

2019 MSAWWA--MWEA JOINT MEMBERSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 25, 2019 – 7:30 a.m.
Billings Hotel and Convention Center: Billings, MT
Room: Jefferson

Presiding: Wayne Lovelis, MSAWWA Chair, Herb Bartle, MWEA President.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Herb Bartle at 7:33 a.m.

Old Business—Approval of Spring 2018 Meeting Minutes. Amy D. made a motion to approve the minutes. Rodney L. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business--

1. Annual conference preliminary report – Robin: 58 paid vendors; 135 - 140 attendees/speakers, which is slightly down from last year. Banquet was well attended and hotel was really easy to work with. Food was good as were the breaks.
2. MWEA Report - WEFTEC – Earlier this year. Amy D. will be attending
3. MSAWWA Report – Get on the list to receive money. Farm Bill – more to come later this morning. Training coming later this year - mainly for rural communities. ACE conference is in Denver, CO.

Joint Committee Reports (Board Oversight):

1. Cross Connection Control – MSAWWA Sec/Treasurer—Nate W./MWEA Sec./Treasurer—Rodney L.
 - Approximately 70 people attended four courses this past year.
 - Approximately 65 people passed the exam.
 - In June 2019 Kalispell will hold a course and Billings in October 2019.
2. Exhibitors – MSAWWA Sr. Trustee—Jeff Jensen A/MWEA Sr. Trustee—Neil DeZort
 - Nothing additional to report, except that the buffet style lunch with the vendors turned how well.
 - Looking at next year having a session taking people to see the vendors.
3. Host City – MSAWWA Chair—Wayne Lovelis/MWEA President—Herb Bartle
 - Will be held in Great Falls next year. April 21 – 23, 2020
4. Information Management – MSAWWA Jr. Trustee—Carrie Gardner/MWEA Jr. Trustee—Gene Connell
 - Facebook page is working well. Keeps getting more traction every year.
 - Social media rules were updated and given to board to review.
5. Lifetime Achievement Award – MSAWWA & MWEA Directors—Greg Lukasik & Amy Deitchler
 - Awards were presented last night, Wednesday April, 2018.
 - Lifetime Achievement Award – Herb Bartle
6. Program – MSAWWA Chair—Wayne Lovelis/MWEA President—Herb Bartle
 - Stormwater tract for next year.
 - One cancellation for last day but was able to fill
7. Public Outreach—MSAWWA Vice Chair—John Alston/MWEA Pres. Elect—Mike Abrahamson
 - Three newsletters went out in the past year.
 - Looking for ideas for articles – please get with Rika.
8. Scholarship – MSAWWA Past Chair—Jeff Ashley/MWEA Past President—Jeremy Perlinski
 - Raised over \$1700 with the raffle.
 - One \$1000 scholarship was awarded and two \$500 scholarships awarded.

9. SYP – MSAWWA Past Chair—Jeff Ashley/MWEA Past President—Jeremy Perlinski
 - Poster competition went well this year. Heather Knowles was the winner.
 - Looking at having poster competition available during a time when more people can attend and see the posters.
 - Carroll College and MSU-Bozeman now each have local student chapters for S&YP.

MWEA Business:

1. President's report: Herb Bartle provided an update. MWEA is rock steady.
2. Budget Report: Budget is in good shape. Spent approximately \$163 less this year than the previous year, May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018. Low Fee Mutual Fund is doing good after a rocky start. At fall meeting we had \$24,680.15, which was a loss of \$519.85. The portfolio has since gained \$1,035.11 as of 18 April 2019 (\$26,235.11). It was proposed and passed to transfer Money Market funds (\$5714.79) into Low Fee Mutual account.
3. Budget Approval: Rodney Lance motioned to approve the budget. Amy D. seconded the motion. The motion passed.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Beneficial Reuse: No nominations for recipients this year. Discussed having it awarded annually with recipient only eligible every three years.
 - b. Education: Nothing new to report at this time.
 - c. Preconference: Was a success. Thanks to Chris French for his participation.
 - d. Government Affairs: Nothing new to report at this time. There are no committee members as of now.
 - e. Honors/Awards: Small Systems (Saint Regis) and the Bedell award (Dana Audet, Veolia N.A., Great Falls WWTP) were awarded this year. Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to Herb Bartle.
 - f. Grants for Teachers: Awarded \$833.36 to Washington Middle School in Miles City (Mr. Bill Tramp).
 - g. Long Range Planning: The committee has some good ideas going forward. A survey was supposed to go out in January but it did not. Will go out later this year. Will go into the Strategic Plan and Long Range Plan will get updated.
 - h. Strategic Plan - Modified the Strategic Plan and it was approved by the Board.
 - i. Membership: Membership is strong, 132 current members, and still looking to grow the membership. Membership stays pretty consistent, within approximately 5%, year after year.
 - j. Pretreatment: Committee is not doing well. No members in the committee currently.
 - k. Stockholm Jr. Water Prize: Regional winners: Butte / Missoula – Mia Foster (Hellgate High School) (\$100) and Great Falls – Madison & Mackenzie Wiegand (Simms High School) (\$25 each. Montana State winner is ?
 - l. Stormwater: Lance Lehigh was present and Kyle Mehrens on speaker phone spoke to the board members on status of Stormwater Committee – they meet on a monthly basis for approximately an hour. Public and Private sector working together on committee. Developed 2019 working plan. Set up Gmail account to store all documents. Looking to set up a website as well. Will get with Robin on the website. Stormwater manufacturing is expanding exponentially. Not all are created equal. Need to ensure proper specs are enforced and met. Would like to join and participate in the National Municipal Stormwater Association to stay on top of the current and upcoming regulations. Will try to have topic(s) ready for the 2019 Fall MWEA Meeting. Propose at the Spring 2019 Joint Meeting that the three tracts for 2020 conference are Water, Wastewater and Stormwater. Committee will need to know monetary need for the future.
5. Junior Trustee and Secretary/Treasurer Nominations/Election: Barb Coffman was nominated for Junior Trustee. Nate motioned to suspend voting as there was only a single nomination. Amy seconded the motion. Motion passed. Barb Coffman was elected as a new Junior Trustee. Rodney Lance with Veolia from Great Falls was nominated for the Secretary/Treasurer position. Rodney was re-elected as the Secretary/Treasurer.

MSAWWA Business:

1. Chair's Report: John Alston provided an update. MSAWWA is going smoothly.
 - a. Thanked the AWWA representative.
 - b. EPA sponsored small system training has been held the past several years. Barb Coffman has been the directing this for the past three years. Training for rural communities is going well. Contact Barb or Robin for more info.
 - c. Goal was to revise the by-laws before the conference, did not get done. Will try to get it done before next conference.
 - d. RMSO – Held in Whitefish this past year. Was an honor to host it. Association boundaries were redrawn, now region 4. Next event will be held in August in Alaska. John Alston and Nate Wiesenberger to attend.
 - e. ACE event will be in Denver, CO.
 - f. Budget Report: 2019 budget update; Budget is in good shape
 - g. Section by-laws are being updated. Katie Cook with AWWA is helping to revise the by-laws along with Jeff Ashley. Board will vote on revisions then it goes to AWWA for review and approval. Lastly it comes back to the board and it will have to be approved by the membership. Possibly have vote at the 2020 Spring Conference.
2. Committee Reports
 - a. Awards: No nominations were received. Board discussed options to improve the nomination process.
 - c. Education: No report at this time.
 - d. Fuller Award: The award was given to Craig Nowak of Morrison-Maierle.
 - e. Legislative: John presented Nate's report and reviewed the DC Fly-In (Farm Bill, Funding, PFAS). Overall the event was a good success. John provided a brief Water Utility Council Update.
 - f. Membership: Jeff presented Matt Mudd's membership report. The Board reviewed the membership list. The Board has assigned follow-up calls.
 - g. Water For People: Fly-rod--\$1,900+.
3. Kevin Bergshneider, AWWA Vice-President – gave a short speech thanking everyone for coming to the conference and inviting him to attend.
4. Greg L – Talked about the AWWA Veterans to Work program.
4. Junior Trustee Nominations/Elections: Keely Berry and Jill Cook of Morrison-Maierle were nominated. Ballots were passed out and Keely Berry is the new Junior Trustee.
5. MSAWWA National Delegate Nominations/Elections: John Alston was nominated. As the only nomination he was selected as the National Delegate.
6. John Camden spoke for Rural Water. He thanked both boards for their ongoing support. HB-6 and HB-11 did pass, so approximately 99.9% of projects did get funding.

Adjourn: Rodney Lance made a motion to adjourn. Amy D. seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.