



MWEA FALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, 8 October 2019 — 9:30 AM
Morrison-Maierle: 1 Engineering Place • Helena, MT

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mike Abrahamson at 9:33 AM. Present: Amy Deitchler, Herb Bartle, Mike Abrahamson, Rika Lashley, Neil Dezort, Gene Connell, Barb Coffman, Rodney Lance.

Old Business:

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

New Business:

1. Budget Report: The budget is in good shape. Spent approximately \$4692.22 so far this fiscal year (May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020).
2. Robin's Contract Renewal (Contract Dates are July 1 2019 – June 30, 2020): Added cost of living adjustment to Robin's contract at 2.5% on a yearly basis. Contract has been revised to reflect the changes. Old Monthly Invoice: \$437.76. Current Monthly Invoice: \$448.71. The contract will be ready for signatures to be filled out at the spring meeting.
3. WEFTEC Report: Amy reported that WEFTEC went well as always. Brave Blue World – Amy is going to be involved with developing companion materials/handouts. Looking for volunteers to assist in getting people involved in using the Brave Blue World film for promoting/educating on water issues. The 50-minute video will be coming out in December and will be available for screening then through WEF. Eventually it may be available on Netflix.

MA Grant Program funding for \$100,000. It should fit into the strategic plan and vision. MAs can apply for it at wef.org.

There are many resources available at WEF for membership organizations through a resource sharing page on the wef.org website.

Different mobile apps are being used by several MAs during their conferences. May look into this in the future for our conferences.

Anti-harassment training may be coming to all MAs as several MAs have had issues with it lately.

WEFMAX in Jersey City, NJ March 25-27, 2020; WEFMAX in Charleston, SC May 13-15, 2020; WEFMAX in Hawaii and also in Fargo, ND. Looking at possibly having a

WEFMAX conference in Montana in 2024. Neil motion to host WEFMAX in 2024. Amy seconded the motion. Motion passed. WEFTEC for 2020 will be in New Orleans, LA.

4. MWEA Committee Reports:

Committee	Board Oversight	Committee Chair
<p>Beneficial Reuse: Now includes Resource Recovery. Discussed what is considered beneficial reuse and resource recovery; i.e. land application, solar, composting, etc. Looking at inventorying activities at Montana facilities and encourage to have a MWEA member on staff; informing people of the success and failures. Still looking for more committee members.</p>	<p>Senior Trustee – Gene C.</p>	<p>Gene C.</p>
<p>Education: Topic is Control Systems and Improving Efficiencies? MSAWWA is in charge of the Preconference for 2020. Will also include development of training materials for WW licensure test - see No. 6 below.</p>	<p>President – Mike A.</p>	<p>Barb Coffman / Doug Whitney</p>
<p>Government Affairs: There is no committee at this time. A discussion was had about keeping or doing away with the committee. The consensus was to keep the committee on paper for now.</p>	<p>National Delegate – Amy D.</p>	
<p>Honors & Awards: Jeremy is still working on application forms. Possibly having a leadership award will be brought up at the Joint Meeting. Amy will help by providing him with forms from the resource sharing with other MAs.</p>	<p>Past President – Herb B.</p>	<p>Jeremy Perlinski</p>
<p>Grants for Teachers: Amy has a new application form available. Applications will be sent out to the Board Members to be distributed to local schools/areas. People involved with home schooling can apply as well.</p>	<p>Secretary/Treasurer – Rodney L.</p>	<p>Amy Deitchler</p>
<p>Long Range Planning: A survey was sent out mid-September. Surveys are still in the process of being filled out and submitted. Once complete, results will be used to revise the Strategic Plan. A draft will be available at the Spring Meeting for the board to review.</p>	<p>President – Mike A.</p>	<p>Court Harris</p>
<p>Membership: 130 members. More expired members than new members this time around, many due to retirement. MWEA membership dues were brought up and whether or not to raise them. Amy will get with WEF on the range of membership dues and the board will further discuss at the Spring Meeting.</p>	<p>President Elect – Rika L.</p>	<p>Lora G.</p>

Pretreatment: Fall conference is October 30 in Kalispell.	Vice President – Neil D.	Amy Deitchler – Interim Chair
Stockholm Junior Water Prize: ISJWP winner was from Australia. Climate change is a concern for the SJWP. Science fairs are held in February/March. More to report at the spring meeting.	Junior Trustee – Barb C.	Kristi Kline / Rika Lashley
Stormwater: Committee is full of energy. Looking into possible tracks for the 2020 conference.	President – Mike A.	Lance Lehigh

5. Carryover discussion from last meeting:

- a. Investment of Money Market Account: \$5702.11. Had a meeting with the financial advisor on 8 Oct 2019 to close the money market account (\$5,702.11) and invested it into the Vanguard Wellesley Low Fee Mutual Fund. Previously invested CDs worth \$25,200.00 in September 2018. As of October 7th there was \$27,840.17 in the account which is a net gain of \$2,640.17.
 - b. Transferring money from checking and putting it into the Vanguard Wellesley Income Fund. Amy made a motion to leave funds in checking for now. Herb seconded the motion. Motion passed.
6. Proposal for Education Subcommittee – Development of Wastewater Certification Study Materials. Wastewater Treatment Fundamentals I – Liquid Treatment book is available now and Wastewater Treatment Fundamentals II – Solids Treatment book will be available in November? The study materials have PowerPoint slides for each section that are pretty detailed and can take a lot of time to go through. The Education committee (Barb Coffman chairing it) will continue her work with DEQ and METC staff on revising the slides into a shorter presentation that can be used for future training seminars. Pictures of local plants and treatment processes can probably be received from MWEA members and maybe Robin.
 7. YP – Proposal for splitting ½ the cost with MSAWWA of sending a YP to YP Summit. MWEA is already supporting it with a budget of \$2,500 total for S&YP.
 8. Preconference 2020. MSAWWA will be responsible for the 2020 preconference. Topic will be Control Systems and Improving Efficiencies?
 9. MSAWWA-MWEA Joint Conference 2020. Will be in Great Falls. Will be looking for nominations for the Delegate position as Amy's term is up. She stated that if nominated she would do it again.
 10. Adjourn: Rodney made a motion to adjourn. Amy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.