



Montana Section

American Water Works Association

**MSAWWA Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday April 22, 2024—10:00 am
Location: Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula/Room: Salon E**

Agenda

Call To Order

Jason Fladland called the meeting to order. The Section welcomed and introduced the AWWA visiting representatives, Jon Eaton, AWWA 2020-2024 Treasure and Michelle Hektor, Sr. Manager of Development & Donor Relations

Old Business

1. Approve minutes of Winter Meeting – The Board reviewed the minutes, which the Board clarified/amended the winter minutes that the Board did provide agree to pay for an AWWA membership to an operator awarded the Operator Meritorious Award. To capture that effect, Carrie made a motion to approve that membership motion, Keeley seconded, the motion carried. Carrie made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, as amended, Matt seconded, the minutes were approved.

New Business

1. 2024 Budget & Accounts Updated—Robin provided an update on the 2024 budget and expenses to date. Robin noted that the Section mailing system and website required IT updates which were completed this winter.
2. Director's Report—Carrie Gardner provided an Directors report, AWWA Board Elections where conducted, there was lots of interest in the elections, which results Reid Cambell (Treasurer), Vice Presidents (Rebecca Vernot, Carol Walczyk, Ken Kawahara), Heather Collins (President Elect). AWWA is updating its strategic plans and will finalize its 5-year plan in June, continuing to launch Water2050, DEI program continues to be developed through the DMIC, AWWA National has changed its bylaws to reserve one of the director at large positions for a young professional, Lead and Copper Rule and PFAs are the current regulatory, AWWA is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act, ACE. The Board will review the new strategic plan, when approved, and revise its Strategic Plan as needed.
3. Chair's Report—Jason Fladland provided the Chair's report, welcomed everyone to the conference.

4. MSAWWA Committee Reports:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Oversight</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>
Awards	Vice Chair—Matt Mudd Jr. Trustee—Andy Schultz	Denver Fraser Matt and Robin noted that no nominations were received. Andy noted that he submitted a nomination which should be considered for next year.
Education	Sr. Trustee—Jarrett Moran	Ben Rigby/Mohammad Mozaffari Co-Chairs Robin provided an update that the preconference update that is well registered with a popular topic.
Fuller Award	Director—Carrie Gardner	Craig Woolard Carrie noted that a nomination was received and will be awarded at the banquet.
Legislative	Vice Chair—Matt Mudd	Nate Weisenburger Nate provided an update, he and Ben attended the DC Fly-in, which was a successful event. Top topics of funding CW-SRF& WIFIA, PFAS, and Cybersecurity.
Membership	Sr. Trustee—Jarrett Moran	Matt Mudd provided a membership report, the board assigned follow-ups calls, section membership is strong at 225 members. Matt attended membership virtually.
Water for People	Vice Chair—Matt Mudd	Carrie Gardner noted that the raffle will be going on throughout the conference.

5. Joint Committee Reports (Tabled to Joint Meeting)

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Oversight</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>
Cross-connection	MSAWWA Sec/Treasurer— David Carlson	Barb Coffman
Exhibitors	MSAWWA Sr. Trustee— Jarrett Moran	Collette Anderson
Host City	MSAWWA Chair— Jason Fladland	Ross Mollenhauer
Information Management	MSAWWA Jr. Trustee— Andy Schultz	Dave Carlson
Lifetime Achievement	MSAWWA Director— Carrie Gardner	Jeremy Perlinski
Program	MSAWWA Chair— Jason Fladland	Amy Deitchler
Public Education	MSAWWA Vice Chair— Matt Mudd	Rika Lashley
Scholarship	MSAWWA Past Chair— Keeley McBryde	Greg Lukasik/Jackie Kuhl Co-Chairs
Student & Young Professional	MSAWWA Past Chair— Keeley McBryde	Alex Ciessau/Nina Denny

6. Nominations for Junior Trustee*—Director/Carrie Gardner, the Board discussed a nomination candidate.
7. 2024 Conference Update—Robin provided an update, input costs (food, snacks, etc) for the conference venue are higher than expected, 200 people are registered with 42 booths sold.
8. Email account/Constant Contact updates—Robin provided an update that the Section needed to perform IT updates to its mailing system & website.
9. 50th Anniversary SDWA Act—Robin and the Board reviewed the promotional materials to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act.
10. DE&I Committee discussion—The Board discussed adding a new Joint Committee for DE&I which is a priority issue, and will discuss a Joint Committee with MWEA at the Joint Meeting. Robin to verify with by-laws and procedures about starting a new committee.
11. Other Business—
 - a. 2024 Membership Summit: Denver/February 4-6, 2024 – Matt Mudd attended virtually and provided a report.
 - b. 2024 YP Summit: Portland/February 11-13, 2024—Nina Denny attended.
 - c. 2024 AWWA Fly In: April 10-11, 2024—Nate Weisenburger & Ben Rigby attended, Nate previously provided a report.

- d. ACE24: Anaheim/June 10-13, 2024—Carrie, Matt, Jarret, and Keeley are attending.
- e. 2024 Summer Workshop: Denver/July 25-26, 2024—Board agreed to encourage new Jr. Trustee to attend.
- f. 2024 RMSO: Texas/September or October, 2024—The Board agreed to determine who will be attending this conference.
- g. Board photo taken.

12. Michelle Hektor, Sr. Manager of Development & Donor Relations – Provided an update on AWWA Water Equation, which is celebrating 10 years of success. Michelle noted that the program continues to be a success at directly impacting water and sanitation issues in the United States. The Water Equation continues to promote operators in the industry, which continues to be a major workforce concern.

13. Adjourn – Keeley made a motion to adjourn, Andy seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Attachments:

MSAWWA draft meeting minutes 12-4-23

2024 Budget updated to 4-20-24

MSAWWA account balances to 4-20-24

Celebrate SDWA pdf

DE&I powerpoint presentation