



MWEA FALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, 16 October 2018 — 9:00 AM
Morrison-Maierle: 1 Engineering Place • Helena, MT

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Herb Bartles at 9:08 AM. Present: Jeremy Perlinski, Herb Bartle, Mike Abrahamson, Rika Lashley, Gene Connell, Rodney Lance.

Old Business:

1. Review & Approve Spring Meeting Minutes: Mike made a motion to approve the minutes. Rika seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business:

1. Budget Report: The budget is in good shape. Spent approximately \$5,279 so far this fiscal year (May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019). Rodney motioned to take \$500 from Education line item in the current budget and create a Stormwater line item for \$500. Jeremy seconded the motion. The motion passed.
2. Robin's Contract Renewal (Contract Dates are July 1 2017 – June 30, 2018): Added cost of living adjustment to Robin's contract at 2.5% on a yearly basis. Contract has been revised to reflect the changes. Current Monthly Invoice: \$427.08. New Monthly Invoice: \$437.76. Herb will have to get with Robin and Rodney to get the contract renewed in a timely manner. Going forward have the contract ready and signatures filled out at the spring meeting.
3. MWEA Committee Reports:

Committee	Board Oversight	Committee Chair
Beneficial Reuse: No nominations for recipients this year. It is awarded annually with recipient only eligible every three years. Looking for someone to chair the committee, possibly Michelle M.	Senior Trustee – Neil D.	
Education: Resource Recovery is the topic for the 2019 pre-conference. Call for abstracts will be forthcoming.	President – Herb B.	Doug Whitney
Government Affairs: Possibly not have a MWEA committee but have a joint committee with MSAWWA. Will discuss further details at the joint meeting. If there is no interest in forming a joint committee then will need to decide at the spring meeting whether to continue this committee or discontinue it. Need	National Delegate – Amy D.	

to have an active chair to lead this committee going forward, either as a MWEA committee or Joint committee.		
Honors & Awards: Jeremy discussed again having a general application to fill out that can be used for submitting each award. Jeremy will work on creating the applications that will be sent out to the board later this fall so it can be reviewed.	Past President – Jeremy P,	Jeremy Perlinski
Grants for Teachers: Amy is still reaching out to school districts to promote the program. No applications currently.	Secretary/Treasurer – Rodney L.	Amy Deitchler
Long Range Planning: Had one phone call as a committee with lots of energy, then the energy sort of died down. Long range plan and strategic plan are somewhat disconnected. Possibly need to overhaul both so the strategic plan comes from the long range plan and make the plans more cohesive. Look at possibly having a board member stay as the Board Oversight with the same committee throughout their entire term, from Junior Trustee to National Delegate. Robin is looking at having a binder with all the pertinent information for a Junior Trustee that can be given to him/her at the Spring meeting after the elections. Rick is working with Robin to accomplish this and possibly have one for Neil and Gene at the Joint Conference. Need to bolster the long range plan by holding people accountable. Get committee chair input for committee descriptions.	President – Herb B.	Court Harris
Membership: Discuss with MSAWWA whether it is feasible and desirable to have a short presentation at the Joint Conference what a committee is, when they meet, what they do, etc. Have a letter welcoming new members.	President Elect – Mike A.	Rika Lashley
Pretreatment: Mini-conference in Butte on October 27th. LeeAnn will continue as chair until after the mini-conference. Amy will chair after that unless there is someone else who wants to chair it.	Vice President – Rika L.	Amy Deitchler
Stockholm Junior Water Prize: Nothing to report. Science fairs are held in February/March. More to report at the spring meeting.	Junior Trustee – Gene C.	Kristi Kline / Rika Lashley
Stormwater: Committee is full of energy. Requesting \$500. Working on a 2019 work plan. Possibly helping organize a track at the joint conference – discuss with MSAWWA.	President – Herb B.	Lance Lehigh

4. Carryover discussion from last meeting:

- a. Investment of CDs – Vanguard Wellesley Fund – Invested \$25,200.00 in September 2018. As of October 16 there was \$24,680.15 in the account. Timing is everything.
 - b. Water for People funding? Table until spring meeting.
5. Preconference 2019. MWEA will be responsible for the 2019 preconference. Topic will be Resource Recovery. Will reach out to Gene Connell as there is a lot going on in Missoula regarding resource recovery.
6. Conference 2020. Talked about needing to get started on planning to combine our conference with the DEQ Stormwater Conference. Consensus was that combining the two conferences is generally a good idea and the Stormwater Committee may be utilized to assist in this effort.
7. Adjourn: Jeremy made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 AM.