

2017 MSAWWA--MWEA JOINT MEMBERSHIP
MEETING (Draft)

Thursday, April 20, 2017 – 7 a.m.
Heritage Inn, Great Falls MT
Room: Canadian

Presiding: Collette Anderson, MSAWWA Chair, Starr Sullivan, MWEA President.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Collette Anderson at 7:05 a.m.

Old Business—Approval of Spring 2016 Meeting Minutes. Amy Deitchler made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeremy Perlinski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business--

1. Annual conference preliminary report – Robin: 49 paid vendors, which is slightly down; 8 exhibitors in addition; 160 speakers; 10 unregistered speakers and 10 late attendees which is close to normal. Banquet was well attended and hotel was real easy to work with. Food was great as were the breaks. Casino night was well attended and was a success.

Joint Committee Reports (Board Oversight):

1. Cross Connection Control – MSAWWA Sec/Treasurer—Nate/MWEA Sec./Treasurer—Rodney
 - Approximately 40 people attended four courses this past year.
 - Approximately 35 people passed the exam.
 - Next class is scheduled for July 1 – 15 in Kalispell.
 - Next backflow assembly repair class is scheduled for May 25 – 26 in Bozeman. Speaker will be from Arizona.
 - Must bring your own backflow assembly to tear apart, test gauges and a garden hose.
 - Must let Barb Coffman know the make and model of backflow assemblies before class.
2. Exhibitors – MSAWWA Sr. Trustee--Wayne/MWEA Sr. Trustee—Mike
 - Survey was sent out to vendors to identify why they did not attend. Couple of feedback ideas were implemented for this conference.
 - Made sure the vendors were recognized at the sessions to get attendees to visit with the vendors.
3. Host City – MSAWWA Chair—Collette/MWEA President—Star
 - Several meetings were conducted this past year to ensure the Spring Conference was a success.
 - Had a great crew who supported the committee.
4. Information Management – MSAWWA Jr. Trustee—John/MWEA Jr. Trustee—Rika
 - Summarized efforts to place information on the Facebook page.
 - Requested that board members provide information for placement on social media.
 - Working on link from the Facebook page to the website. Should be a valuable tool in the future.
5. Lifetime Achievement Award – MSAWWA & MWEA Directors—Logan & Amy
 - Awards were presented last night, Wednesday April 19, 2017.
 - Jim Melstad
 - Mike Rubich
6. Program – MSAWWA Chair—Collette/MWEA President—Starr
 - Need to address submitted abstracts with the speaker deciding not to present.
 - Only two abstracts were denied initially.
 - Excellent feedback was provided to Amy.
7. Public Outreach—MSAWWA Vice Chair—Jeff /MWEA Pres. Elect—Jeremy

- A newsletter is in the works.
- A meeting was conducted during first break, 0930, on Wednesday April 19, 2017.
- A presentation for elementary students is available for use; it will be placed on the website as a reference.

8. Scholarship – MSAWWA Past Chair—Slim/MWEA Past President—Amy
 - There were seven applicants.
 - Two \$1000 scholarships were awarded, Bradley Jones and Emma Raeside.
 - Significant more outreach in the past year.
 - Goal is to be able to not rely on raffle ticket sales in the future and be funded totally by the Vanguard investment.
9. SYP – MSAWWA Past President—Slim/MWEA Past President—Amy
 - Keeley Barry attended the conference in Tampa this past February.
 - Focused on ways to handle the media.
 - Carrol College started the first local student chapter for S&YP. Looking at starting their own homepage. Maybe link with the
 - There were posters set up around the vendor booths for a poster competition. Competition went really well.
 - Encouraged S&YP to attend casino night so as to network.

MWEA Business:

1. President's report: Starr provided an update. MWEA is rock steady. Laboratory Analysis Excellence Award will be presented next year. Please submit nominations for "Operator of the Year" as there were no nominations this past year.
2. Budget Report: Budget is in good shape.
3. Budget Approval: Mike A. motioned to approve the budget. Amy D. seconded the motion. The motion passed
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Beneficial Reuse: Nothing to report at this time.
 - b. Education: Nothing to report at this time.
 - c. Preconference: Was a success. Thanks to Chris French for his participation.
 - d. Government Affairs: Nothing to report at this time.
 - e. Honors/Awards: Small Systems (City of Boulder) and the Burke Safety award (Veolia N.A.– Great Falls WWTP) were awarded this year. Had no nominations for the "Operator of the Year" award.
 - f. Long Range Planning: Up for revision. Should not be a significant amount of work. Michele Marsh taking the lead on this.
 - g. Membership: Nothing to report at this time. Membership is strong and still looking to grow the membership.
 - h. Pretreatment: Plan to meet in Billings this fall. Date TBD.
 - i. Stockholm Jr. Water Prize: Conference was earlier this year. Still looking for the regional winners to judge whom the overall winner will be. Voting will be during the last week of April.
 - j. Stormwater: Nothing to report at this time.
5. Junior Trustee Nominations/Election: Ross Mollenhauer from Morrison Maierle and Neil DeZort of City of Whitefish were nominated. Neil DeZort was elected as a new Junior Trustee, 11 – 6.

MSAWWA Business:

1. Chair's Report
 - a. RMSO is being hosted in Whitefish in September 8 – 9. Grass Mountain Lodge.
 - b. AWWA regions have been reduced from 5 to 4 so this region is larger now.
 - c. Budget Report: 2017 budget update; contribution to Vanguard account with a gain of approximately \$3300 over the past year.
2. Committee Reports

- a. Awards: Did not have any award nominations this year.
 - b. Education: Did not host the preconference. More to report next year as MSAWWA will be hosting the preconference.
 - c. Legislative: AWWA Fly-In attended by John, Wayne, and Nate. Met with both Senators.
 - d. Membership: Initiatives include welcome emails and follow up with new members to encourage renewals; membership goals for 2017 were provided. Membership grew by 9%.
 - e. WFP: Fly-rod \$1,095, Poker night \$240.
 - f. Fuller Award: Greg Lukasik of Great West Engineering
6. Junior Trustee Nominations/Elections : Jeff Jenson was nominated. Nate made a motion for a unanimous vote for Jeff Jenson. Jeff Ashley seconded it. Motion passed. Jeff Jenson is the new Junior Trustee.

Adjourn: Nate Weisenburger made a motion to adjourn. Rodney Lance seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 a.m.

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