

2020 MSAWWA MEMBERSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday April 23, 2020—9:00 am
Held virtually due to COVID-19 pandemic

Opening: MSAWWA Chair

John Alston called the meeting to order at 9:15AM, introduced the MSAWWA Board Members and their positions and made opening remarks. Greg Lukasik introduced the AWWA visiting officer, Randy Moore.

Randy Moore made some opening remarks, discussed AWWA's Innovation Initiative, and the diversity and inclusion initiative as part the overall National strategic plan.

John introduced Katie Koch as the sections' s AWWA Section Services Rep. Katie commented that AWWA is thankful for the all staff serving the water sector in the challenging times. COVID-19 continues to be a major focus in the water sector, AWWA is working on it No water No Hygiene initiative. AWWA is in constant contact with CDC, and the water sector is well represented at the Federal level.

Old Business—Approval of Spring 2019 Meeting Minutes.

Jeff Jensen made a motion to approve, Carrie seconded. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

New Business--

1. MSAWWA Director's Report

Greg Lukasik provided the Directors report. ACE 2020 is cancelled, which AWWA has been making ACE2019 available through its eLearning Program. Source water protection funding is available through the farm bill. USDA workshops is planned to be hosted before MT Rural water, and the fall training is still planned. Robin confirmed that DEQ has approved any AWWA and/or WEF provided training for CEC credits.

MSAWWA Business:

1. MSAWWA Chair's Report—John Alston – Noted above.
2. AWWA Update—Katie Koch, Section Services AWWA– Noted above.
3. Budget Report – John reviewed the budget and financials for the Section. The cancellation of the conference may present some financial challenges, but the Section is well positioned financially in terms of reserves. The Section is looking into Emergency Disaster Relief to potentially help with financial losses due to COVID impacts. Robin reviewed the account balances.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Awards – The conference was cancelled; no awards will be given this year. Barb noted that the Todd Teegarden award is published, and they plan to award this jointly next year.
 - b. Education – The conference was cancelled, no updates.
 - c. Legislative– Jeff & John provided an update, the DC Fly-in was cancelled, committee continues to work on the water utility council concept.
 - d. Membership – Matt provided an update on the membership status; Section has 252 Members. Focus is on membership retention, and Matt attended the membership summit which was a positive experience to represent Montana.
 - e. WFP – Carried provided an update on water for people. The Board decide to donate \$500 to water for people. John Camden noted that MT Rural Water is currently rescheduled for July.
 - f. Fuller Award – The conference was cancelled; no award will be given this year. The committee membership has been revised to reflect new representatives based on the new policy.
5. Junior Trustee Nominations/Election – Jason Fladland was appointed to the Board as the incoming Junior Trustee.
6. Vote to approve revised Montana Section AWWA Bylaws – The membership conducted an electronic voting process on the new bylaws, **the membership voted to approve the revised bylaws.**

Joint Committee Reports (Board Oversight):

1. Cross Connection Control – MSAWWA Chair—John Alston – Barb noted that they are trying to hold the June class, the group is deciding this week to continue with that plan. This is being closely coordinated with the college right now.
2. Exhibitors – No major report due to cancellation of 2020 Joint Conference. John noted that he is continuing to push for giving credits for visiting the exhibitor floor and plans to have available at the 2021 conference.
3. Host City – no report due to cancellation of 2020 Joint Conference, the planning complete will be saved for next year.
4. Information Management – Joint Information Committee Chair—David Carlson provided an update the committee continues to utilize the social media outlet to reach its membership and provide value.
5. Lifetime Achievement Award - Robin noted that no award will be given this year.
6. Program – nothing to report due to cancellation of 2020 Joint Conference.
7. Public Outreach—Rika noted to that nothing to report.
8. Scholarship – Joint Scholarship Committee Chair—Greg Lukasik provided an update the committee was successful in raising some additional funding and awarded three (3) \$1500 scholarships.
9. SYP – Joint SYP Committee Chair—Keeley Barry provided an update on the committee activities; the poster competition will be rescheduled for next year.

Robin noted that the 2021 conference is being coordinated with the MWEA and is currently planned to be held in Great Falls.

John Camden noted that the Montana Rural Water is working to restart the WARN system for Montana.

John Alston thanked Wayne Lovelis for his MSAWWA Board Leadership over the years, Jeff Jensen welcome Jason Fladland to the Board.

Adjourn Greg made a motion to adjourn, Wayne seconded, the motion carried.