



American Water Works Association

**MSAWWA Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday April 22, 2019—1 pm
Billings Hotel & Convention Center · Billings, MT
Room: Parlor 1010**

Call To Order—Wayne Lovelis

1. Introduction of guests—Brenda Lennox, AWWA Past President

Attendees:

- Wayne Lovelis, Chair
- Katie Cook, Section Relations Manager
- John Alston, Vice Chair
- Brenda Lennox
- Carrie Gardner, Junior Trustee
- Greg Lukasik, Director
- Jeff Jensen. Senior Trustee
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Old Business

1. Approve minutes of Winter Meeting – Jeff Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes, Johnson seconded the motion, the motion passed.

New Business

1. 2019 Budget & Accounts update—
Robin presented the current budgets to date. Robin noted that we haven't received our allotment for 2019. Katie noted that she would follow-up on it.
2. Director's Report—Greg presented the directors report, noted that membership. Program for ACE is out and will be held in Denver this year. USDA Operator Training will be held in Helena in May, which is a Section partnership with METC (Barb Coffman). A secondary training will be held in Billings just prior to the Montana League of Cities. Greg provided a National update on the Farm Bill, elections and updates from the National Level.

John Alston noted that the Section is very proud of Greg for being elected to the vice-president's board.

3. MSAWWA Committee Reports (Joint Committee Reports to be given at Joint Board Meeting:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Oversight</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>
Awards	Vice Chair—John Alston Jr. Trustee—Carrie Gardner	Collette Anderson No Nominations were received, Board discussed options to improve the nomination process.
Education	Sr. Trustee—Jeff Jensen	No report at this moment.
Fuller Award	Director—Greg Lukasik	Awardee from 5 yrs. past— Nancy Cormier 2 applications, which 1 of them was selected at this be presented that conference
Legislative	Vice Chair—John Alston	Nate Weisenburger John presented Nate’s report and reviewed the DC Fly-In (Farm Bill, Funding, PFAS). Overall the event was a good success. John provided a brief Water Utility Council Update as well.
Membership	Sr. Trustee—Jeff Jensen	Matt Mudd (Membership Summit report) Jeff presented Matt Mudd’s membership report. Jeff reviewed the member list with the Board. The Board reviewed the list and assigned follow-up phone calls.
Water for People	Vice Chair—John Alston	John Camden/Carrie Gardner Carrie provided an update on the raffle for the Water for People.

4. 2019 Conference Update—Robin provided an update for the activities prior to the conference. The vendor count is at 59 booths with about 130 registered for the conference.

5. 2020 Conference—April 21-23 in Great Falls

6. Fuller nomination process—John A brought up discussion regarding of the current Fuller nomination process and committee formation. The board discussed the committee will review again at the Fall meeting.
7. Nominations for Junior Trustee—Greg L discussed some of the potential, candidates.
8. Section By-Laws Revisions project—Katie Koch provided an overview of the update of the bylaws. The Board will review the proposed changes and will conduct an email vote, which will then send the proposed bylaws to National. Robin will send out a vote in May for the board.
9. 2019 EPA Training Agreement update—Robin provided an overview/update.
 - a. Barb Coffman/METC will facilitate. Grant amount to Section is \$4,200
 - b. November 6, 2019 in Helena
10. 2019 USDA Training Agreement—Greg already provided an update.
 - a. Optimizing Performance & Accessing Funding to Improve Small Systems
 - i. 2 free workshops will be given—Helena May 13th; October 1st in Billings
 - ii. Goal: To equip small systems with programs to self-assess and optimize operations, identify opportunities for improvement and funding; including RD Apply.
 - iii. Barb Coffman/METC will facilitate. Grant amount to Section is \$1500.
11. Distance CEUs/Recording conference presentations—Wayne/David
The board discussed the potential of this concept. Offering prerecorded presentations, Katie noted that Illinois does a significant amount of recording. David will follow-up w/ Katie on these details.
12. Agenda item for joint meeting/readdress joint legislative committee—Robin noted that this will was requested to be on the Joint agenda. Board discussed the issue and maintained the winter board vote that these Committees should remain separate.
13. Joint Policies & Procedures revisions/vote—The Board reviewed the proposed revisions and discussed the current comments. David noted that a social media policy is ready in draft review. Jeff made a motion to approve the revisions, John seconded the motion. The motion carried.
14. Other Business—
 - a. 2019 AWWA Fly In report—Nate
 - b. 2019 YP Summit San Antonio report—Keeley B. will give at joint meeting
 - c. ACE19 Denver June 9-12—
 - i. Taste Test Competition
 - d. Summer Workshop Denver: July 24-26, Carrie will be attending
 - e. 2019 RMSO Tucson: Oct. 31-Nov.2—Robin and Jeff J. attending
15. Adjourn – Greg made a motion, Jeff seconded by, the motion carried.