



Montana Section

American Water Works Association

**MSAWWA Board Meeting
Minutes
Monday May 14, 2018—1 pm
Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula MT
Room: Bitterroot A&B**

Attendance: Jeff Ashley, Chair; Wayne Lovelis, Vice Chair; Collette Anderson, Past Chair; John Alston, Senior Trustee; Jeff Jensen, Junior Trustee; Robin Barnes, Executive Secretary; Nate Weisenburger, Secretary Treasurer; Greg Lukasik, National Director; and Kevin Bergschneider, AWWA Vice President.

Call To Order: Jeff A called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm.

1. Introduction of guests: Kevin Bergschneider, AWWA Vice-President, joined the meeting at 2:15 pm. Kevin provided a brief introduction of himself.

Old Business

1. Approve minutes of Winter Meeting: Jeff J made a motion to approve the minutes. Collette seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business

1. 2018 Budget & Accounts update
 - The Board reviewed the financial documents prepared in advance by Robin.
 - Kevin asked for some perspective on the conference with respect to attendance and financial information.
 - Clarifications on specific budget items related to travel expenses.
2. Director’s Report
 - Greg provided an article for the newsletter.
 - Veteran’s Initiative: AWWA is supporting an initiative to encourage utilities to hire service members.
3. MSAWWA Committee Reports:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Oversight</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>
Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No nominees for the Operator’s Meritorious award were received.• No nominations have been received over the past 3 years.• Discussion about process of	Vice Chair—Wayne Lovelis Jr. Trustee—Jeff Jensen	Patrick Johnson (Robin to report)

soliciting nominations suggested to take place at the fall meeting.		
<p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-conference is on invasive mussels. • 45 registered for the pre-conference. 	Sr. Trustee—John Alston	Doug Whitney
<p>Fuller Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recipient has been identified. 	Director—Greg Lukasik	Awardee from 5 yrs. past—Logan
<p>Legislative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John, Wayne, and Nate attended the AWWA Fly-In in Washington DC in April. • Meetings were held with each of the Montana Congressional Delegation offices. • Topics of interest included Infrastructure Funding and the Conservation Title in the 2018 Farm Bill. 	Vice Chair—Wayne Lovelis	Nate Weisenburger
<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Section has 279 registered members. • There are 22 members who have not renewed their membership. • Board members were identified to contact members and encourage them to renew their membership. • A new committee chair is needed to replace Logan. • Recommended action includes a social gathering in Helena, Bozeman, and/or Billings. • Potentially leverage Craig Woolard in his new position at MSU. 	Sr. Trustee—John Alston	Logan McInnis (Membership Summit report)
<p>Water for People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fly rod will be raffled again this year. • A canister raffle will be held at the conference for various items – MSAWWA contributed \$500 to purchase raffle items. 	Vice Chair—Wayne Lovelis	John Camden/Carrie Gardner

4. Joint Committee Reports to be given at Joint Board meeting.

5. 2018 Conference Update

- 150 speakers and attendees are registered for the conference.
- 45 preconference attendees are registered.

- Past board meeting discussions regarding discounts for speaker registration.
 - Reimbursement for travel expenses related to recruited speakers was discussed.
 - The number of tracks and preconference topics were discussed.
 - Invasive species was a topic at the recent storm water conference in Bozeman, which represents overlap with 2018 pre-conference.
6. By-Laws Revisions project
- AWWA has changed the format of the by-laws and recommends use by each Section.
 - Jeff is committed to completing the revised by-laws in the recommended format during his tenure as Past Chair.
 - Robin noted that revisions and clarifications should be considered for the Policy and Procedures Manual, especially dealing with the Joint Annual Conference with the Montana Water Environmental Association. The question was raised about having a written agreement in place to formalize the arrangement and identify specific details with the rotational pre-conference, revenue sharing/proceeds, etc. The board agreed that it should be addressed.
7. Nominations for Junior Trustee
- Kurt Vause recently transitioned to Montana Section and would be a good candidate for the Board.
 - Ross Mollenhauer and Louis Engels were also mentioned as potential nominees.
 - David Carlson was mentioned and is also interested in filling the Secretary/Treasurer position.
8. Montana Records Management
- The storage company has been purchased, and the cost has increased substantially from last year.
 - Wayne recommended asking AWWA for guidance on records.
 - Need to look through the information and discard what is no longer needed to reduce the rental fee.
9. Water Meter Webinar Proposal
- Robin has been approached by a vendor to sponsor a webinar.
 - General opposition was expressed given the potential to alienate other vendors.
 - Encourage vendors to submit abstracts for consideration by the Program Committee to avoid events that may be a sales pitch.
10. Cybersecurity training content available
- AWWA has prepared workshop content that is available for Section use.
 - 4-hour training event with materials and trainer guide.
11. 2018 EPA Training Agreement update
- The session is scheduled for August 15, 2018 in Lewistown.
 - Postcards will be sent out to operators regarding 2018 EPA Training and the One AWWA Operator Scholarships in cooperation of METC.
 - Reimbursement adjusted to \$4,200.
 - Past attendance has met or exceeded expectations.

12. Other Business

- 2018 AWWA Fly In report: discussed under the Legislative Committee report.
- 2018 YP Summit San Antonio Report: Keeley B. will provide at joint meeting.
- ACE18 Las Vegas: June 11-14: John +3 from Bozeman, Greg, Jeff A, Karen Sanchez, Dave Carlson and Nate are attending.
- Taste Test Competition: need to have a member of the board deliver water if the system is unable to attend ACE 2018.
- Summer Workshop Denver: July 25-26 – Jeff J attending.
- 2018 RMSO Sitka: August 15-17 – Nate and John attending.
- Water Equation: Robin has information available. The intent is to encourage the next generation to consider careers in the water industry to address the pending retirement of a significant portion of the current workforce. Two \$500 scholarships are available for training. Membership in AWWA is not required.
- Puerto Rico: Appreciation for the \$1000 gift was received.

13. Adjourn: John motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jeff J seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 pm.