

NEVADA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

DRAFT Minutes

Wednesday, February 18, 2009 -11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



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Present

North: Gary Hutchinson, Stephen Long, Linda Peterson, Jennifer McMartin

South: Leslie Long, Hannah Wilner, Jake Jacobson, Tom Rura, Margaret Regan, Angela MacKinnon, Rob Davey, Mike Kenny, John Solvie,

1. Review and Approval of NWEA Board Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2009. Minutes approved by Leslie Long, second by Gary Hutchinson, motion carried.
2. Board Reports – Voting Officers.
 - Past-President – Leslie Long – No report.
 - President, Linda Peterson – No report
 - President Elect, David James – No report
 - WEF Delegate, Rick Warner – No report
 - PWO Representative, Charles Trushel – No report
 - WEF PWO Delegate, Starlin Jones - No report
 - Secretary, Stephen Long - No report
3. Treasurer's Report – Gary Hutchinson
 - a. Executive Account Balance - \$ 61,185.52
 - b. Certification Board - \$19,677.94
 - c. Reserve Account -\$25,340.20

- d. Received Tri-State Check for \$20,000.00; Gary asked about combining accounts, but quorum decided to keep accounts separate.

Approval of Treasurer's Report – Stephen Long motioned to accept the report, Leslie Long second, motion carried.

4. Conference Report

Nevada Water Environment Association Annual State Conference - April 14-16, 2009 at South Point Hotel and Casino.

- 135 pre reservations +/-
- 1800 Flyers made
- 250 Vender Flyers made
- Jennifer McMartin will give a talk about continuing education requirements and professional development.
- Leslie Long will find Chair for the Project Delivery session.
- Jake and Tom responsible for the Vender area set up and Fire Marshal.
- Dr. Dave James and Linda Peterson will review all expenses.
- Leslie Long will handle Prizes and Events other than Scum Skimming, Bowling and placing advertisements at different associations and consultants for the conference.
- Jake and Tom will ensure there is a Bar set up for the Vender area.

There are two Sponsors at this time: MWH and SP&B Utilities Services
Session Review – on going, Linda Peterson
Dead Line for “Call for Papers” - ? February 27th
Next Conference Meeting Date: March 3rd at 10:00 am

5. NWEA Operations Committee Reports

Certification Board

Jennifer McMartin and John Solvie – At the February 5th Certification Board Meeting, the Board voted to add a new policy: *Multiple Certification Experience Policy*; Reasoning: NWEA has five (5) different types of certifications and many operators have been applying for multiple certifications. This will help define the process to become certified in multiple disciplines.

The Board also revised the Testing Eligibility Policy. The old policy allowed an applicant to sit for an exam 30 days prior to meet the eligibility requirements. The new policy has changed it to 90 days. This allows an operator to sit for the exam, one (1) exam cycle early. If the operator(s) passes the exam, they do not receive the certification until they meet the eligibility requirements.

The Board also removed the Voluntary Program Fee Increase Transition Policy as it is outdated and no longer needed.

E-mail reply for Board Vote and Training Calendar for Website was sent to Executive Board Members.

Association of Boards of Certification

John Solvie – The ABC Annual Conference held in La Quinta last month was very successful. The findings from the pre-conference workshop, facilitated by John, revealed overwhelming support for ABC to offer a distance education review service for members. John subsequently followed up on the issue with ABC's CEO, COO and current President. Staff is planning to condense the findings and report to the Board of Directions for possible action. In another session, some of the proctoring "war stories" conveyed by attendees were deemed applicable for NWEA's proctors, so Jennifer McMartin sent all proctors a summary of the session. ABC's revised the Bylaws and Policies & Procedures that will go into effect in 2010; this reduces the size of the Board from 29 people to 13 people and will create three new Councils: Certification Council, Validation & Examination Council and Leadership Council. John commented, since all the changes go into effect during his term as President, 2010 should make for an interesting and exciting year of change. Jennifer McMartin was unanimously approved by ABC's Board of Directors to serve on this year's Awards Committee. John received a Presidential Award during the conference for his work last year on the Board Governance for revising the ABC's Bylaws and Policies & Procedures.

Constitution & Bylaws - Dave James – No report.

6. Services to Members and Public - Communications

Publications, Rob Davey – No report.

Website, Suey Huey – No report.

Membership Development

Northern NV, Stephen Long – Membership, No report.

Southern NV, Thomas Rura – Signed up his employees for NWEA/WEF; good job.

Young Professionals - Northern NV, Candice Siwarga – has been working on the YP Summit with Hannah, and others; no other updates. Would like to ensure there is a budget for the Stockholm Junior Water Prize; the Science Fair checks are handed out by NWEA. The Science Fair is March 26th. No one has contacted Candice for any information or assistance with the conferences at this time.

Southern NV, Hannah Wilner and Angela MacKinnon – Stephen Long made a motion for NWEA to donate \$250.00 to the Young Professionals Summit, Leslie Long 2nd, motion carried.

Professional Development and Continuing Education

- Tri-State Conference, Bruce Dacko, Eric Leveque, Tom Rura and Jake Jacobson will give a report at the March 4th meeting in Primn. They are looking for Chairs.
- Circuit Rider, Linda Peterson and Starlin Jones - No report. June 30th is the last day of a 20 year old program.
- College of Southern Nevada, Bill Shepherd – No report.
- Professional Development, Northern NV, John Buzzone – No report.
- Southern Nevada, Margaret Regan – No report.

Public and K-12 Outreach

- Public Education, Northern Nevada, Dave Bruketta and Candice Siwarga – No report.
- Southern Nevada, Maria Stosich and Jill Christiano -
- Stockholm Junior Water Prize, Maria Stosich and Jill Christiano – No report.
- Water for People, Vacant Chair.

Topical Committees

- Safety Committee, Rudy Rincon – Tail gate meetings for Website.
- Collections Committee - Stephanie Stallsmith, Kent Vian, Jake Jacobson, and Tom Rura – working on the Conference. Looking at a one day conferences; need more discussion and ways to pay for them.
- Nonpoint Source Committee - Angela MacKinnon and Candice Siwarga – Reviewing Storm Water Venders (Sweepers or Isco Samplers). Need to talk with Terri Svetich about Storm Water session.
- Reuse Committee - Gary Grinnell, Holly McNaught and Mary Carr Portillo
 - a) Reuse NevadaNorthern Nevada, Dewayne Smith – No report.
.Southern Nevada, Mary Carr Portillo – No report.
 - b) Water Reuse Association, Michael Drinkwater – No report.
- Cal/Nevada AWWA Liaison, Gary Grinnell – Retiring Soon (March?); will need a replacement.

7. Old Business – Hannah Wilner will handle issues for the YP Session of WEFMAX and will get with Eric and Dave James.

8. New Business – WEFMAX Conference is being held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

9. Next Meeting Date: Proposed Date, Monday, March 16, 2009.

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10. Adjourned – 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By
Stephen Long, Secretary