



**MSAWWA-MWEA Joint Board Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
Monday April 22, 2019—4:00 pm
Billings Hotel & Convention Center
Room: Parlor 1010**

Call To Order

1. Wayne called the meeting to order.
2. Introduction of board members & guests—Greg Lukasik to introduce AWWA guest Brenda Lennox; Amy Deitchler to introduce WEF guest Joan Hawley

Attendees:

- Wayne Lovelis, AWWA Chair
- John Alston, AWWA Vice-Chair
- Greg Lukasik, AWWA Section Director
- Jeff Jensen, AWWA Senior Trustee
- Carrie Gardner, AWWA Junior Trustee
- David Carlson, AWWA Secretary Treasurer
- Herb Bartle, MWEA President
- Neil DeZort, MWEA Senior Trustee
- Amy Deitchler, MWEA Delegate
- Mark Abrahamson, MWEA President Elect
- Jeremy Perlinski, MWEA Past President
- Rika Lashley, MWEA Vice-President
- Rodney Lance, MWEA Secretary Treasurer
- Gene Connell, MWEA Junior Trustee
- John Camden, Exec. Director Montana Rural Water
- Robin Mathews-Barnes, Exec. Sec/Director
- Katie Koch, AWWA Section Services
- Brenda Lennox, AWWA Delegate
- Joan Hawley, WEF Delegate

Old Business:

1. Review and Approval of Fall 2018 Meeting Minutes
 - a. A motion was made by Jeff Jensen, seconded by Amy Deitchler, the motion was approved.

New Business:

1. MWEA President's Report—Herb Bartle

- a. Herb Bartle provided an overview of the Board’s meeting, Lance Lehigh provided an update on the Stormwater Committee. The Board anticipates a stormwater focus at the 2019 Joint Conference, continued S&YP Committee funding support.
2. MWEA Delegate Report—
 - a. Amy Deitchler provided an update, WEFTEC is set for September. Working for on a combined resource for MA’s and create a clearing house for all the information. Amy is working with Robin to get a lot of the information. Joan provided a National WEF update and noted that National is focusing on its Operators Initiatives and is working with AWWA on the Operator advisory panel. John noted that he is the Chair of Montana Governors Council on operator certification for Montana.
 3. MSAWWA Chair’s Report—Wayne Lovelis
 - a. Wayne provide an update on the previous board meeting which discussion conference attendance.
 4. MSAWWA Director’s Report—Greg Lukasik
 - a. Greg provided a national update including the Farm Bill, EPA/USDA Training will be held throughout the year in 2019 (in partnership w/ Barb Coffman). AWWA is working on Risk and Resiliency Certificate training.
 5. Joint Committee Reports:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Oversight</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>
Cross-connection	MSAWWA/MWEA Sec/Treasurer David C./Rodney L.	Barb Coffman Rodney provided a update from Barb about the Cross-Connection committee. There were nearly 65 out of 70 are now certified.
Exhibitors	MSAWWA/MWEA Sr. Trustees Jeff J./Neil D.	Cavin Noddings Neil provided some feedback from Cavin about dedicated vendor session. Neil asked w/ DEQ and the DEQ only will to support the 0.5 CEC. The Board discussed some options to offer PDH credits for technical talks in the vendor hall. Issue will be brought up at the fall meeting.

Host City	MSAWWA/MWEA Chair/President-Elect Wayne L./Mike A.	Greg Lukasik provided an update regarding Host Committee and the plan of the conference.
Information Management	MSAWWA/MWEA Jr. Trustees Carrie G./Gene C.	David Carlson provided an update that Information Management will be continue it running of the Sections Facebook Page and will be working on the joint website update. Carlson presented a draft social media policy to the groups review.
Lifetime Achievement	MSAWWA/MWEA Directors Greg L./Amy D.	Jeremy Perlinski provided an update on the current nominations.
Program	MSAWWA/MWEA Chair/President Wayne L./Herb B.	Amy Deitchler/Collette Anderson Amy provided an update on the Program committee and the conference program.
Public Outreach	MSAWWA/MWEA Vice Chair/Pres. Elect John A./Mike A.	Rika Lashley provided a quick update on the newsletter, clearing house of information, and budgets for operating reimbursement for materials.
Scholarship	MSAWWA/MWEA Past Chair/Vice Pres. Jeff A./Rika L.	Greg Lukasik provided a scholarship update, 2019 has 3 applications. Montana Rural Water

		also donated \$500 to the Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee is providing 3 scholarship this year. Committee is working on its fundraiser for the scholarship committee.
Student & Young Professionals	MSAWWA/MWEA Past Chair/Past Pres. Jeff A./Jeremy P.	Keeley Barry David Carlson provided a quick overview on behalf of Keeley, AWWA Student Poster Competition Winner, working on WEFTEC competition w/ MSU. Very active MSU chapters and participated in the S&YP Summit.

6. 2019 Conference Report—Robin provided an overview of the conference plan.
 - a. Update
 - i. Introduction/recognition of new members/board members during general session
 1. First time attendees & new members will be told to seek out a board member for questions/mentoring
 - ii. Communication and interface with exhibitors
 1. Moderators are being asked to mention vendors and taking the opportunity to visit with them at beginning of each break.
 2. Please assist in communicating with vendors during conference.
 3. Wed. lunch will again be served buffet style in the vendor area with high top tables spread throughout the vendor area in an effort to maximize exposure. Awards will take place at the end of the general session.
 - iii. Entertainment after banquet this year will be “Game Night”. Please promote attendance at this, prizes will be awarded.
 - b. Future conference ideas – Please submit ideas to Robin for future conference ideas.
7. John Camden to address boards
 - a. Legislature – John thanked the Boards for their support with Montana Rural Water on the Gov’t Affairs.
 - b. Montana Rural Water Conference will be held in March next year
 - c. Montana WARN Program – John explained that the WARN program needs a champion, and John is looking for feedback if Montana Rural Water should be that champion.
 - d. Scholarship – John noted that Montana Rural Water supported the MSAWWA/MWEA Scholarship on behalf of Ray Wadsworth

- e. Farm Bill – Source Water Protection is something that Montana Rural water has been working on for years. Montana rural water would like to coordinate with AWWA on that matter
 - f. Book Sales – John inquired about if MWEA could get bounty back on book sales (like AWWA).
 - g. Wastewater Exam – John noted that the wastewater pass rate for the exam is not great, and with the new ABC program it continues to get worse. John would like to develop a unified front of solutions for the solving the operator pass rate that will work for Montana. Boards discussed the issues and agreed that the solution is needed offered support Montana.
8. Joint Policies & Procedures document—Robin distributed the proposed revisions to the Joint Policies and Procedures.
- a. Discuss suggested changes to document—Robin noted that the Scholarship Award policy was proposed to include up to three scholarships (instead of one to two as written). Jeremy made a motion a motion to approve the joint policies as amended, Rodney seconded, the motion carried.
 - b. Addition of social media policy—This policy will be voted on and amended later.
9. Discussion regarding combining legislative committees into a joint committee—
- a. Rika asked about the status of the MSAWWA review of the proposal combined the issue.
10. Joint website--Robin
- a. Asking Information Management committee to review and update links for resources. David will get that done, Rika will handle the classroom site links.
 - b. S&YP committee should consider having its on tab on the website.
 - c. Jeremy noted that the Stormwater Committee will want its own section on the website.
11. 2020/2021 Conference Location/Rotation—Robin
- a. 2020—Great Falls April 21-23 (rotation should be Bozeman) – Due to no facility available in Bozeman for 2020
 - b. 2021—Bozeman? If not it will rotate back.
12. Other Business
- a. Joint Membership Meeting agenda review—All
 - b. Board dinner – Previously noted by Robin.
13. Adjourn, Amy Deitchler made a motion, Wayne seconded by, motion was carried.