



MWEA SPRING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 14,, 2018 — 1:00 PM
Hilton Garden Inn: Missoula, MT
Room: Bitterroot C

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Jeremy Perlinski at 1:14 PM. Present: Amy Deitchler, Jeremy Perlinski, Herb Bartle, Mike Abrahamson, Rika Lashley, Neil DeZort, Rodney Lance.

Introductions – Ifetayo Venner, WEF Board of Trustees Delegate

Old Business:

1. Review & Approve Fall Meeting Minutes: Amy made a motion to approve the minutes. Herb seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business:

1. Budget Report: The budget is in good shape. Spent approximately \$547 less this year than the previous year, May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018. Will discuss “Water for People” budget and address at Fall Meeting for potential candidates to receive the funds.
2. Robin’s Contract Renewal (Contract Dates are July 1 2017 – June 30, 2018): Added cost of living adjustment to Robin’s contract at 2.5% on a yearly basis. Contract has been revised to reflect the changes. Current Monthly Invoice: \$427.08. New Monthly Invoice: \$437.76. Herb will have to get with Robin and Rodney to get the contract renewed in a timely manner.
3. MWEA Committee Reports:

Committee	Board Oversight	Committee Chair
Beneficial Reuse: No nominations for recipients this year. Discussed having it awarded annually with recipient only eligible every three years.	Senior Trustee – Rika L.	Terry C.
Education: Need to start planning now on putting a great pre-conference for the following year, 2019. Get some ideas.	President – Jeremy P.	Nancy C.
Government Affairs: Nothing to report at this time from Scott B.	National Delegate – Amy D.	Scott B.
Honors & Awards: Jeremy discussed again having a general application to fill out that can be used for submitting for each award. Jeremy will work on	Past President – Starr S.	Jeremy P.

<p>creating the applications that will be sent out to the board later this year so it can be reviewed. Mike mentioned the board should reach out to DEQ as they deal with the plants on a regular basis and may know who to submit for the awards. Increase budget to provide funds for local press release news articles. Look at possibly adding Operator Ingenuity and Lab Technician to the annual awards. This year's awards are: City of Deer Lodge – Small Systems Awards, and the William D. Hatfield Award – Rodney Lance</p>		
<p>Grants for Teachers: Awarded \$1150 to Capital High School in Helena. \$466 to Whitefish High School. Amy is still reaching out to school districts to promote the program. Jeremy/Amy proposed allocating another \$500 to this budget. Move \$500 from Education Scholarship to Grant for Teachers as there has not been much interest in people applying for the scholarship. Amy motioned to transfer \$500 from Education Scholarship to Grants for Teachers. Rika seconded the motion. Motion passed.</p>	<p>Secretary/Treasurer – Rodney L.</p>	<p>Amy D.</p>
<p>Long Range Planning: Jeremy P. has updated the plan and it has been forwarded to the board. Committee Chairs need to review it and then get with their committees to revise what is pertinent to their respective committees. Rika will update the final draft. Send comments to her.</p>	<p>President – Jeremy P.</p>	<p>Michele M.</p>
<p>Membership: 132 current members. 12 in the grace period (within a couple of months of expiring). 10 expired members. 5 new members.</p>	<p>President Elect – Herb B.</p>	<p>Mike J.</p>
<p>Pretreatment: Committee is doing a great job.</p>	<p>Vice President – Mike A.</p>	<p>LeAnn W.</p>
<p>Stockholm Junior Water Prize: Regional winners: a. Butte / Missoula – Mia Foster (Hellgate High School) (\$100) b. Great Falls – Madison & Mackenzie Wiegand (Simms High School) (\$25 each) Montana State winner was: Lucas Ritzdorf (\$603.10 for airfare)</p>	<p>Junior Trustee – Neil D.</p>	<p>Kristi K.</p>
<p>Stormwater: Working on creating the states first stormwater chapter and having a report card which will be submitted to ASCE every 5 years. Sent surveys to communities with over 4K people. Once results of the completed surveys come in and after analyzing them they will publish the results. Created a MailChimp account so people can follow the information. If interested will need to</p>	<p>President – Jeremy P.</p>	<p>Lance L.</p>

start coordinating now for a larger stormwater conference. Would like to set up a conference call to discuss in detail the steps going forward. Explore options with Chris French going forward if we want to combine the stormwater conference with the MSAWWA-MWEA joint conference in 2020. Discuss in further detail at Fall meeting.		
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4. Carryover discussion from last meeting:

- a. Feasibility of whether DEQ can support/provide training and certification exams at future conferences – Hurdles to overcome are: DEQ has to approve it, need instructors for it, and need space at the conference for it. Follow up with Starr on what he found out from DEQ. Have a conversation with MSAWWA to see if it is even feasible. This is not feasible. Will not support this in the future.
 - b. How to invest CD #3 now that it is rolled into checking account. A low fee mutual fund is the way to go. MSAWWA chose a Vanguard fund, Wellesley Income fund. There is a little more risk investing in a mutual fund rather than a CD but there is potential for greater return. It is important that the Board looks at the budget and tries to get as much reinvestment for the members. Amy made a motion to invest all three CDs as they mature into a low fee mutual fund, Wellesley Income Fund. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed.
 - c. Discussion on usefulness of Government Affairs Committee. Possible options: survey from Membership; combine with AWWA; eliminate? Talk with MSAWWA about possibility of combining the committee with MSAWWA.
 - d. Review and approve revisions to Strategic and Long-Range. Neil motioned to accept the modified Strategic Plan. Rika seconded the motion. The motion passed. Rodney motioned to accept the modified Long Range Plan. Neil seconded the motion. The motion passed.
5. Preconference 2019. MWEA will be responsible for the 2019 preconference. Start kicking around ideas and send them to Nancy C. or Jeremy P. Ideas brought forward are: Public Outreach (possibly one track, not an 8 hour topic), Regulatory Updates and How to Prepare as a Community, Resource Recovery, Optimization of Treatment Plants, Operations, etc.
6. Adjourn: Rodney made a motion to adjourn. Amy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.