

**MSAWWA/MWEA Joint Membership Meeting
April 28, 2016 7:00 A.M.
Bozeman, Montana**

Presiding: Slim Miller, MSAWWA Chair, Amy Deitchler, MWEA President; MSAWWA Representatives Gene Koontz and David LaFrance

Approval of Minutes: May 7, 2015 Joint Membership Meeting: Michelle Marsh motions to approve, Herb Bartle seconds and the minutes passed.

Annual Conference Preliminary Report: Robin – 57 paid vendors, 10 vendors in addition. 243 speakers and attendees which is up about 30. Banquet was well attended and hotels were easy to work with. Food was pretty good. Breaks were great and the food was good. Amy loved the brownies.

Joint Committee Reports

Program Committee: Lots of positive feedback. Maybe three minutes between sessions with the two venues.

Exhibitors: Vendors suggested having some breakouts the morning of the general session. Some vendors were next to competitors and didn't like it. Robin may add something to the registration form to allow vendors to list who they do not want to be next to.

Information Management: Nate said they are looking at modifying the website as need be. Also need to put the older historical photos on the website.

Public Education: Rika said they did not have a meeting. Put together a newsletter but it has not gone out yet but soon. Need to compile an email list that will go to the target audiences – public works and water/wastewater folks, including small towns that are not represented well in our membership.

Host City: Jon A said committee was large and active. He thought it went really well. Had his employees work some vendors that were feeling left out. Karen thanked Jon.

Cross Connection Control: Barb Coffman said they had a meeting with 3 officers from the APBA in attendance. Trying to get the state to be more proactive but need a more stringent federal rule. Maybe give a presentation at the league conference so committee will work on that.

Scholarship Committee: Student from Butte tech won the award. The Chico, Scheels and Cabelas gift cards were auctioned off to benefit the scholarship fund.

Lifetime Achievement: Bill Bahr and Bill Enright.

Students and Young Professionals: David said three student chapters at MSU, Carroll and Tech. Winner of poster contest was Jodie Binger. Committee gets together every six weeks via conference call so could have more YP's participate.

MWEA Business

Report from the Chair: Amy Deitchler reported the Board met on Monday. Junior trustee nominations were made. Our current funds will remain in CD's for now rather than being invested in mutual funds. Next year the Pre-conference will be the MWEA's responsibility so a topic will have to be determined.

The Education Committee will meet to determine the topic. The Grants for Teachers program spent \$1200 on three different projects. This is becoming a successful venture for the MWEA. The Board decided to put together a committee to manage this program. Members will be determined.

Budget Report: Dana Audet presented the 2016-2017 budget report and it was approved. Jeremy motions to approve and Allen Kelm seconds.

Committee Reports

Long Range Planning: Will update – Michelle will work on.

Membership: 133 members.

Education: Pre con topic for 2017 to be determined.

Beneficial Reuse: No report.

Government Affairs: No report.

Honors and Awards: Lifetime achievement: Bill Bahr and Bill Enright. Small Systems: Glasgow. Arthur Bedell: Dan Harmon.

Stockholm Junior Water Prize: Kristi announced the winners (Andriola/Gunderson from Billings Central) at the Wednesday Luncheon.

Industrial Pretreatment: Conference put on by METC – met yesterday and spoke with Bill Bahr and will do another conference this year.

Stormwater: Have a volunteer to chair - Lance Lehigh.

Added Grants for Teachers committee.

Junior Trustee/National Delegate/Secretary-Treasurer Nomination

Rika Lashley and Paul Skubinna: Rika wins the election 12-7.

Nominations for National Delegate: Amy Deitchler

Secretary/Treasurer: Rodney Lance

MSAWWA Business

Report from the Chair: Slim Miller – had a Monday board meeting. Updated bylaws and restructured the board. The Board consolidated all of numerous documents into a single operating plan. – the appendix will discuss the AWWA insurance policy and will be posted to the website. The MSAWWA is issuing two water scholarships – suitable for someone who wants to attend water school. They can be used for other training as well. Nate and John attended the Fly-in in D.C. Nate and Jeff will attend the 2016 RMSO in Hawaii. Robin attended a workshop at headquarters. Wayne went to the summer workshop last summer.

Budget Report for 16-17: Slim Miller presented the new MSAWWA Budget for 16-17. \$112,671 total account balance. Debating whether to use the money more actively or keep it in reserve. Financially in great shape. \$40,000 of this amount is in the scholarship account.

Committee Reports

Education: Collette reported on pre-con. 58 registrants. Good training session. Lots of positive feedback. Lane Leoniack did a great job lining up speakers. Karen Sanchez was a big help. Will send out an evaluation form and ask for potential topics.

Legislative: Fly-in

Membership: 258 active members – up two percent. 11 late members.

Awards: No nominations this year.

Water for People: Raised \$2500. \$500 from Mountain Water.

| **Fuller Award:** Carl Anderson of Morrison Maierle.

MSAWWA Junior Trustee: John Alston. John elected.

Director elect: Greg Lukasik accepts. Nominated by John.

Carrie Gardner wins the cooler.

Adjourned: 7:50 am – Somebody motioned and somebody seconded.

I'm out!