



**MWEA 2021 FALL BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday: October 26 — 9:00 AM**  
**Virtual Meeting: [Join Microsoft Teams](#)**  
**Conference ID: 115 768 165#**  
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**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Neil DeZort at 9:02 AM. Present: Neil DeZort, Rika Lashley, Barb Coffman, Ryan Russ, Collette Anderson, Bruce Souder, Rodney Lance.

**Old Business:**

1. Review & Approve 2021 Spring Meeting Minutes: Rodney made a motion to approve the minutes. Rika seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. Welcome new Junior Trustee (Bruce Souder) and Senior Trustee (Collette Anderson)
2. Budget Report: The budget is in good shape. Spent approximately \$2,872.65 so far this fiscal year (May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022). Have gained \$1,254.23 in the Mutual fund account since May 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. Robin's Contract Renewal (Contract Dates are July 1 2021 – June 30, 2022): New Monthly Invoice: \$471.43. The contract was signed by Robin back in April and is finalized.
4. Discussion about Robin's role – stated frustrations with responsiveness and wondering if we would like the director to take on different tasks or a more active role, although no concrete ideas were presented. Generally very happy with past conference organizations – things are a bit different currently. Board will reach out to Robin at the Spring Conference to see if she still wants to be involved or maybe would like to step down.
5. MWEA Committee Reports:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Board Oversight</b>	<b>Committee Chair</b>
Beneficial Reuse: Now includes Resource Recovery. Not sure of current members. Gene attended some national meetings at the beginning of the year. Neil will follow up with Gene to see if he still wants to be the committee chair.	Senior Trustee – Collette A.	Gene C. - ?
Education: Nothing to report at this time.	President – Neil D.	Barb Coffman / Doug Whitney

Government Affairs: There is no committee at this time.	National Delegate – TBD	Amanda M. possibly
Honors & Awards: Need to confirm if Jeremy still wants to be the committee chair. Applications for awards should be sent in November. Rika will temporarily be the committee chair until a permanent one is in place. Will discuss more at the Spring Conference.	Past President – Rika L.	Acting Chari Rika L. until spring conference.
Grants for Teachers: Amy has a new application form with updated dates that she will pass on to Robin for the website. Amy has talked to several teachers and there have been no requests at this time. She does expect to have some requests between now and spring though.	Secretary/Treasurer – Rodney L.	Amy Deitchler
Long Range Planning: Did have a couple of conference calls last spring but no progress. Still no strategic plan draft. Long Range plan will need to be updated in 2023 (every 5-years).	President – Neil D.	Court Harris
Membership: Robin is the only one with access to it as there is only one license. 121 total members, 14 are new members, and 17 have expired memberships. Possibly divvy up the membership names so the board could reach out to those who have expired memberships to try and retain them.	President Elect – Barb C.	Laura Gundlach
Pretreatment: Couldn't find enough speakers/attendees for an in-person seminar in Havre so it has been rescheduled for November 30, 2021 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM as a virtual seminar.	Vice President – Ryan R.	Amy Deitchler
Stockholm Junior Water Prize: Nothing new to report at this time. More to come early next year before the science fairs start. Bruce will get with Kristi to see if she has any further information to provide.	Junior Trustee – Bruce S.	Kristi Kline
Stormwater: Committee was a little less active this past year, still interested in participating in webinars; Neil will reach out to Mace for further information.	President – Neil D.	Mace Mangold

6. Carryover discussions from the last Fall meeting plus new items:
  - a. Montana Operative Initiative – Barb and Ryan are working on this. Nothing new to report at this time.
  - b. Virtual Events for 2021 – Need for CECs is there. Neil will reach out to Craig Woolard about some of the frustrations of having virtual events that provide enough CECs for operators.
  - c. National Delegate Nominations – Kristi Kline and Karen Sanchez are not interested at this time. Still looking for someone to fill this position. Collette will reach out to Dave Aune. Neil will reach out to Scott Anderson and Paul Montgomery.

- d. Committee Oversight: Discussed the possibility of it being assigned to a person for the duration of their time on the board instead of by the board position. It could add some continuity to the committees. Ponder over the winter and make decision at the spring Board meetings.
  - e. Pre-conference responsibilities fall under MSAWWA.
7. Adjourn: Rodney made a motion to adjourn. Neil seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

**\*\* A motion was made by Neil DeZort by way of email on November 16, 2021 to appoint Dave Aune as the National Delegate. Collette Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.**