

NEVADA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION  
MONTHLY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

**DRAFT Minutes**

Monday, March 16, 2009 - 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



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**Conference Call # 1-866-203-7023 ID# 6579350**

**Present**

North: Stephen Long, Linda Peterson, Jennifer McMartin, Jackie Diggle

South: Leslie Long, Hannah Wilner, Jake Jacobson, Tom Rura, Dr. Dave James,  
Margaret Regan, Angela MacKinnon, Greg Turner, Rob Davey,  
Mike Kenny, Bill Shepherd, Maria Stosich

1. Review and Approval of NWEA Board Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2009. Linda Peterson moved that the Minutes be approved at the April 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting; Board approved, motion carried.
2. Board Reports – Voting Officers.
  - Past-President, Leslie Long – Requested ordering more NWEA Pins
  - 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 – NDEP Mixer was a hit. Sixty-six (66) Members showed up with a great turn out from NDEP and the South. The only problem was that it was a little loud and may need to consider having drink tickets for next year. There were some high priced drinks purchased, which, I take full responsibly for; I told the owner that anything on the bar was game. The real reason is because of the “drinking liability”, it’s just too great. Need further discussion for a Summer and Winter Mixer for the North and South.

3. Treasurer’s Report – Gary Hutchinson
  - a. Executive Account Balance - \$65,782.13
  - b. Certification Board - \$19,272.28
  - c. Reserve Account -\$25,431.17

4. Conference Report  
**Nevada Water Environment Association Annual Conference - April 14-16, 2009** at South Point Hotel and Casino Las Vegas, NV.

5. NWEA Operations Committee Reports

Certification Board

Jennifer McMartin and John Solvie – Requested that lunch be provided for the next test review meeting for the volunteers; will send out an e-mail to all Board Members for a vote. Requested the Board consider adding the Events Calendar to the Website regarding activities for the Certification Board.

Association of Boards of Certification

John Solvie – An international partnership with Jordan is being explored through USAID (United States Agency for International Development). Jordan has been open to Western influence in dealing with its water issues and Ken Kerri (CSUS) has been instrumental in establishing a direct link with ABC for Professional Operator Certification. Chairing this year's ABC Conference Committee has given John renewed respect for Dave James and all who went before Dave at NWEA. This year's Conference Committee is looking to expand ABC's services and the base of influence. The Committee will be compiling a list of individuals and organizations that are not currently on ABC's distribution list; this will be included when this year's conference announcements are sent out. If you have individuals or organizations to be added to this list, please contact John.

Constitution & Bylaws

Dave James – Repaired the problems with the Constitution and Bylaws link on the Website.

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 – No report
- Young Professionals - Northern NV, Candice Siwarga – No report
- Southern NV, Hannah Wilner and Angela MacKinnon – No report

Professional Development and Continuing Education

- Tri-State Conference, Bruce Dacko, Eric Leveque, Tom Rura and Jake Jacobson – Conference scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- Circuit Rider, Linda Peterson and Starlin Jones - No report
- College of Southern Nevada, Bill Shepherd – Back to the start of new classes
- Professional Development, Northern NV, John Buzzone – No report
- Southern Nevada, Margaret Regan – Webcam, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm at MWH. Requested that the Board Sponsor this Webcam Session. Dr. Dave James motion that the Executive Board and NWEA Sponsor the Stormwater Webcam session at MWH for \$155.00. Board approved, motion carried. TMWRF will have the ability to do Webcam sessions in the future.

Public and K-12 Outreach

- Public Education, Northern Nevada, Dave Bruketta and Candice Siwarga – No report.
- Southern Nevada, Maria Stosich and Jill Christiano – Attended Webcam for public outreach and communication and hope to present to the Board at the Conference. Regional Science Fair to be held in Reno, May 10-16 2009; looking for Judges. Maria judged a Science Fair in the South and found a person to sponsor for the Stockholm Junior Water Prize; will have more info soon.
- Stockholm Junior Water Prize, Maria Stosich and Jill Christiano – No report
- Water for People, Vacant Chair

Topical Committees

- Safety Committee, Rudy Rincon – Stephanie Stallsmith has resigned from the Chair and Jake Jacobson has been appointed as her replacement.
- Collections Committee - Kent Vian, Jake Jacobson, and Tom Rura – No report
- Nonpoint Source Committee – No report
- Reuse Committee - Gary Grinnell, Holly McNaught and Mary Carr Portillo

- a) Reuse Nevada .....Northern Nevada, Dewayne Smith – No report  
 .....Southern Nevada, Mary Carr Portillo – No report

b) Water Reuse Association, Michael Drinkwater – The Reno area entities hosted a presentation by John Ruetten, Resource Trends Inc., regarding utility branding and public outreach for advanced effluent reuse and aquifer recharge with treated effluent. The talk was attended by Directors and Deputy Directors from Reno, Sparks, Washoe County, TMWA, Sun Valley GID, South Truckee Meadows GID and Washoe County District Health Department. The presentation was in support of the current joint effort to identify effluent disposal options for the North Valley’s area of Washoe County. This initiative, which includes an advanced oxidation pilot test at the Reno-Stead WRF, is attempting to balance the effluent disposal with existing water resources. Key points John Ruetten made were:

- *An aquifer recharge project must be presented to the public as a water resource issue, not a wastewater disposal issue.*
- *The project must be championed by a water utility. The wastewater utility does not have the credibility with the public to be responsible for drinking water quality water, despite the existing technical expertise.*
- *An aquifer recharge project will typically take 8-10 years from the beginning of the public outreach through the end of construction.*

NDEP has been part of the North Valley’s Initiative from the beginning and is supportive **in concept** of aquifer recharge with highly treated effluent.

The City of Sparks, in support of the NVI, funded a study to investigate what, if any, cost savings could be had by allowing residential landscape irrigation with treated effluent (dual plumbed systems). Results of this study will be available in mid-April. NDEP and Washoe County District Health are currently not supportive of residential reuse due to the lack of an adequate regulatory structure to ensure public safety.

- Cal/Nevada AWWA Liaison, Gary Grinnell – Retired and Chair vacated; will see if Mary Carr Portillo could help or find someone.

7. Old Business – None

8. New Business – WEFMAX Profile; Hannah Wilner will handle with help from Eric Leveque and get it to WEF.

9. Next Meeting Date: NWEA Conference Business Meeting - Wednesday, April 15, 2009.

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10. Adjourned – 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By  
Stephen Long, Secretary