

**MSAWWA/MWEA BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
October 11, 2016
Morrison-Maierle Building
1 Engineering Place • Helena MT**

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Starr Sullivan at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees: Robin Barnes, MSAWWA Executive Secretary and MWEA Executive Director; Collette Anderson, MSAWWA Chair; Wayne Lovelis, MSAWWA Senior Trustee; Slim Miller, MSAWWA Past Chair; Mike Abrahamson, MWEA Senior Trustee; Amy Deitchler, MWEA National Delegate; Starr Sullivan, MWEA President; Rika Lashley, MWEA Junior Trustee; Rodney Lance, MWEA Secretary/Treasurer; Keeley Barry, S&YP Committee Chair; Jeff Ashley, MSAWWA Vice Chair; Logan McInnis, MSAWWA Section Director; Jeremy Perlinski, MWEA President Elect; Nate Weisenburger, MSAWWA Secretary/Treasurer.

Old Business:

1. Review and Approval of Spring Meeting Minutes: Amy Deitchler made a motion to approve the minutes. Logan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business:

1. MWEA President's Report: Starr provided an update.
 - a. The MWEA budget is in good shape.
 - b. Amy attended WEFTEC on behalf of MWEA.
 - c. MWEA is looking to get storm water representatives more involved.
 - d. MWEA will continue to sponsor the efforts of the S&YP Committee.
 - e. MWEA is going to provide a monetary contribution to the Watershed Education Network.
 - f. MWEA pins will be provided with registration badges at the conference.
 - g. The Grants for Teachers program will be continued, but the application will be updated.
 - h. WEF bylaws were updated, and MWEA plans to update its bylaws accordingly.
 - i. Jeremy will update the Operator scholarship application.
2. MSAWWA Chair's Report: Collette provided an update.
 - a. The budget is strong due to the new investment strategy and conference proceeds.
 - b. Overview of Director's report: AWWA membership status, India Section, Strategic Plan, and 4 pillars of success highlights.
 - c. Committee report updates: emphasis on award nominations; membership growth objectives and outreach to new members; WIFIA, lead service line policy, and legislative session monitoring; and Water for People fundraising results and plans moving forward.
 - d. MSAWWA is updating its bylaws.
 - e. The EPA Training Workshop will be held in Havre in cooperation with METC.
 - f. Seeking projects that meet the requirements of the Community Engineering Corps.
 - g. Planning to use a portion of the reserve funds for new initiatives.
 - h. The Montana Section will host the Regional Meeting of Section Officers in 2017. The location is planned for Whitefish.
 - i. Keeley intends to attend the YP Summit.

3. Joint Committee Reports:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Oversight</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>
<p>Cross-connection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report. 	MSAWWA/MWEA Sec/Treasurer Nate/Rodney	Barb Coffman
<p>Exhibitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential candidates to serve as chair of the committee were discussed. Jeremy, Jeff, and Collette will discuss potential options to address complaints received by Robin. 	MSAWWA/MWEA Sr. Trustees Wayne/Mike	A chair needs to be identified.
<p>Information Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report. 	MSAWWA/MWEA Jr. Trustees John/Rika	Dave Carlson
<p>Host City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report. 	MSAWWA/MWEA Chair/President Collette/Starr	Mike Jacobson Wayne Lovelis
<p>Lifetime Achievement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification will be sent earlier this year to encourage more nominations. 	MSAWWA/MWEA Directors Logan/Amy	Paul LaVigne or Jeremy Perlinski
<p>Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The call for abstracts is being developed, and will be similar to past years. The topic for the preconference has been set to a vote. There was discussion about storm water topics being of increased interest to MWEA members. 	MSAWWA/MWEA Chair/President Logan/Starr	Amy Deitchler
<p>Public Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A brainstorming session will be held to discuss upcoming initiatives. Rika suggested that the name of the committee should be changed to the Joint Public Outreach Committee. Nate made a motion to change the name of the committee per Rika's recommendation. Jeremy seconded the motion. The motion carried. 	MSAWWA/MWEA Vice Chair/Pres. Elect Jeff/Jeremy	Rika Lashley
<p>Scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robin provided an update on the balance of the scholarship fund investment. The scholarship committee raised about \$1000 at the annual conference. 	MSAWWA/MWEA Past Chair/Past Pres. Slim/Amy	Greg Lukasik
<p>Student & Young Professionals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The poster competition winner attended ACE in June 2016. A poster competition is planned for the annual 	MSAWWA/MWEA Past Chair/Past Pres. Slim/Amy	Keeley Barry

<p>conference in 2017, with the intent to increase interest from area colleges and universities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee meetings include video conference capabilities. • A primary objective is to establish student chapters. • Facebook posts continue. • Outreach efforts will be coordinated with the newly renamed Public Outreach Committee. • Keeley attended a focus group meeting with David Rager by conference call. • During its morning meeting, MWEA voted to approve spending \$750 to send the S&YP chair to the YP summit. 		
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4. 2016 Conference Report: Robin provided an update on the annual conference, which included a breakdown of conference proceeds. The board discussed speaker registration, since a total of 18 speakers did not register for the 2016 conference. Robin will continue to encourage speakers to register for the conference.
5. 2017 Conference Update: The conference is scheduled for April 18-20, 2017 in Great Falls at the Best Western Heritage Inn.
6. Request from METC: Barb Coffman requested letters of endorsement for educational programs proposed for consideration by the Board of Regents at MSU-Northern. Jeff made a motion that the chairs of each organization prepare respective letters of support. Rika seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. Other Business: No other business was discussed.
8. Adjourn: Jeff made a motion to adjourn. Jeremy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.