

NEVADA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

DRAFT Minutes

Wednesday, September 17, 2008 -11:30 am – 1:00 pm

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Present

North: Linda Peterson, Gary Hutchison, John Buzzone, Candace Siwarga, Stephen Long, Jennifer McMartin

South: Leslie Long, Angela MacKinnon, Dave James, Margaret Regan, Jay Peterson Tom Rura, Gary Grinnell, Mary Carr Portillo, John Solvie, Mark Briggs, Greg Turner, Jake Jacobson

1. Review and Approval of NWEA Board Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2008
Minutes approved by Leslie Long, 2nd Dave James and Quorum
2. Board Reports – Voting Officers
Past-President, Leslie Long talked about the Tri-State hospitality suite and indicated she sent shirts to the Board.

President, Linda Peterson suggested allowing the President to spend money for different items up to a set amount (\$1,000.00) without Board approval. Dave James stated that there was nothing in the By-laws about this request; but needed to confirm with the Association Operation and Procedures Manual. Dave James made a motion to support a change to the Manual to allow the President to spend up to \$1,000.00 working directly with the Treasurer. Leslie Long seconded the motion; Linda Peterson will follow up with \$1,000.00 motion.

President Elect, David James discussed the conference organization referencing the hand out that was sent to the Board. Mr. James indicated that he, Leslie Long, Tom Rura had met on three occasions and discussed an available date for the conference, i.e. April 14 – 17 2009 in Las Vegas. No conference site has been selected; Linda Peterson and Alicia Burrows will assist in locating a site for the conference. Dave James stated that 35% of the total

conference attendance should be used for room calculations. He also discussed conference sessions and suggested the Board review the hand outs and give their comments.

Leslie Long talked about the Call for Papers and how the Committee chairs could be more helpful with direction and organization of the sessions and will save the date cards at Tri-State. Dave James discussed the hard times everyone is having right now and asked if we should be expanding the conference at this time by adding an extra day, or have the Operators Challenge and Equipment show on one of the days. Linda Peterson stated the vendors liked a staggered schedule to keep the flow of people through their areas; more face time or extend the evening time; more Young Professional involvement and adding a reception. Linda Peterson suggested that a workshop be added since it's in the budget for Circuit rider. Jennifer indicated she would like to have training for the grade 3 and 4 operators; possibly someone like Paul Krauth. Leslie Long motioned to look into expanding the Conference and the Board agreed.

WEF Delegate – Dwayne Smith filling in for Rick Warner – No Report

PWO Representative, Charles Trushel; Tom Rura talked about an Operation Challenge, Lab challenge and Equipment challenge in the future; would like to see it expanded.

WEF PWO Delegate – Starlin Jones – No report

Secretary, Stephen Long moved to review the By-Laws and Operations and Procedures Manual at the first meeting of the New Year.

3. Treasurer's Report – Gary Hutchison

a. \$1000.00 + profit

b. The association is in the **Black**.

Approval of Treasurer's Report – Motion to approve by Linda Peterson; Quorum present, approved.

4. Conference Report

a. Select a Conference Committee

b. Meeting at Tri-State with more to come

c. Special rate for retirees; future discussion (Jennifer)

5. NWEA Operations Committee Reports

Certification Board - Bill Shepherd, Jennifer McMartin, John Solvie

Jennifer McMartin reported that at the last Certification Board meeting, the Board voted to offer Wastewater Workshops one month before the exam to help with the passing rates. Jennifer asked the NWEA to sponsor the lunch for the workshops. The NWEA Board indicated that the Certification Board should find sponsors. The first work shop will be in February, 2009. The survey responses for the CEU have been great. Seven people have taken the computerized exams and three people have passed.

Association of Boards of Certification

John Solvie has been involved in two ABC projects this summer: the proposed restructuring of ABC's Board of Directors and a major revision to ABC's Bylaws and Policies and Procedures. Proposals/revisions are being submitted to the Board of Directors for approval on 9/27/08. Bylaws revisions, if approved, will subsequently be submitted to the membership for approval.

The Board of Directors will also vote on extending ABC's computerized testing contract with AMP, whom NWEA's Certification Board uses to administer its computerized certification exams nationwide.

ABC's Plant Maintenance Technologist Grades I/II exams were developed in August. ABC has requested NWEA's Certification Board to participate in pilot testing the exams. ABC is coordinating details with Jennifer McMartin.

With stormwater remaining such a hot topic nationwide, ABC is continuing to explore its potential involvement in stormwater certification.

Constitution & Bylaws, Dave James – No changes needed yet from WEF.

6. Services to Members and the Public - Communications

Publications, Mark Briggs – Silver State Edition is out; looking for feed back and advertisers.

Website, Suey Huey – Made a motion requesting \$7,000.00 for Website up grade, Gary Hutchison 2nd motion carried by Leslie Long and Dave James; Quorum approved as long as within budgeted amount.

Membership Development

MembershipNorthern NV, Stephen Long – No report

Southern NV, Thomas Rura – could bring in members as Nevada only and join WEF later; will discuss at Tri-State.

Young ProfessionalsNorthern NV, Candice Siwarga; will be giving a presentation at UNR on October 16th.

Southern NV, Hannah Wilner, Angela MacKinnon - Went to the City of Las Vegas to discuss YP, NWEA, WEF and what's going on in Nevada. Future pizza parties at other locations.

Professional Development and Continuing Education

Tri-State Conference, Bruce Dacko/Eric Leveque/Dave Ruegge – No report; everything is moving forward on the Information Table; there will be a Hospitality Suite.

Circuit Rider, Linda Peterson/Starlin Jones - No report

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
Southern Nevada, Maria Stosich – No report
Stockholm Junior Water Prize, Maria Stosich, Jill Christiano
Water for People, Leisa Tucker – talked with Lynell about helping with WFP

Topical Committees

Safety Committee, Vacant

Collections Committee, Eric Strung, Stephanie Stallsmith, Kent Vian
Jake Jacobson, Tom Rura – No report; ready for Tri-State.

Nonpoint Source Committee, Angela MacKinnon - Tri-State Information Table for nonpoint sources Friday afternoon; interactive booth should be fun.

Reuse Committee, Gary Grinnell, Holly McNaught, Mary Carr Portillo

- a) Reuse NevadaNorthern Nevada, D. Smith
.....Southern Nevada, Mary Carr Portillo – attended Reuse Conference in Dallas; next conference is scheduled for September in Selta, Washington.
- b) Water Reuse Association, Nominee to be selected.

Cal/Nevada AWWA Liaison, Gary Grinnell – Fall Meeting is scheduled for October 20th.

7. Old Business – None

8. New Business – None.

9. Next Meeting Date Proposed Date – Wednesday, October 15, 2008

Proposed Locations

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10. Adjourned – 1:07 p.m.