



MSAWWA/MWEA BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 19, 2021—10:15 am
Virtual Meeting hosted by AE2S, Inc. on Microsoft Teams

Call To Order: Jeff Jensen called the meeting to order.

Old Business:

1. Review and Approval of Spring Meeting Minutes—The Boards reviewed the meeting minutes, Rika Lashley made a motion to approve, Keeley Barry seconded, the minutes were approved.

New Business:

1. MWEA President’s Report—Rika Lashley provided an update. The section has been stable financially and is continuing to work throughout the pandemic. The MWEA education committee completed wastewater training materials and is available. Gene Connell and Dana Audet resigned from the Board. The Stormwater Committee continues to be active.
2. MWEA Delegate Report—Dana Audet has resigned from the board.
3. MSAWWA Chair’s Report—Jeff Jensen provided an update, which the MSAWWA committee continues to be active throughout the pandemic. Awards are planned to be given out at the next years conference, ACE will be conducted all virtual in 2021. Jeff thanked Robin and everyone for their help throughout 2021.
4. MSAWWA Delegate Report—John Alston provided an update, National membership is strong, and continues to adjust several events throughout 2021 to virtual platforms as needed.

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 Rika provided a report from Barb, that the certification courses will be conducted in 2021.
Exhibitors	MSAWWA/MWEA Sr. Trustees Keeley Barry/Barb Coffman	Given the conference cancellation, no report was required.

Host City	MSAWWA/MWEA Chair/President Jeff Jensen/Rika Lashley	Craig Nowak Given the conference cancellation, no report was required.
Information Management	MSAWWA/MWEA Jr. Trustees Jason Fladland/Ryan Russ	David Carlson provided an update, the committee is continues to leverage social media to reach memberships and thanked the Boards for sending information that can be shared via this platform.
Lifetime Achievement	MSAWWA/MWEA Directors John Alston/Dana Audet	Jeremy Perlinski Rika noted that the award will be given out at the next conference.
Program	MSAWWA/MWEA Chair/President Jeff Jensen/Rika Lashley	Amy Deitchler Given the conference cancellation, no report was required.
Public Outreach	MSAWWA/MWEA Vice Chair/Pres. Elect Carrie Gardner/Neil DeZort	Rika Lashley provide a committee update, which the committee is continuing to search to find good ways to get outreach.
Scholarship	MSAWWA/MWEA Past Chair/Past Pres. Vacant/Mike Abrahamson	Greg Lukasik Robin provided an update, the scholarship was awarded to its recipient.

Student & Young Professionals	MSAWWA/MWEA Past Chair/Past Pres. Vacant/Mike Abrahamson	Maddie Thompson The S&YP committee continues to be very active, they are hosting a Trivia night later this week, all are invited. The committee has been meeting monthly and has expanded its structure to increase its capacity and positions.
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6. Annual membership meetings – Robin discussed that a Joint membership meeting will be conducted virtually this spring. Robin and David will work on the meeting logistics.

7. 2022 Conference Discussion: location—Robin and the Boards discussed 2022 conference planning and agreed to hold the 2022 conference in Great Falls.

8. Other Business
 - a. Montana Water Operator Initiative – John Alston provided an update that Craig Woolard is planning for the spring water schools virtually, potentially in person in the fall. John will send along the invitation so the Boards can share this with its members.

9. Adjourn
 - a. John made a motion to adjourn, Keeley seconded, the meeting was adjourned.