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Board Meeting Minutes (v.1)

Date March 12, 2024

Time 10:00 am CT

Location Miller & Associates
1111 Central Avenue
Kearney, Nebraska

Call to order John Keith called the meeting to order at 10:11 am.

Roll call	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
KEITH, John	Present	
HURST, Ryan	Virtual	
GONGOL, Brian	Present	
LOWERY, Angel		Absent
DAY, Ben	Virtual	
ROSSO, Marc	Virtual	
MILLER, Chris	Present	
JOHNSON, Jessica	Present	
ROBERTS, Joe	Virtual	
ZUVER, Torey	Virtual	

Mary Poe attended virtually as a committee chair.

Approval of agenda John Keith opened the floor to amendments to the agenda. None were submitted.

Approval of minutes Minutes of the last meeting were not available for review.

Chair's report John Keith had nothing to report.

Director's report Written report submitted by Ben Day.

The UNL program to encourage membership in the water sector will need a delegate from the Nebraska Section AWWA. That delegate is to be determined.

The Association will be rolling out a new association management system to which we will be attached later.

The Nebraska Section has until sometime in April to submit an icon or image for incorporation into the new AWWA section-level logo.

Treasurer's report John Keith supplied a brief treasurer's report on behalf of

Angel Lowery. Brian Gongol moved to accept the report, seconded by Jessica Johnson. Report was accepted by unanimous consent.

Ben Day reported the discovery of a bill in the PO Box from IMT Insurance. John Keith will investigate the nature of the bill.

Committee reports

Archives & History:

No report. The board discussed covering the cost of a single year of retiree membership for Rob Pierce to enable him to carry out a succession plan for the archives and awards committees.

Audit:

Written report submitted by John Keith. Keith recommended that Ben Day sign the audit report on behalf of the Section, co-signed by John Keith, so that the audit report would be signed by someone other than the person who was last responsible for the Fall Conference budget. Moved by Chris Miller, seconded by John Keith, the motion was approved.

Awards:

No report.

Budget:

John Keith shared a preliminary budget report and asked the board to review the report as soon as possible for imminent approval.

Cross Connections:

No report.

Education:

Written report submitted by John Keith.

Fall Conference:

Ryan Hurst reported that he will attend the kickoff meeting at the Great Plains Waste Management Conference next week.

Fuller Award:

Teresa Konda has agreed to serve a second year as chair of the Fuller Award committee in order to bring the committee chair back to an orderly rotation.

Manufacturers and Associates Council:

No report.

Membership Engagement:

No report.

Nominations:

Brief submitted by Marc Rosso (see below).

Philanthropy:

Joe Roberts reported that the first committee meeting of the year will be held later this month. Upcoming events:

- March 21st - Committee meeting
- May 16th - Golf outing
- September 13th - Sporting clays
- Wine for Water - may be revived in 2024

Public Information:

Written report submitted by Mary Poe.

Publications:

Written report submitted by Brian Gongol. The website color palette was updated during the meeting to conform with the new AWWA palette. Visitors are unlikely to notice any differences. Joe Roberts reported trouble connecting to the website; Brian Gongol reported that the issue is most likely connected to the lack of a security certificate, which would cost \$70 a year. The board consented to adding the certificate as an operational expense.

Scholarship:

No report.

Small Systems:

No report.

Top Ops:

Brief submitted by Mike Wentink (see below)

Water Utility Council:

No report.

YP and Student Activities:

No report.

Membership challenge report

John Keith reported that the section achieved its targets under the membership challenge.

Old business**1. SOP update**

Angel Lowery circulated a set of SOP updates via email earlier today. The board will review for approval.

2. Committee liaison updates

John Keith reviewed the committees and liaison assignments.

3. Plan to submit a full slate of award nominations

John Keith will request a list of awards and due dates from the Association to help the board use national awards as a membership engagement tool.

4. Review incorporation filings

John Keith will discuss the incorporation documentation with Maggie Vulman and arrange for her to attend an upcoming board meeting virtually to help us ensure compliance with our incorporation requirements.

Strategic plan

Promotions were briefly discussed.

New business

1. Ratify online vote to fund UNL teacher training project

Marc Rosso moved, seconded by Jessica Johnson, to ratify the online vote to fund the UNL training project. The motion was approved.

2. Update committee one-sheet

John Keith will revise the 2022 committee one-sheet and forward to Brian Gongol for preparation and circulation.

3. Funding for director travel

John Keith recommended introducing a line item into the budget to fund the director's travel to ACE and other national events.

4. Rob Pierce retirement

Jessica Johnson will attempt to meet with Rob Pierce at the Nebraska Rural Water Conference tomorrow.

5. Storage of archives

Marc Rosso has discussed retrieving the existing archives from the League of Nebraska Municipalities. They will be stored at the Lincoln Transportation and Utilities office at 949 West Bond, Suite 200 in Lincoln.

6. Drinking Water Week

Mary Poe will circulate a suggested mayoral proclamation, which will be shared via the Wise Water Words newsletter.

7. RMSO delegates (April 29-30)

No one is known to be attending on behalf of the Nebraska Section. John Keith will circulate an email to remind officers of the event.

Announcements

No announcements, other than well-wishes for Angel Lowery.

Upcoming meetings

John Keith will arrange for accommodations to conduct the meeting in conjunction with the Water for People golf outing on May 16th.

Adjournment

Adjournment was moved by Chris Miller, seconded by Marc Rosso. Meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 11:33 am.

Attest

Brian Gongol, acting secretary

Committee Briefs

Nominations (Marc Rosso):

November 2024

Director, Mary Poe

Past Chair, John Keith

Chair, Ryan Hurst

Chair Elect, Brian Gongol

Vice Chair, Marc Rosso (1 year then out)

Treasurer, Angel Lowery

Secretary, Joe Roberts

Trustees, Jessica Johnson, Torey Zuver, Chuck Seuferer, Alan Slater

November 2025, subject to change

Director, Mary Poe

Past Chair, Ryan Hurst

Chair, Brian Gongol

Chair Elect, Angel Lowery

Vice Chair, Joe Roberts

Treasurer, Jessica Johnson/Torey Zuver

Secretary, Jessica Johnson/Torey Zuver

Trustees, Chuck Seuferer, Alan Slater, New, New

Suggest Sarah Nguyen, Trustee 2026. Others?

Top Ops (Mike Wentink):

- One of three on the first-place team of our 2023 Fall conference is planning to attend and compete at ACE in Anaheim.
- I have word out to the three competitors on the 2nd place team, and hopefully, will recruit two of those individuals for competition at ACE, to fill a team of three.
- The 2024 ACE Top Ops competition is scheduled for June 12 and June 13.