

## NS-AWWA Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: **November 3, 2021**

Location: Younes Conference Center Kearney Nebraska

Mary Poe called the meeting to Order at: 1:40 PM

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Board Chair: Mary Poe Chair

Elect: Craig Reinsch Vice

Chair: Marc Rosso

Secretary: Ryan Hurst

Treasurer: John Keith

Director: Teresa Konda

Past Chair: Brittany Travers

Trustee: Chris Miller (Not Present)

Trustee: Adam Darbro

Trustee: Mike Koenig

Trustee: Brian Gongol

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

Chris Miller

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

Dale Jacobson

Ben Day

Joel Ogle

Mark Roffs

Lee Dunn

Angel Lowery

Rob Pierce

Michael Wentink

Larry Schmidt

Doug Woodbeck

Others present:

Joel Ogle, Missouri section past chair

**Approval of 2020 Annual Business meeting minutes:**

\_\_\_\_ Marc Rosso \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to approve the 2020 business meeting minutes with corrections as discussed. \_\_\_\_ Brittany Travers \_\_\_\_\_ seconded, and the motion carried with all present voting aye.

Brian had a suggestion of changing the title from Agenda to Minutes

**Chair Report:**

Report submitted.

Mary talked about the benefits of the memorial we gave to Jim Wells. She shared a flyer in the mail.

Mary discussed how we rallied through this last year and thought outside the box. The pandemic and virtual conference helped us get out of our normal rotation.

Mary mentioned that for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary that anyone who wants to help Rob can.

Mary also talked about the post cards sent out as a reminder of the conference. Brian talked about it being a low-cost way to get information out about the conference. We did see a large number of extra registrations after the post card was sent out. This step should be added to the fall conference SOP for consideration so that more operators are included in the conference.

**Director's Report:**

No Report submitted but will submit later.

November 1<sup>st</sup> AWWA will recognize its members and appreciations.

There are upcoming in person level.

Membership summit will be virtual.

Motion made by Brian Second by John to accept directors report

**Treasurer's Report:**

Report submitted.

It was mentioned how much should we keep in the checking as appose to investing. It is generally agreed more should be invested. But we just don't know exactly how much. That is a goal of the Board to make that decision. This will be a future agenda item, though the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary expenditures should be included in that discussion once they are decided.

Motion by Mike second by Adam to accept

**Committee Reports:**

**Archives & History:** Report Submitted Rob talked more about the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary book.

It was discussed that we should get sponsors for the document. Discussed a total quantity of 500, as a place to start pricing options.

**Audit: No Report**

**Awards:** Report Submitted

**Budget:** Report Submitted

**Cross Connection:** Report Submitted

**Education:.** Report Submitted.

**Fall Conference:** No Report submitted. 318 registered as of a week ago.

**Fuller Award:** Report Submitted.

**Manufacturers/Associates Council:** Report Submitted

**Membership Engagement & Development:** Report Submitted

**Nominations:** Reports Submitted with list of nominees for the 2021/2022 officers

Nominations from the floor 3 times

Motion by Ryan Hurst Second By Brian Gongol to accept slate of nominations as presented by the committee

**Public Information:** Report Submitted

**Publications: Submitted Report-** Report Submitted

**Research and Student Activities:** No Report Submitted

**Safety:** Report Submitted

**Scholarship:.-** Report submitted

**Small Systems:** Report Submitted

**Top Ops:** Report Submitted – need to include prize money into budget

**Total Water Solutions:** Report Submitted

**Water for People:** No Report

**Water Utility Council:** Report Submitted

**Young Professionals:** Report Submitted

**Community Engineering Corps:** Report Submitted

**Diversity and Inclusion:** Should be dissolved, with duties assumed by the Membership Engagement committee.

### Unfinished Business

- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo and events (Pierce, Poe)

Decision was made on the top 2 and will reach out to AWWA and will decide at the January Board meeting

- Section history publication (Pierce) Updated earlier in the meeting
- Water coalition NWEA/AWWA (Hurst) No Update
- Funding of SCC Operator training courses (Rosso, Hurst)

Mark discussed that option of making donation to SCC of \$5000 annually. Discussion centered around a possible 5 years.

Motion from Teresa Konda Second by Craig Reinsch to donate \$5000 every year for a five-year period. Pending bylaws review by ?.

- Membership benefit fact sheet review/discussion (Reinsch)  
Craig discussed and we will follow up with and look over until next meeting. Requested feedback via email before the January 2022 board meeting.
- Recording conferences for later viewing/credits

– on-going discussion and mechanism for tracking “attendance”

Craig discussed the possibility however the issues become tracking and costs associated with that. John talked over the same issues with City of Lincoln and getting NDEE go give license d operator hours.

### New Business

- Need a new Tops Ops committee chair

No decision was made

- One AWWA Operator Scholarship (OAOS) eligibility criteria discussion

Decided to have as an agenda item for January. Angel is going to bring a eligibility criteria to the Board to Vote on.

- Pipeline conference training - what happened to it? (Reinsch)

Suggestion to find champion of the pipeline conference and research how it was done previously.

- Collaborate to develop possible grad-level curriculum (Gongol)

Brian brought up ideas on grad level curriculum.

- Miscellaneous/Announcements

After meeting need help spreading stuff for tonight’s banquet. Will store remaining SWAG with Ryan Hurst and Craig Reinsch. Will need to determine how/where to continue distributing materials (other conferences and trainings).

### Next/Future Meeting Dates, Times and Locations:

Board meeting and Annual Business meeting:

November 10, 2022, 1:30 at the Fall Conference, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE.

Adjourn (Motion)

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_ John \_\_ Keith \_\_\_\_\_ Second by \_\_\_\_\_ Adam \_\_\_ Darbro\_ . Meeting adjourned at TIME?