



**MSAWWA Board Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 21, 2020—9:00 am
Virtual Meeting hosted by AE2S, Inc. on Microsoft Teams**

Call To Order

1. Jeff Jensen called the meeting to order at 9AM

Old Business

1. Approve minutes of Spring Meeting
Keeley made a motion to approve the meeting mins, Carrie seconded, the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

New Business

1. 2020 Budget & Accounts update
Robin provide an update on the 2020 budget, overall budgets are looking favorable, the reduction in travel costs is helping with the COVID impacts. The Section did secure a \$10K CARES relief grant to assist with revenue losses

2. Director's Report
John provide the Directors Report: Melissa Essex is the new AWWA President, and AWWA National is working diligently on budget adjustments for COVID. In addition, National is also focusing on membership decline as a top priority. John is planning to attend the Virtual summit (Sept 23/24) which is a substitute for ACE 2020. John noted that the DC Fly-in is going to be virtual this spring.

3. MSAWWA Committee Reports:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Oversight</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>
Awards	Vice Chair—Carrie Gardner Jr. Trustee—Jason Fladland	No committee members Committee is currently looking for members Operator Meritorious & others
Education	Sr. Trustee—Keeley Barry	Doug Whitney No Committee update given conference cancellation.
Fuller Award	Director—John Alston	Group discussed that Jeff, as Chair, needs to appoint a new member here. John will assist Jeff in the process.

Legislative	Vice Chair—Carrie Gardner	Nate Weisenburger Carrie provided a legislative update from Nate. The DC Fly-in was cancelled, and AWWA is working on a survey of utilities to understand COVID impacts. John noted that Lead and copper continues to be a major topic for National as the rule is finalized.
Membership	Sr. Trustee—Keeley Barry	Matt Mudd Matt provided a membership report ahead of the meeting, the group assigned follow-up contacts.
Water for People	Vice Chair—Carrie Gardner	John Camden/Carrie Gardner Carrie provided an updated, the committee is looking into a virtual fundraiser for the new year

4. Joint Committee Reports to be given at Joint Board meeting
5. 2020 Conference cancellation/updates
Robin & the board discussed the 2020 conference cancellation. Overall, no negative feedback was received. Jason noted that he was working with DEQ on the CEC renewals, and that backflow certifications were also being adjusted given COVID.
6. 2021 Conference discussion
Robin & the board discussed 2021 conference planning, deciding to wait how winter developed but felt that a spring conference would likely not be able to be hosted in person.
7. EIDL Grant
Robin noted that the Section did received a \$10K COVID relief grant as an essential water service.
8. 2020 EPA and USDA Training Workshops update—Robin
 - a. USDA Workshop/July 2020 – Hosted Virtually, and attendance was good
 - b. New USDA Grant Agreement—3 workshops in 2021 - Robin has developed the agreement, and Barb has agreed to facilitate the training.
 - c. EPA Workshop/November 2020 - Robin donated some of her time to help support this training for the small system training
9. Other Business—
 - a. ACE20 Orlando: Group discussed ACE20 cancellation.
 - b. Summer Workshop webinars: No one was able to attend, Robin to send out a list of the webinars for new members.

- c. 2020 Virtual RMSO/October 20th: Tentatively planning for Carrie, Jason, David
 - d. Discuss participation in 2021 YP Summit:
 - e. Discuss participation in 2021 Membership Summit:
10. Gerry Lukasik—Group decided to discuss donation to the water equation on behalf of Gerry at the Winter Board meeting.
 11. Winter Meeting date set—All
 12. Adjourn – Keeley made a Motion to Adjourn, Seconded by Carrie. Meeting Adjourned.