



American Water Works Association

**MSAWWA Board Meeting  
Minutes  
Thursday April 16, 2020—1 pm  
Virtual meeting held due to COVID-19**

Call To Order—John Alston called the meeting to order at 1PM.

Old Business

1. Approve minutes of Winter Meeting – The board reviewed the minutes, Jeff made a motion to approve, Carrie seconded, the minutes were approved.

New Business

1. 2020 Budget & Accounts update—Robin provided an overview of the financials and current account balances for the section.
2. Director’s Report—Greg provided an update from National. After looking at multiple options, ACE has been cancelled due to COVID-19. AWWA has eLearning resources available, which have been shared throughout the section. National is working from home and they are trying to keep workshops planned for the fall. Lead and Copper, PFAS continues to be the forefront on the regulatory discussions, and National is optimistic that the future for AWWA and water is bright.
3. Chair’s Report—John provided an update on a few coordination items. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, John will become the National Director. The Board agreed to keep the past chair vacant, and John offered to assist with any of those duties if needed.

4. MSAWWA Committee Reports & Joint Committee Reports

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Oversight</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>
Awards	Vice Chair—Jeff Jensen Jr. Trustee—Keeley Barry	Carrie Gardner  Jeff - with the conference cancelled there is no major activities. No nominations were received for the operator meritorious award.
Education	Sr. Trustee—Carrie Gardner	Doug Whitney  Carrie - With the conference cancelled, nothing major to report at this point.

Fuller Award	Director—Greg Lukasik	<p>Nate Weisenburger</p> <p>Greg - With the conference cancelled, no award will be given this year. The Fuller committee will address the issue of 1 or 2 awards for next year.</p>
Legislative	Vice Chair—Jeff Jensen	<p>Nate Weisenburger</p> <p>Jeff &amp; John – The Fly-in was cancelled, the committee is working on the strategic initiative of a water utility council concept in Montana.</p>
Membership	Sr. Trustee—Carrie Gardner	<p>Matt Mudd</p> <p>Carrie provided an update on the membership <del>update</del>, assignments were made for follow-up phone calls.</p> <p>Jim – Carrie /Matt  Scott – John  Kurtis – David  Brendan – Keeley  Amanda Morse – Carrie/Matt  Evan – Matt  Kristi - Jeff  Eric – Matt</p> <p>Donna – John/Matt  Ray - Retired  Brian – David  Stacey – John  Ryan – Carrie  Lindsay – Matt  Cameron – Greg  David Larson – Matt  Duane Miller - Jeff</p>
Water for People	Vice Chair—Jeff Jensen	<p>John Camden/Carrie Gardner</p> <p>Jeff - no major updates with the conference being cancelled.</p>

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Cross-connection	MSAWWA/MWEA Sec/Treasurer David C./Rodney L.	Barb Coffman – No updates available, METC is reorganizing right now with the College.
Exhibitors	MSAWWA/MWEA Sr. Trustees Carrie G./Gene C.	Cavin Noddings  No updates needed; updates will be provided at the fall meeting.
Host City	MSAWWA/MWEA Chair/President-Elect John A./Rika L.	Craig Nowak –  David - Host committee was organized and ready, with the conference <del>cancelled</del> , will save planning for next year.
Information Management	MSAWWA/MWEA Jr. Trustees Keeley B./Barb C.	David Carlson  David – Continuing to keep social media updated, will post on membership meeting for next week.
Lifetime Achievement	MSAWWA/MWEA Directors Greg L./Amy D.	Jeremy Perlinski  Robin - Committee is going to skip this for this year and reevaluate for next year.
Program	MSAWWA/MWEA Chair/President John A./Mike A.	Amy Deitchler  No updates needed; updates will be provided at the fall meeting.
Public Outreach	MSAWWA/MWEA Vice Chair/Pres. Elect Jeff J./Rika L.	Rika Lashley –  No updates needed; updates will be provided at the fall meeting.

Scholarship	MSAWWA/MWEA Past Chair/Vice Pres. Wayne L./Herb B.	Greg Lukasik  Greg – Committee funding raising going well, committee was able <del>to be able</del> to fund 3 scholarships.
Student & Young Professionals	MSAWWA/MWEA Past Chair/Past Pres. Wayne L./Herb B.	Keeley Barry  Keeley - The poster competition was planned to be held virtually; with ACE cancellation they have cancelled the poster competition.

5. Vote to approve virtual membership vote - Due to cancellation of the conference due to COVID-19, Jeff made a motion to approve virtual membership votes, Greg seconded. The motion carried.
6. 2020 Conference Update—Robin provided an update on the conference cancellation, there were no fees due to the cancellation, however there will be a loss in revenues. Board will continue to monitor the situation.
7. 2021 Conference – April 19-22 – Great Falls was selected as the preferred location. Robin will verify with the MWEA board for final approval.
8. Applying for PPL or EIDL — The Board asked Robin to look into Emergency Disaster Relief funding for options to help with offsetting loss in conference revenues.
9. Nominations for Junior Trustee—Greg provided an update on nominations. David confirmed that Jason Fladland is very interested in joining. Robin asked for a short bio on Jason Fladland for the nomination process. Nomination closures end on April 21.
10. 2020 EPA/USDA Trainings update—Robin
  - a. Barb Coffman has agreed to facilitate. Rescheduled USDA meeting: July 13<sup>th</sup>, which is just before MT Rural Water, as planned. Will continue to monitor the schedule.
  - b. EPA meeting date: Currently Scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> – Wolf Point
11. Other Business
  - a. 2020 AWWA Fly In report— John provided an update, the fly-in was cancelled.
  - b. 2020 YP Summit Anaheim report—Keeley B provided an update, Madison Thompson attended and reported very positive experience and thanked the Board for its support.
  - c. ACE20 Orlando—cancelled
  - d. Summer Workshop Denver: National is considering cancelling, still TBD at this point.
  - e. 2020 RMSO Midway, UT: August 21-22
  - f. July 1 will be the Board position rotation date
12. Adjourn – Keeley made a motion, Carrie seconded. The meeting was adjourned.