



Montana Section

American Water Works Association

**MSAWWA Board Meeting
Minutes
April 17, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.
Heritage Inn/Great Falls
Room: 201**

Attendees: Robin Barnes (Executive Director); Logan McInnis (National Director); Slim Miller (Past Chair); Collette Anderson (Chair); Jeff Ashley (Chair Elect); John Alston (Junior Trustee); Greg Lukasik (National Director Elect); and Nate Weisenburger (Secretary/Treasurer).

Guests: Aurel Arndt (AWWA Treasurer).

Call To Order: Collette called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

1. Introduction of guests: Aurel Arndt, AWWA Treasurer, is attending the annual conference as the AWWA dignitary.

Old Business

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

New Business

1. 2017 Budget Update & Vanguard update – Robin provided the following highlights:
 - a. The AWWA allotment has been received.
 - b. An update of the Vanguard account balance was provided.
 - c. Clarifications regarding the status of the budget were provided.
 - d. The MSAWWA account balances were reviewed. The cash balance of the money market account was discussed, along with anticipated expenses.
2. Director's Report – Logan presented updates on the following items:
 - a. Reviewed the achievement of goals under the four pillars of AWWA.
 - b. AWWA has over 50,000 members.
 - c. Utility membership modifications.
 - d. AWWA 2020 branding initiative.
 - e. Policy on lead service lines.
 - f. Letters of intent submitted for WIFIA funding and leveraging of appropriations received to date. Aurel provided clarifications regarding the size of projects, project eligibility, and fees.
 - g. AWWA goals and objectives for 2017.
 - h. Buried No Longer utility assessment tool.
 - i. AWWA India conference in the fall of 2017.
 - j. Pensions for AWWA, Water for People, and the Research Foundation. Aurel provided some perspective regarding the decisions and vote for the pension loan and offered some insight on the AWWA budget moving forward.

3. MSAWWA Committee Reports:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Oversight</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>
Education	Sr. Trustee—Wayne Lovelis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. 	Collette
Legislative	Chair Elect—Jeff Ashley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montana legislature updates provided by Alan Towleron • AWWA Fly-In attended by John, Wayne, and Nate; great meetings with Senator Tester and Senator Daines; no meeting with House of Representative (Zinke transitioned to the Secretary of the Interior) 	Nate Weisenburger
Membership	Sr. Trustee—Wayne Lovelis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logan provided a membership report ahead of the meeting • Logan attended the Membership Summit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Welcome emails and follow up phone calls • Coordinate with Keeley Barry regarding upcoming S&YP events • Membership challenge goals have been submitted to AWWA • MSAWWA met challenge goals in 2016 (9% growth) but it may be more difficult to achieve the goals in 2017 • Carroll College student section has been created • Brown bags conducted at Montana Tech and Carroll College; strive to conduct at Montana State University • 276 active members with a goal of 289 for 2017 • Contacts for renewal of memberships were assigned to board members 	Logan
Awards	Chair Elect—Jeff Ashley Jr. Trustee—John Alston <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. 	Collette
Water for People	Chair Elect—Jeff Ashley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly rod raffle and table raffles at the annual conference 	John Camden/ Carrie Gardner
Fuller Award	Director—Logan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The award recipient has been selected. 	Awardee from 5 yrs. past—Butch Hiller

4. Review timeline for Bylaws changes—Slim

- a. AWWA is updating its guidance and provisions for bylaws. MSAWWA bylaws have not been reviewed or approved by AWWA. Slim will provide the latest version of the bylaws to the board. The vote to approve the changes to the MSAWWA bylaws will need to be delayed until the annual meeting in 2018.

5. Nominations for Junior Trustee—Director/Logan
 - a. Possible candidates were discussed for consideration.
6. Membership Summit Report—Logan
 - a. Logan attended the Membership Summit on January 18-20, 2017.
 - b. Summary provided during the committee report.
7. YP Summit Report—Keeley
 - a. Keeley Barry attended on February 6-7, 2017 and will provide an update at the joint meeting.
8. Fly-In Report—Nate, John, Wayne attended March 22-23—Nate
 - a. Update provided during Legislative Committee report.
9. ACE2017—June 12-14/Philadelphia
 - a. Logan and Greg are attending
 - b. Bozeman is sending 5 staff
 - c. John motioned to have MSAWWA fund travel expenses for Logan to attend ACE2017. Slim seconded the motion. The motion carried.
10. 2017 RMSO—September 8-9, 2017/Whitefish at Grouse Mountain Lodge—Robin
 - a. Need to plan for the welcome reception and entertainment
 - b. Ideas were discussed
11. EPA Grant Workshop—September 14, 2017/Sidney—Robin
 - a. Barb Coffman is handling for MSAWWA this year
12. Realignment of AWWA Regions—Robin
 - a. The number of regions changed from 5 to 4.
 - b. MSAWWA is now in Region 4.
13. Update on Community Engineering Corps discussion/creation of ad hoc committee—Logan
 - a. Project identified on the Flathead Reservation.
 - b. Contact person has not returned phone calls
 - c. Need to identify a new project
14. Webinar report—Section Insurance and Risk Management—Logan
 - a. Logan attended the webinar; no follow up necessary
15. 2017 Conference Update—Robin
 - a. Vendor update
 - b. Registration update
16. 2018 Conference—May 15-17, 2018/Missoula at Hilton Garden Inn—Robin
 - a. The dates and location are confirmed.
17. 2019 Conference—Billings—discuss dates—Robin
 - a. No discussion.
18. Other business

a. None.

19. Adjourn: John motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m..

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