



American Water Works Association

**MSAWWA Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 28, 2024- 9:00AM
Location: MS Teams Meeting**

Agenda

Call To Order

Matt Mudd called the meeting to order.

Old Business

1. Approve minutes of Spring Meeting – The Board reviewed the minutes, Andy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, as amended, Carrie seconded, the minutes were approved.

New Business

1. 2024 Budget & Accounts Updated—Robin provided an update on the 2024 budget. Conference proceeds will be entered after the joint meeting.
2. Director's Report—Carrie Gardner provided the Director's report.
 - a. A top priority is Water 2050 which has a main theme of "One Water". Equity and inclusion will be a priority in achieving Water 2050. AWWA looking at partnerships that are critical to progress in Water 2050.
 - b. On June 7th, a petition was filed to review the EPA's final drinking water rule of PFAs. The main purpose of the petition is to address affordability challenges.
 - c. AWWA has a new YP Director-At-Large position that will be voted on at the winter board meeting.
 - d. Membership is maintaining around 50,000 members. Continuing efforts to track engagement. Finances are doing well.
 - e. Over 200 members from International Sections attended ACE this year. The conference was well attended, and the venue was set up well. ACE will be in Denver next year.
3. Chair's Report—Matt Mudd provided the Chair's report.
 - a. There is a new AWWA website.
 - b. The New Lead and Copper Rule is a hot topic.
 - c. The Call for Abstracts will be going out soon for 2025 conference.
 - d. Logo choices were reviewed and will be submitted.
 - e. An email from Steve Shope from Midwest Assistance Program. Steve is interested in assisting with training for the MT Section. There is RCAP grant funding available. The Board would need to provide permission since Steve is not an AWWA member and would need to notify the membership about the training. Robin will ask Barb if she would like to be involved. If she does not, Robin suggests it be put into AWWA and RCAPs hands and the section markets it.

- i. Carrie made a motion that the Section market the training and let AWWA & RCAP host it, unless Barb would like to take it on. Seconded by Andy. Motion carried.

4. MSAWWA Committee Reports:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Oversight</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>
Awards	Vice Chair— Jarrett Moran Jr. Trustee—Ben Rigby	Eric Blanksma has not confirmed that he will be the chair. Ben will reach out to Eric to ask if he needs assistance and will be the new Chair.
Education	Sr. Trustee—Andy Schultz	Ben Rigby noted that this is MWEA's year. Sent an email to the group to ask if anyone has ideas for next year.
Fuller Award	Director—Carrie Gardner	John Camden is the Chair. Robin emailed him but hasn't heard back. Carrie will call him to check in. The committee needs to appoint a fifth member.
Legislative	Vice Chair—Jarrett Moran	Nate Weisenburger Ben noted that PFAS issues are being included in House Bills to note the hazardous waste of treating PFAS should not be a cost on municipalities but rather the source manufacturers. Ben will check into the cost for MSAWWA and MWEA to participate with the Liaison updates.
Membership	Sr. Trustee—Andy Schultz	Matt Mudd provided a membership report. The database has been recently updated. Matt will check for new reports ahead of the winter meeting. We currently have more members than

		last year. Membership action plan is updated annually and Matt overviewed progress on those items.
Water for People	Vice Chair—Jarrett Moran	Jarrett asked if we could add additional fundraisers ideas to raise funds. Carrie Gardner mentioned that she will co-chair the committee with Keeley McBryde. They have been discussing an activity fundraiser such as a run/walk or something similar. Should we get T-shirts? Another idea is a Donate a Pint event to raise funds. Robin will make a Venmo account.

5. Joint Committee Reports to be given at the Joint Board meeting on November 5th
 - a. Getting coordination going for conference and pre-conference program. A theme for the pre-conference before Christmas is preferred.
 - b. Joint agenda will include costs for the Legislative updates and discussion to participate.
6. 2024 Conference update (full report to be given at the joint meeting) – Robin asked for input on what can be improved, ideas for the next conference, poster presentation planning for a quieter option next time, etc. Generally, the Hilton wasn't as a positive experience this time. Food was expensive but good.
7. 2025 Conference Discussion – Robin has not yet signed the contract but planning for April 22-24 at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. Robin would like to discuss conference fees at the Joint meeting. Discussed engaging vendors as a board by preparing questions ahead of time.
8. New AWWA Strategic Plan/Discuss Section Strategic Plan to Align – All
 - a. The AWWA 2030 Strategic Plan is out. We are coming up on 10 years since MSAWWA put out the strategic plan and will likely need a few updates to align with AWWA. Robin would like to discuss this more at the winter meeting.
9. Water Equation is working to expand scholarships beyond operators. "ONE AWWA". Such as sending S&YPs to the DC Fly-In. The section has not awarded this scholarship, so Robin would like to brainstorm how to get the word out more.
10. Other Business—
 - a. ACE24: June 10-13/Anaheim, CA—Update from anyone who attended. Discussed above.

- b. 2024 Summer Workshop: July 25-26/Denver, CO—no one attended; materials available. Andy would like to attend next year.
- c. 2024 RMSO: Sept. 29-Oct. 1/Fort Worth, TX—Attended by Ben & Jarrett, materials available. Jarrett and Ben overviewed their experience. Enjoyed networking with the other sections. Membership recruitment is challenging in all the sections. Jarrett suggested meeting quarterly to help maintain energy. The group discussed adding one hour check-in meetings around May and February timeframes.
- d. 2025 Membership Summit: January 15-17. 2025 in Denver, CO. Carrie may be able to attend. Ideal to send two.
- e. 2025 YP Summit: February 9-11 in Dallas, TX—Carrie will attend. Carrie will share info with SYP Co-chairs on attendance.
- f. 2025 Fly-In: date not available/Washington, D.C. Will discuss at Winter meeting.
- g. ACE25: Date? Denver, CO
- h. 2025 Summer Workshop: date not available/Denver, CO—Andy expressed interest in attending.
- i. 2025 RMSO: date/location not available

11. Winter Meeting Date Set – Robin will email options.

12. Adjourn – Carrie made a motion to adjourn, Jarrett seconded, the meeting was adjourned.