



**MSAWWA/MWEA BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
Monday April 25, 2022 – 3:00PM
Location: Heritage Inn Great Falls, MT, Room 201**

Call To Order

1. Called the meeting to order. The board did introductions along with visiting delegates.

Old Business:

1. Review and Approval of Spring Meeting Minutes. Minutes will be distributed via email for approval.

New Business:

1. MWEA President’s Report—Neil DeZort provided and update on their membership, their board is working on updates to their bylaws, long range strategic plans.
2. MWEA Delegate Report— Dave Aune introduced himself as the new National Director for the Section, and will be engaging MSAWWA in regards to the Government Affairs committee.
3. MSAWWA Chair’s Report—Carrie Gardner provided an update on their section, very excited be hosting everyone in person again. Carrie is looking forward to having a successful conference.
4. MSAWWA Delegate Report—John Alston provided an update that ACE will be all ready in San Antonio, discussed Water 2050 Long Term Vision for AWWA, water shortages and supply are a top concern both for Montana and National.
5. Joint Committee Reports:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Oversight</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>
Cross-connection	MSAWWA/MWEA Sec/Treasurer David Carlson/Rodney Lance	Barb Coffman provided and update that MTRural Water and herself have picked up the backflow certification program. They are conducting several in person certification program.
Exhibitors	MSAWWA/MWEA Sr. Trustees Jason Fladland/Collette Anderson	Robin noted that this committee isn’t

		<p>organized at this time. The number of exhibitors for this conference is down significantly, which will be a item of discussion with the boards for future conference planning.</p>
Host City	MSAWWA/MWEA Chair/President Carrie Gardner/Neil DeZort	David, Robin, and Rodney provided an update.
Information Management	MSAWWA/MWEA Jr. Trustees Matt Mudd/Bruce Souder	David Carlson provided an update
Lifetime Achievement	MSAWWA/MWEA Directors John Alston/	Rika provided an update on the awardee status, which will be given at the banquet.
Program	MSAWWA/MWEA Chair/President Carrie Gardner/Neil DeZort	Neil provided an update and Amy and committee have the program finalized.
Public Outreach	MSAWWA/MWEA Vice Chair/Pres. Elect Keeley Barry/Barb Coffman	Rika Lashley noted that this committee hopes to revive the newsletter, and get the new members involved.
Scholarship	MSAWWA/MWEA Past Chair/Past Pres. Jeff Jensen/Rika Lashley	Jeff provided an update from Greg Lukasik that the committee received two great applicants and will be awarding one scholarship.
Student & Young	MSAWWA/MWEA Past Chair/Past Pres.	Keeley provided an

Professionals	Jeff Jensen/Rika Lashley	update that the committee is hosting the S&YP AWWA Fresh Ideas Poster competition and working on college engagement. Rika and Carrie noted that S&YP could connect with Grants for Teachers and Starbase??
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6. 2022 Conference Discussion: April 26-28 at Heritage Inn/Great Falls—Robin provided an update, 55 preconference attendees, exhibitors are down, but have about 145 attendees and speakers. The boards will thank the exhibitors, operator trivia, taste tap competition. A moderator is needed for Thursday morning, miscellaneous track. Several methods are being used to generate traffic around the booth areas for exhibitors.
 7. 2023 Conference Discussion: The boards discussed planning for the 2023 conference, the venue could be Bozeman but will need to get creative on the specific venues. John and Robin will look into the Double Tree in Missoula.
 8. Continuation Board Oversight Discussion—Rika provided an update on the discussion, which the MWEA board decided to adjust their structure such that their board oversight will not oversight. The MSAWWA jeff made a motion to adjust its joint board oversight rotation to match MWEA, Keeley seconded, motion carried.
 9. ABPA Certification Committee – Barb provided an update that she is applying to apply part of the ABPA level, she asked for the Board supports and permission to represent MWEA and MSAWWA at the ABPA level.
10. Other Business
- a. Montana Water and Wastewater Operator Initiative – Barb provided an update the MWWOI has taken over the fall and spring water school. Montana Rural Water has taken on a new apprentice program for water and wastewater operators.
 - b. Neil and Rika made recommendation that the Past President/Past Chair positions will conduct a post conference debrief with the Executive position an annual basis.
11. Adjourn
- a. Rodney made a motion to Adjourn, Jason seconded, the meeting is adjourned.