

NS-AWWA ANNUAL BUSINESS Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 3rd, 2022

Location: Younes Conference Center Kearney, NE

Craig Reinsch called the meeting to Order at 1:32 PM

ROLL CALL:

Board members present:

Board Chair: Craig Reinsch

Chair Elect: Marc Rosso

Vice Chair: John Keith

Secretary: Ryan Hurst

Treasurer: Mike Koenig

Director: Ben Day

Trustee: Adam Darbro

Trustee: Brian Gongol

Past Chair: Mary Poe

Trustee: Chris Miller

Trustee: Angel Lowry

Board members absent:

Committee Chairs present:

Abhijeet Saraf

Dale Jacobson

Lee Dunn

Chad Roberts

Bruce Dvorak

Others present:

Maggie Vulman

Erick Berggen

Tom Menke

Doug Woodbeck

Approval of November 3 2021 Annual Business meeting minutes:

____Chris Miller____ made a motion to approve the July 2022 board meeting minutes.
____Adam Darbro____ seconded, and the motion carried with all present voting aye.

Chair Report:

Report Submitted

Director's Report:

Ben spoke about the power point on diversity equity and inclusion. And shared this with the Board.

Treasurer's Report:

Mike spoke to his report.

Committee Reports:

Archives & History:

Report Submitted

Audit:

No Report.

Awards:

Report Submitted

Budget:

Report on Budget was submitted.

Cross Connection

Report Submitted

Education:

Report Submitted

Fall Conference:

No report submitted. 410 attendees. Vendors have been very happy.

Fuller Award:

Report Submitted

Manufacturers/Associates Council:

Report Submitted (62 exhibitors)

Membership Engagement & Development:

Report Submitted

Nominations:

Report Submitted

Craig spoke to the list of nominees. Craig also read from the Bylaws regarding Nominations.

Motion by Doug and seconded by Lee to close the nominations. Motion carried.

Motion by Marc Second Doug Woodbeck to approve the slate of Nominees. Motion carried.

Public Information:

Report Submitted In the future new ideas of how to grow participation in the poster contest.

Publications:

Report Submitted.

Research and Student Activities:

No Report

Safety:

Report Submitted

Scholarship:

Report Submitted.

Small Systems:

Report Submitted

Top Ops:

Report Submitted

Total Water Solutions:

No Report submitted but Dale Jacobson spoke to the history of the committee. Dale spoke of the issues of not receiving any feedback from the Associations. The AWWA dignitary spoke to some of the reasons why Total Water Solutions committee has not worked.

Water for People:

No Report Submitted.

Water Utility Council:

Report Submitted
Fly – in dates haven't been set.

Young Professionals:

Report Submitted

Community Engineering Corps:

No Report

Consent Agenda (ratify online votes)

Motion By Chris Miller Seconded Ben Day by to approve the consent agenda below

1. Confirm prior acceptance and signature authorization (May 19, 2022) of the now finalized and signed and updated Fall Conference MOU with NWEA, APWA, NE SWANA, and NSAWWA.
2. Confirm creation of annual YP award and named recipient (September 19, 2022).
3. Confirm submission for the Section's Volunteer of the Year Award recipient (October 3, 2022 email).
4. Confirm PO Box 3 x 5.5" size at the main post office in Lincoln per Mary's request (October 5, 2022 email).

Old Business

- Membership outreach in 2022 – follow-up from retreat discussion (Seuferer); Marc to follow-up to have a discussion on Nov. **This item will be discussed at the retreat.**
- 75th Anniversary items – final discussion
 - Banquet slideshow – during dinner (MUD/Darbro (photo request) lead); request photos from other systems to include in the slideshow. Focus on
 - **Discussion on being able to reopen the store and Marc will reopen. Marc is going to take the lead on this.**
- Trustee Onboarding Guide (Poe) – ready for review/approval **there was feedback to add information about the items on the document. Discussion was to add items and approve at January meeting.**
- Ordering envelopes follow-up
- PO Box and Envelopes order Follow-Up **Mary spoke about the new PO box. Rob asked the question what all the items are we need to update. Ben mentioned that a large item can be delivered to the post office street address, and they will hold for us. Mary has not put a forwarding address on the existing post office box. Ben Day suggested doing it in December.**

New Business

- Discussion items from Joe Jacangelo, visiting AWWA dignitary **Joe spoke about the 75th anniversary and the book. He was proud of the work our section has done for this conference. Joe talked about needing Nebraska’s voice at the National AWWA. Joe talked about membership and the importance of growing and letting the association help us with that.**
- Retire savings account and move funds (<\$10k) to Stifel account.
Discuss how much (\$40k to \$50k?) to leave in Checking account and move to authorize additional funds to Stifel account. **Jon and Mike spoke about the current savings and checking accounts and the very small return we are getting on interest. There was discussion over the history of the savings account. Motion by Marc to move savings to the 3-month treasury bonds. Seconded by Chris Miller. Motion carried.**
Motion by Chris Miller to move all but \$25,000 from our checking account to Stifel Account. Seconded by Marc Rosso. Motion carried.
- Scott Firmin (Stifel) to provide a report/update to the board on our investment accounts. **Scott spoke about the market conditions over the last year. Comments were given that AWWA national has had the same impacts on the investments they have.**
- Discuss online payments options (if not addressed by Old Business) (Keith) **John spoke to the different options. Motion by John Section uses Eventbrite and or PayPal for electronic payment methods at Seconded by Mike to approve. Motioned carries.**
- Discuss combining/retiring committees (motions for first 3):
 - Merge Awards and Safety, titled Awards committee – OK per current committee chairs **Motion by Ryan Seconded by John to merge the committee.**
 - Merge Young Professionals and Research and Student Activities into YP and Student Activities – OK per current committee chairs
 - Review proposed activity plan from combined committee (incl. NWEA involvement)- emailed on October 17,2022 goals include maintain separate student committee (student chair as member of the committee), hold a minimum of 1 facility tour per semester, coordinated with the university campuses, etc.
 - **Motion By Ryan Hurst and Ben Day to merge committees and adopt SOP.**
 - Rename WFP to Philanthropy to include Water Equation activities? **Motion By Ben Day Second by John Keith to rename the committee. Motion Carried.**
 - Total Water Solutions? **Discussion was about whether to sunset, rename or keep the committee. Motion to rename Committee to One Water By Mike Koenig and Seconded by Chris Miller.**

- 2023 RMSO in Custer State Park, SD; May 1 and 2.
- Updates from Maggie Vaulman. Maggie mentioned if we have Young Professionals from small utilities to attend YP summit The association can help with this. Maggie also mentioned at that our bylaws are a little out of date and should need updated.

Announcements/miscellaneous

Next/Future Meeting Dates, Times and Locations:

- Fall Conference 2023

Adjournment: At approximately__3:18__ John Kieth made a motion to adjourn seconded by __Mary Poe __, with all in attendance voting aye, motion carried_

Mary Poe got the last word in!

Next Meeting:

Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location:

- Next Meeting: November 2023 Fall Conference, Kearney, NE

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Respectfully submitted by: R y a n H u r s t , Nebraska Section AWWA Secretary