



## Board Meeting Agenda (v.2)

<b>Date</b>	March 10, 2026		
<b>Time</b>	10:00 am CT		
<b>Location</b>	Virtual (via Microsoft Teams) Miller & Associates, 1111 Central Avenue, Kearney		
<b>Call to order</b>	Brian Gongol called the meeting to order at approximately 10:07 AM.		
<b>Roll call</b>		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
	HURST, Ryan		X
	GONGOL, Brian	X	
	LOWERY, Angel	X	
	ROBERTS, Joe	X	
	JOHNSON, Jessica		X
	ZUVER, Torey	X	
	HOVDA WALTON, Emily	X	
	MULLER, Mike	X	
	SEUFERER, Chuck		X
	SLATER, Alan	X	
	POE, Mary	X	
<b>Approval of agenda</b>	Ethan Hall- YP committee		
	Agenda approved by unanimous consent.		
<b>Approval of minutes</b>	Board Meeting held on 01/13/2026. Meeting notes approved by unanimous consent.		
<b>Chair's report</b>	Written report submitted by Brian Gongol (attached)		
	Brian Gongol presented the report from the Chair.		
	Brian presenting at ACE this year.		
	State of the Association webinar. AWWA is focusing on membership recruitment this year.		
	The listserv program that was previously used to disseminate information to board members and committee chairs has been discontinued. Brian suggests going back to prior "forwarding recipes" approach for now.		



Brian intends to visit with committee chairs individually to see what the Board can do to energize and assist the committees.

Need to firm up plans for Association-level events.

Need to follow up on IRS Form 990 – Completed when we do taxes each year.

Update on goals:

1. New Coverage: Any utilities or firms that have major milestones coming up.
2. Awards: Sarah working on awards.
3. New Members: The new stationary has arrived. Brian is going to start sending outreach notes. (Utility memberships- updates from association, if employee leaves, membership can be transferred to others.

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## Director's report

Written report submitted by Mary Poe (attached)

Mary Poe delivered the Director's report.

Attended Winter Board Meeting in January. Elected new officers. Approved new AWWA standard - UV treatment of WW. Over 200 new standards. Section membership challenge – Submit action plan by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Prizes for 1%, 2%, 3% growth, but only if action plan is submitted (currently 1 away from 3% growth).

Washington Fly-in next month. Doug Whitfield is planning to attend. Chad Roberts may not be able to attend. Brian Gongol can attend in Chad's place.

Region 3 RMSO event in April. Joe Roberts is able to attend if others are not.

Joe Roberts motioned and Mike Muller seconded that the Chair's Report and Director's report be accepted. The Chair's Report and Director's Report were accepted by unanimous consent.

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## Treasurer's report

Proposed budget submitted by Jessica Johnson

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Brian Gongol and Angel Lowery presented the January and February Budget Reports.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Alan Slater, seconded by Angel Lowery. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

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**Other officer reports**

No additional reports delivered.

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**Committee reports**

**Archives & History:**

Written report submitted

Craig Reinsch submitted year and review draft summary. Please send Craig feedback.

**Audit:**

No report received

**Awards:**

Written report submitted

Nothing new. Looking for help.

**Budget:**

See Treasurer's report

**Cross Connections:**

Written report submitted

**Education:**

No report, per John Keith

**Fall Conference:**

No report received

More to share soon.

**Fuller Award:**

No report received

**Manufacturers and Associates Council:**

Written report submitted

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**Membership Engagement:**

No report received

Membership has increased slightly so far this year.

**Nominations:**

No report received

**Philanthropy:**

Written report submitted

The golf event date has been established – May 12, 2026.

**Public Information:**

Written report submitted

Mary held meeting with NDWEE to coordinate Governor's Proclamation Ceremony. The event has been scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>. Mary is attempting to reschedule the event for May 5<sup>th</sup>. NDWEE Director, Jesse Bradley to speak during the event.

**Publications:**

Written report submitted

Working through replacement for listserv.

**Scholarship:**

Written report submitted

**Small Systems:**

Written report submitted

Alan Slater is looking for assistance to help small systems get more involved.

**Top Ops:**

No report received

**Water Utility Council:**

Written report submitted

Doug Whitfield is interested in attending. Chad may not be able to attend. Chad is looking for individuals interested in joining the committee.

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### **YP and Student Activities:**

Written report submitted

Ethan Hall presented a brief report. YP Submit coming up. The joint committee is sending a few members this year. Ethan expressed his appreciation to the NS AWWA for continuing to fund attendance to the YP Submit. Brian questioned whether pursuing something for the NS AWWA Section may be useful. MUD does provide weekly internal updates during the NE legislative session. It was suggested that a request be made to MUD to see if someone would be willing to participate on the Water Utility Council Committee.

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#### **Old business**

None

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#### **Strategic plan**

##### **Discuss Goal #1: "Recruit and retain"**

Iowa Section has begun paying lobbyist to track events in the Iowa legislature. This individual is sending a weekly update email.

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#### **New business**

##### **NE-WARN funding request**

Alan is requesting \$750. Angel confirmed that the current budget includes this funding for NE-WARN.

##### **AWWA Membership Challenge**

Brian is working on 2026 Membership Challenge Action Plan. 307 members is the 3% growth target. Mary suggested that brief summary be prepared discussing membership and associated benefits.

##### **Member interests survey form**

Angel previously worked on membership engagement survey. She will send out to the group. Brian will review and set up google doc.

##### **Discuss upcoming events:**

- **Washington Fly-in (April 14-15)**
    - Doug W. is planning to attend. Brian G. can also attend.
  - **RMSO (April 27-29)**
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- Joe R. will plan to attend RMSO in Indianapolis.
- **Drinking Water Week Proclamation (May)**
  - Discussed earlier.
- **Drinking Water Week**
  - Looking for water industry related ideas to emphasize drinking water. Looking to send something out in early April.
- **Ace (June 21-24)**
  - Brian and Emily plan to attend. A few others are tentative.
- **Summer Workshop (July 30-31)**
  - Coming up.
- **Board Meetings**
  - Next meeting May 13<sup>th</sup>, offset from golf event.
  - Tentatively July 14<sup>th</sup> virtual meeting.

**LinkedIn group champion/custodian**

Looking for someone to help lead the NS AWWA LinkedIn group.

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**Announcements**

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**Upcoming meetings**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> in Woodland Hills.

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**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Alan Slater, second by Emily Hovda Walton. The motion was approved and the meeting concluded at approximately 11:50 AM.

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**Attest**

Respectfully submitted by Torey Zuver

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