

2018 MSAWWA--MWEA JOINT MEMBERSHIP
MEETING (Draft)

Thursday, May 17, 2018 – 7:00 a.m.
Hilton Garden Inn: Missoula, MT
Room: Salon E

Presiding: Jeff Ashley, MSAWWA Chair, Jeremy Perlinski, MWEA President.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jeremy Perlinski at 7:06 a.m.

Old Business—Approval of Spring 2017 Meeting Minutes. Amy D. made a motion to approve the minutes. Wayne L. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business--

1. Annual conference preliminary report – Robin: 52 paid vendors; 150 attendees, 10 unregistered speakers and 10 late attendees which is close to normal. Banquet was well attended and hotel was real easy to work with. Vendors liked the food and appreciated the conference as a whole. Food was great as were the breaks. Cost was higher resulting in lower revenues.

Joint Committee Reports (Board Oversight):

1. Cross Connection Control – MSAWWA Sec/Treasurer—Nate W./MWEA Sec./Treasurer—Rodney L.
 - Approximately 54 people attended four courses this past year.
 - Approximately 48 people passed the exam.
 - On December 26, 2017 the Montana Big Sky Chapter of the American Backflow Prevention Association submitted a petition for dissolution of the chapter. ABPA National accepted the dissolution on March 3, 2018. This was due to lack of membership. Looking at members joining or rejoining the MSAWWA/MWEA Cross Connection Control Committee.
2. Exhibitors – MSAWWA Sr. Trustee—John A/MWEA Sr. Trustee—Rika L.
 - Nothing additional to report, except that the buffet style lunch with the vendors turned how well.
 - Made sure the vendors were recognized at the sessions to get attendees to visit with the vendors.
3. Host City – MSAWWA Chair—Jeff A./MWEA President—Jeremy P.
 - People who register for the conference deserve a prize, i.e. portfolio etc. Will discuss at the fall meeting.
 - Break-in event on Wednesday night was a great success.
 - Had a great crew who supported the committee.
4. Information Management – MSAWWA Jr. Trustee—Jeff J./MWEA Jr. Trustee—Neil D.
 - Facebook page is working well.
 - Link from the Facebook page to the website is now synchronized. Should be a valuable tool in the future.
5. Lifetime Achievement Award – MSAWWA & MWEA Directors—Greg L. & Amy D.
 - Awards were presented last night, Wednesday May 16, 2018.
 - Lifetime Achievement Award – Steve Ruhd and Todd Teegarden
 - Small Systems Award – City of Deer Lodge
 - William D. Hatfield Award – Rodney Lance
 - Fuller Award – Jeff Ashley
6. Program – MSAWWA Chair—Jeff A./MWEA President—Jeremy P.
 - Several abstracts received.
 - Decided on only having three tracts. Will stick with that in the future.
 - Excellent feedback was provided to Amy.
7. Public Outreach—MSAWWA Vice Chair—Wayne L. /MWEA Pres. Elect—Herb B.

- Two newsletters went out in the past year.
- Posters were placed at the beginning of the vendor exhibit for creating a booklet.
- Encourage

8. Scholarship – MSAWWA Past Chair—Collette A/MWEA Past President—Starr S.
 - Raised over \$1600 with the raffle.
 - One \$1000 scholarship was awarded,
9. SYP – MSAWWA Past Chair—Colette A./MWEA Past President—Starr S.
 - Poster competition went well this year.
 - Carroll College and MSU-Bozeman now each have local student chapters for S&YP.

MWEA Business:

1. President's report: Jeremy provided an update. MWEA is rock steady.
2. Budget Report: Budget is in good shape. Looking at moving CD's when they mature and investing them in a low fee Vanguard mutual fund. Moved \$500 from Education Scholarship to Grants for Teachers.
3. Budget Approval: Rodney L. motioned to approve the budget. Amy D. seconded the motion. The motion passed
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Beneficial Reuse: No nominations for recipients this year. Discussed having it awarded annually with recipient only eligible every three years.
 - b. Education: Need to start planning now on putting a great pre-conference for the following year, 2019. Get some ideas.
 - c. Preconference: Was a success. Thanks to Chris French for his participation.
 - d. Government Affairs: Concerns with where are we going with this as a board. No resolution, just discussions.
 - e. Honors/Awards: Small Systems (City of Deer Lodge)) and the William D. Hatfield award (Rodney Lance, Veolia N.A.— Great Falls WWTP) were awarded this year. Still looking at having awards for Laboratory Analysis Excellence Award and Operator Ingenuity Award.
 - f. Long Range Planning: Modified the Long Range Plan and it was approved by the Board.
 - g. Strategic Plan - Modified the Strategic Plan and it was approved by the Board.
 - h. Membership: Membership is strong, 132 current members, and still looking to grow the membership. Membership stays pretty consistent, within approximately 5%, year after year.
 - i. Pretreatment: Committee is doing a great job. Asked people to sign up for committees as they are always in need of more volunteers to assist with them.
 - j. Stockholm Jr. Water Prize: Regional winners:are Butte / Missoula – Mia Foster (Hellgate High School) (\$100) and Great Falls – Madison & Mackenzie Wiegand (Simms High School) (\$25 each. Montana State winner is Lucas Ritzdorf.
 - k. Stormwater: Working on creating the state's first stormwater chapter and creating a report card which will be submitted to ASCE every 5 years.
5. Junior Trustee Nominations/Election: Gene from Missoula Wastewater Treatment Plant was nominated. Gene was elected as a new Junior Trustee.

MSAWWA Business:

1. Chair's Report: Jeff provided an update. MSAWWA is going smoothly.
 - a. Goal was to revise the by-laws before the conference, did not get done. Will try to get it done before next conference.
 - b. RMSO – Held in Whitefish this past year. Was an honor to host it. Association boundaries were redrawn, now region 4. Next event will be held in August in Alaska. John Alston and Nate Wiesenberger to attend.
 - c. EPA sponsored small system training has been held the past several years. Barb Coffman has been the directing this for the past three years. Next event will be held in Lewistown on August 8 – 9. Contact Barb or Robin for more info.
 - d. ACE event will be in June in Las Vegas at the Mandalay Bay. Montana Section has at least 5 personnel going, maybe even more.

- e. Summer workshop in July held in Denver. Jeff Jenson to attend.
 - f. Budget Report: 2018 budget update; 1/3 of the way through the budget so it is looking good. Will approve budget at the winter meeting.
2. Committee Reports
- a. Awards: Did not have any award nominations this year for the Operator's Meritorious award. Discussion about process of soliciting nominations suggested to take place at the fall meeting. New Chair, Patrick Johnson.
 - b. Education: Hosted the preconference. Invasive Mussels was the topic. 45 people signed up for the preconference. One in-state speaker and the rest were from out-of-state.
 - c. Fuller Award: A recipient has been identified. (Jeff Ashley)
 - d. Legislative: AWWA Fly-In in Washington D.C. attended by John Alston, Wayne Loveless, and Nate Wiesenberger. Met with each of the Montana Congressional Delegation offices.
 - e. Membership: Initiatives include welcome emails and follow up with new members to encourage renewals. Membership grew by 5%. 279 members. AWWA has a membership challenge every year, met the challenge and received \$800 from AWWA.
 - f. WFP: Fly-rod \$1,400. Canister Raffle is to be held at the luncheon on Thursday, May 17, 2018. Donations are matched.
3. Kevin Bergschneider, AWWA Vice-President – gave a short speech thanking everyone for coming to the conference and inviting him to attend.
4. Greg L – Talked about the AWWA Veterans to Work program.
4. Junior Trustee Nominations/Elections: Dave Carlson of AE2S was nominated, Carrie Gardner of Great West Engineering was also nominated. Carrie Gardner is the new Junior Trustee.

Adjourn: Rodney Lance made a motion to adjourn. Herb Bartles seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 a.m.