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Board Meeting Minutes (v.1)

Date	September 24, 2024		
Time	9:00 am CT		
Location	Lincoln Water System Offices Lincoln, Nebraska		
Call to order	John Keith called the meeting to order.		
Roll call		Present	Absent
	KEITH, John	Present	
	HURST, Ryan	Present	
	GONGOL, Brian	Virtual	
	LOWERY, Angel	Present	
	DAY, Ben	Virtual	
	ROSSO, Marc	Virtual	
	MILLER, Chris	Virtual	
	JOHNSON, Jessica	Present	
	ROBERTS, Joe	Virtual	
	ZUVER, Torey	Virtual	
	Others in attendance: Rob Pierce, Mary Poe		
Approval of agenda			
Approval of minutes	Minutes from previous meeting approved.		
Chair's report	John Keith provided a summary of items he's working on ahead of the conference. He relayed that Tim Purvis was the board's interim contact upon Maggie Vaulman leaving.		
Director's report	Ben Day reviewed the director's report he initially submitted to the board in July.		
Treasurer's report	Angel Lowery supplied a report to the board. The report was accepted by the board via a voice vote.		
Other officer reports	Past Chair: Written report submitted by Marc Rosso.		
Committee reports	Archives & History: No report submitted. Audit: No report submitted.		

Awards:

Rob Pierce furnished a live verbal report. He is losing a lot of committee members to retirement. He expects several awards to be distributed at the Fall Conference, and wants help from the board regarding an association-level award with a November 1st due date.

Budget:

No report submitted.

Cross Connections:

No report submitted.

Education:

John Keith reported that the committee now has just two non-retired members and will need recruitment at the Fall Conference.

Fall Conference:

Ryan Hurst reported that it was challenging to recruit speakers this year, particularly to fill a backflow track. The joint committee is looking for ways to simplify some of the administrative tasks related to check-in and banquet management; they may implement an electronic scanning solution.

Fuller Award:

Mary Poe confirmed that an awardee has been selected.

Manufacturers and Associates Council:

No report submitted.

Membership Engagement:

John Keith gave a brief update on membership numbers, though no report was submitted.

Nominations:

No report submitted.

Philanthropy:

Joe Roberts reported that the sporting clay event had a record turnout and a donation of around \$700 will be made from the proceeds.

Joe Roberts left the meeting at 10:19 am.

Public Information:

Written report submitted by Mary Poe.

Publications:

Written report submitted by Brian Gongol.

Scholarship:

Angel Lowery reported that the application deadline is coming up in a week, and applications for the One AWWA Operator Scholarship have been slow.

Ben Day left the meeting at 10:28 am.

Small Systems:

No report submitted.

Top Ops:

John Keith confirmed that a Top Ops competition will be conducted at the Fall Conference.

Water Utility Council:

No report submitted.

YP and Student Activities:

No report submitted.

Membership challenge report**Old business**

Ben Day returned to the meeting at 10:33 am.

1. SOP update (Lowery)

Angel Lowery reported that about half of the SOPs had been updated by their committees, but they are not yet on the website.

2. Update committee one-sheet (Keith)

John Keith reported that he is working on it.

3. Rob Pierce retirement/successor chair search (Keith)

John Keith plans to make recruitment to these roles a major theme of his conference presentation.

4. Policy for acknowledging retirements and other major life events (Keith)

John Keith reported that in his conversations with AWWA, it sounds as though other sections treat those major life events on an ad-hoc basis.

5. Custom feature for updated Section logo (Day)

Ben Day shared the association's request for feedback regarding a customized section logo.

Joe Roberts returned to the meeting at 10:52 am.

Ben Day responded to the AWWA logo survey with the board's consent.

Marc Ross left the meeting at 10:59 am.

Strategic plan

Strategic Plan Item 5: "Maintain and Renew"

New business

No new business was submitted.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

Upcoming meetings

The next meeting will take place at 1:30 on November 7th at the Fall Conference.

Adjournment

John Keith adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am.

Attest

Respectfully submitted,
Angel Lowery
