



**MSAWWA/MWEA BOARD MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, April 22, 2024—3:00 pm  
Location: Hilton Garden Inn Missoula/Room: TBD**

**Call To Order**

Collette Anderson called the meeting to order. The Board conducted introductions and recognized the AWWA and WEF visiting representatives (Janet Hurley Cann, WEF Board of Trustees, Jon Eaton, AWWA Sec./Treasurer, Michelle Hektor, AWWA Sr. Manager of Development & Donor Relations).

**Old Business:**

Review and Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes — The meeting minutes were reviewed, Rodney Lance made a motion to approve, Ricky Schultz seconded, the minutes were approved.

**New Business:**

1. MWEA President’s Report—Collette Anderson provided the President’s Report, the Association has updating its budget and will be sharing with its members at the membership meetings. The Association will be sending Scott Buecker to WEFMax, increasing support to S&YP committee, Rika has updated the Association Non-Profit status, Strategic Plan and Long Range plan updates are near completion and will be send to membership, By-Law revisions are complete and will be voted on at the membership meeting.

2. MWEA Delegate Report—Scott Buecker provided a delegate report, Scott is taking on the new role as MWEA Delegate, he is working on the advocacy committee at the National level, Scott updated the group on the issues facing operator workforce and the initiatives that WEF is working to address this issue.

3. MSAWWA Chair’s Report—Jason Fladland provided a chair report, MSAWWA Section Membership is strong and growing, AWWA is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Safe Drinking Water Act, and overviewed the committee reports.

4. MSAWWA Delegate Report—Carrie Gardner provided a Delegate report, Carrie attended ACE and is taking on the new role as National Delegate. AWWA has conducted annual elections, continuing to promote Water2025 initiatives, revamped strategic plans, AWWA is developing DEI initiatives, Cybersecurity, Lead and Copper, and PFAS are major topics right now in the water industry.

5. Joint Committee Reports:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Oversight</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>
Cross-connection	MSAWWA Sec/Treas. David Carlson MWEA Rika Lashley	Barb Coffman  Rika provided an update from Barb, last year 4 backflow certification

		exams were conducted, maintaining about 175 certified testers in the state. Barb will be looking for someone to take over this committee in 2025.
Exhibitors	MSAWWA Sr. Trustee Jarrett Moran MWEA Rickey Schultz	Collette Anderson/Cavin Noddings Co-Chairs  Collette provided an update on the change to the exhibitor presentations & break this year, this will be a trial run of this format that this conference.
Host City	MSAWWA Chair Jason Fladland MWEA Rika Lashley	Ross Mollenhauer  Andy provided an update that this committee is set for the conference, Ross has everything setup for game night. Adam Marsh will be hosting a fun run on Weds Morning.
Information Management	MSAWWA Jr. Trustee Andy Schultz MWEA Matt Waite	David Carlson provided an update on the Section's social media updates. David explored a LinkedIn page, but doesn't think that is right platform for the sections at this time.
Lifetime Achievement	MSAWWA Natl Director Carrie Gardner MWEA Scott Buecker	Jeremy Perlinski  Robin noted that this award will be given out at the banquet.
Program	MSAWWA Chair Jason Fladland MWEA Barb Coffman	Amy Deitchler  Robin noted that expediting getting the program finalized would

		be appreciated by many.
Public Outreach	MSAWWA Vice Chair Matt Mudd MWEA Collette Anderson	Rika Lashley  Rika provided an update that the committee has been meeting and is exploring several concepts that this committee could pursue.
Scholarship	MSAWWA Past Chair Keeley McBryde MSAWWA Rodney Lance	Jackie Kuhl  Keeley provided an update that the committee received several applications, and will be awarding two scholarships and will be selling raffle tickets.
Student & Young Professionals	MSAWWA Past Chair Keeley McBryde MWEA Rodney Lance	Alex Ciessau/Nina Denny Co-Chairs  Keeley provided an update that S&YP will be hosting the fresh ideas poster competition during the conference and has been regularly meeting.

6. 2024 Conference Update—Robin provided a conference update, there will be free professional headshots conducted in the rotunda, S&YP poster competition will be hosted, Board members are reminded to go around and thank exhibitors for attending, there are 225 registered attendees, 36 exhibitor booths are sold. There were a higher number of late registrants this year which complicated some of the conference logistics.

7. 2025 Conference Update—Robin provided an update on the conference planning, right now there is a spot reserved at the Billings Hotel Convention Center (April 21<sup>st</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>), David and Robin will check into the double tree location as well.

8. DE&I Joint Committee – The Boards discussed setting up a joint DE&I committee, both Boards will review their procedures for starting a joint committee. David Carlson and Carrie Gardner will do framing and vision planning for this Joint Committee and present to the Board at the fall meeting.

9. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

10. Adjourn

Scott Buecker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Keeley McBryde, the meeting was adjourned.