



**2021 MSAWWA—MWEA JOINT MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday May 25, 2021—12:00 pm**

**Held virtually on Microsoft Teams—hosted by AE2S, Inc.**

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**Opening:** MWEA President—Rika Lashley called the meeting to order.  
MSAWWA Chair—Jeff Jensen

**Old Business**—Approval of Spring 2020 Joint Membership Meeting Minutes—Rika Lashley/MWEA members.  
The minutes were reviewed, Amy made a motion to approve, Neil DeZort seconded, the minutes were approved.

Introduction of 2020 Junior Trustee Ryan Russ—Rika Lashley introduced Ryan Russ as the MWEA junior trustee.

Approval of Spring 2020 MSAWWA Membership Meeting Minutes—Jeff Jensen/MSAWWA members  
The minutes were reviewed, Keeley made a motion, Carrie seconded, the minutes were approved.

Introduction of 2020 Junior Trustee Jason Fladland—Jeff Jensen introduced Jason as the new MSAWWA Junior Trustee for 2020.

**New Business—**

1. MWEA Delegate's Report—Rika Lashley gave an update from the former MWEA Delegate's, Dana Audet stepped down from the position in early 2021. MWEA continues to participate at the Congressional level, assisting with virtual events throughout 2020, and continues to monitor Federal regulations. The MWEA board will be looking for a Delegates position.
2. MSAWWA Director's Report—Jeff Jensen provided an update from John Alston, who noted how AWWA continued to proactively serve its members throughout the Pandemic. Bozeman will be representing Montana at the upcoming ACE Taste Test Competition.

**Joint Committee Reports (Board Oversight):**

1. Cross Connection Control – MSAWWA Sec/Treasurer—David Carlson/MWEA Sec./Treasurer—Rodney Lance Barb provided an update, the June certification course will be conducted and is already filled. The testing equipment has been moved to Montana Rural Water Systems to continue to provide this service to operators.
2. Exhibitors – MSAWWA Sr. Trustee—Keeley Barry/MWEA Sr. Trustee—Barb Coffman: No report

3. Host City – MSAWWA Chair—Jeff Jensen/MWEA President—Rika Lashley: No report
4. Information Management – MSAWWA Jr. Trustee—Jason Fladland/MWEA Jr. Trustee—Ryan Russ. David provided an update on its technology systems, social media platform (facebook).
5. Lifetime Achievement Award – MSAWWA Director—John Alston/MWEA Delegate—vacant Rika introduced the Lifetime achievement award, which was award to Paul Lauvigne, as well as the Todd Teegarden award. Rika also introduced Dave Aune as the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Awards to Dan Frazier. Rika introduced the 2020 Todd Teegarden Award to Mark Smith.
6. Program – MSAWWA Chair—Jeff Jensen/MWEA President—Rika Lashley: No report
7. Public Outreach—MSAWWA Vice Chair—Carrie Gardner/MWEA Pres. Elect—Neil DeZort, Rika provided a committee report, the committee has been issuing out the newsletter on a regular basis throughout 2020 and will continue to 2021.
8. Scholarship – MSAWWA Past Chair—vacant/MWEA Past President—Mike Abrahamson
9. SYP – MSAWWA Past Chair—vacant/MWEA Past President—Mike Abrahamson Keeley provided an update, Maddison Thompson has been chairing that committee, which recently hosted a successful virtual trivia night. They are looking to engagement opportunities throughout the community and schools.

**MWEA Business:** Rika Lashley, MWEA President

1. President's report – Rika Provided a budget report.
  - a. Budget Report
  - b. Budget Approval - Rodey, seconded, Ryan, Seconded, the budget was approved.
2. Committee Reports
  - a. Beneficial Reuse - This committee will be looking for a chair.
  - b. Education – Barb provided a committee update.
  - c. Grants For Teachers– This committee will be looking for a chair.
  - d. Honors/Awards – Rika presented the 2020 Operator of the Year award to Rodney Lance.
  - e. Long Range Planning – No report.
  - f. Membership – Rika provide an update on MWEA Section membership and noted from S
  - g. Pretreatment – Barb provided a brief update on the committee.
  - h. Stockholm Jr. Water Prize
  - i. Stormwater – The committee continues to be active throughout 2020 and will be looking forward.
3. Junior Trustee Nominations/Election – Bruce Souder was elected to the MWEA Board.
4. Senior Trustee Nominations/Election - Collette Anderson was elected to the MWEA Board.
5. Progression of MWEA Board
  - a. Incoming President Neil DeZort – Rika was introduced Neil as the 2021 Chair President.
  - b. Outgoing President Rika Lashley -
6. Other Business

**MSAWWA Business:** Jeff Jensen, MSAWWA Chair

1. Chair's Report
  - a. Budget Report – Jeff provided a budget overview for the Section, the Section is looking good financially.
2. Committee Reports
  - a. Awards – No Award Given due to COVID-19.
  - b. Education
  - c. Legislative – Jeff provided an update, John and Nate continues to support its activities at the Congressional Level.
  - d. Membership – Jeff provided membership updates from Matt Mudd, which the Section it holding its levels.
  - e. WFP – The Section supports Water for People in the amount of \$500.
  - f. Fuller Award – The committee made a selection, but the award will be given out when the conference can be held in person again.

3. Junior Trustee Nominations/Election – Matt Mudd was elected to the Junior Trustee position.
4. Progression of MSAWWA Board
  - a. Incoming Chair Carrie Gardner was introduced as the new 2021 Section and thanked Jeff for his years of leadership to the MSAWWA board.
  - b. Outgoing President Jeff Jensen – The Board thanked Jeff for his leadership for the Board.
5. Other Business

**Adjourn** - Jeff made a motion to adjourn, Neil seconded, the meeting was adjourned.