (golf), October 7 (sporting clays), raffle at fall conference

Proposed changes in committee membership: Change committee chair to Christian New, keep Craig Reinsch as committee members

Deliverables/Activities: Golf activity, sporting clays, raffle at fall conference.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work?

Continued support and attendance of activities.

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:

Outreach at different events, as available, continue with golf, trap, and raffle activities. Would like to hold a "thank you" event for activity sponsors and supporters, under development. Committee meetings bi-monthly, as necessary.

Budget Expenditures for 2011:

Expenditures covered by activity income.

Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification):

Raffle (Fall Conference): \$2,300 (income), \$800 (expenses), \$1,500 (donation, to WFP)

Golf (May): \$10,000 (income), \$5,500 (expenses), \$4,500 (donation, to WFP)

Trap (July/August): \$2,100 (income), \$300 (expenses), \$1,800 (donation, to WFP)

Other Items: Will plan additional activities and/or provide more information after committee meeting held at Fall Conference.

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NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION

2011 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee: Water Utility Council **Date:** 11/2/2011

Chair: Jerry Obrist **Vice Chair:** TBA

Total Members: 7 **Active Members:** 7

Executive Board Liaison: Eric Lee

List of Active Members: Jerry Obrist, Dale Kaliff, John Olsson
Glenn Dostal, Jim Shields, Marc Rosso, Milo Rust

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

Two members attended the AWWA Fly-In in D.C. on April 4&5, 2011.
Numerous e-mails of water issues were transmitted throughout the year. (Detailed summary below).

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:

Added John Olsson, removed
Dennis Hirschbrunner, due to retirement

Deliverables/Activities:

- Annual AWWA Fly-In on Water Issues—(see attachments)
- E-mail update on Washington Report regarding Water Issue status

SUMMARY REPORT

The Nebraska Section, Water Utility Council actively monitors a number of pertinent bills in the Nebraska Legislature. We are also involved in providing input and monitoring the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act, Water Security, and monitoring the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) with respect to Wireless Radio Spectrum.

1. A detailed listing of the legislative bills that affected the water industry in Nebraska was published in the summer 2011, *Wise Water Words*.
2. On a national scale, several items were accomplished:
 - In April 2011, AWWA/WEF sponsored a “Water Issued Fly-In” to Washington D.C. to review water/wastewater issues currently before Congress. Visits were made to the Nebraska delegation to ask for their support on:
 - a. **The Water Infrastructure Finance Innovations Authority(WIFIA)**
 - b. Improving Clean Water Requirements
 - c. Chemical Facility Security
 - d. Legislating Drinking Water Standards

We visited with all of the NE Delegation. I also attended the NE breakfast on Wednesday morning 4/6 and visited with four of the Delegation two Senators and two of the Congressman

A summary report of the Fly-In was published in the summer 2011, *Wise Water Words*.
I have also attached the detailed issue papers to this report

New issues are as follows:

- EPA has been ordered by the Administration to regulate new Water MCL's and to set standards via regulation without going through Congress
3. We are currently working with the AWWA Telecommunications TAW, through the Critical Infrastructures Industry Coalition (CIIC) on the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) "Spectrum Study", to identify radio spectrum needs of Critical Infrastructure Industries (CII) such as water, gas, electric, etc., for private internal communications – SCADA. Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) utilizes 900 MHz and 150 MHz spectrum for operation control and monitoring.
- AWWA and the Utilities Telecom Council have recently commented to the FCC to provide for the inclusion of Utilities in the 700 MHz Public Safety Broadband Network, to deal with interoperability issues.**

Smart Grid is an emerging technology that may be available to solve some of Water Utility connectivity issues.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

Work with our committee to sign up Utility Operators/Managers to our committee.

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:

- Annual AWWA Fly-In in March 2012.
- Finance, along with AWWA, the Section's Water Utility Council members to the AWWA Annual Fly-In meeting in Washington, D.C.
- Continued e-mails and discussion on current Water Issues and Legislation/Regulations

Budget Expenditures for 2011:

- See Section budget report

Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification):

- \$2,000 – Cover cost of AWWA Fly-In

Other Items:

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**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2011 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Young Professionals **Date:** October 25, 2011

Chair: Justin Stine **Vice Chair:** Gina Rust

Total Members: 10 **Active Members:**

Executive Board Liaison: Theresa Konda

List of Active Members:

Justin Stine, Rory Sudbeck, Ben Day, Gina Rust, Craig Reinsch, Teresa Konda, Chad Roberts, Andrew Synhorst, Jeff Hubby, Brittany Travers

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

Primarily through email dialogs. Also sub-committee phone calls or emails for specific events. Also had planning conference call on March 30th. Discussions at the annual meeting are also beneficial.

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:

We request that the committee be allowed to have co-chairs with Justin Stine and Craig Reinsch. This will allow us to allow the two of us to focus attention to particular sets of projects. Now that our group is setting higher goals of more and different events, having two people to directly guide smaller groups in an organized manner.

To reduce the burden on the Board Members who are on the committee, we may look into adding another person for the manpower. We are open to suggestions.

Deliverables/Activities:

University of Nebraska E-Week Assistance with Student Chapter
Auburn WTF and WWTF Tour with NWEA group
Hickman WTF Tour w/ UNL Environmental Class Labs and Social Event
FAC in Lincoln at Lazlo's Poker Night at the Annual Conference

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

Increased attendance at events to show a presence and help introduce young members to other members of the organization and industry. While the events are coordinated or aimed at the young, we have no desire for someone to stay away because of age.

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:

None firm at this time.

List of ideas and possible events, but we need to meet/discuss as a group again to solidify events. We would like to grow to over 6 events in the next calendar year. Additional joint events with NWEA/WEF to better promote the groups. Attempt more FACs in the larger cities for more informal gatherings. Target at least one event west of York.

Budget Expenditures for 2011:

\$200+/- for shared social with Student Chapter

Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification):

We request an allocation of \$300-500 for purchase of food expense at a social event, probably with the Student Chapter, and also help to put together something like this year's poker event.

Other Items: