



MWEA 2021 SPRING BOARD MEETING
Monday: April 19, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

Virtual Meeting: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

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Rika talked to Gene prior to the start of the meeting and found that Gene is resigning from the board citing frustrations with himself for not bringing more to the organization and would rather not stay in the position.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Rika Lashley at 9:17 AM. Present: Mike Abrahamson, Rika Lashley, Ryan Russ, Rodney Lance.

Old Business:

1. Review & Approve 2020 Fall Meeting Minutes: Mike 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 \$8506.81 so far this fiscal year (May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021). Have gained \$3,828.19 in the Mutual fund account since May 1st. With this gain plus the \$5,000 grant Robin obtained for MWEA, we covered expenses for the year with a little bit to spare.
2. Robin's Contract Renewal (Contract Dates are July 1 2021 – June 30, 2022): 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: \$459.93. New Monthly Invoice: \$471.43. The contract is ready and awaiting Robin's signature to be finalized.
3. MWEA Committee Reports:

Committee	Board Oversight	Committee Chair
Beneficial Reuse: Now includes Resource Recovery. Not sure of current members. Gene will probably also resign for the chair position.	Senior Trustee – Barb C.	Gene C.
Education: Wastewater training materials are completed and DEQ is using the materials.	President – Rika L..	Barb Coffman / Doug Whitney
Government Affairs: There is no committee at this time.	National Delegate – TBD	?
Honors & Awards: Discussed whether to have the awards, there are several, mailed out or presented in-person. Board agreed to have it either mailed or	Past President – Mike A.	Jeremy Perlinski

presented in-person if possible to the winners. Announce at Virtual Membership meeting and/or newsletter. Received just a couple of partial nominations for the awards for the Lifetime Achievement and Todd Teagarden awards. Plan is to wait until next year to nominate and award.		
Grants for Teachers: Nothing to report at this time.	Secretary/Treasurer – Rodney L.	Amy Deitchler
Long Range Planning: Did have a couple of conference calls but no progress. Still no draft	President – Rika L.	Court Harris
Membership: Nothing new to report. Inability to access the report? Robin has access to it.	President Elect – Neil D.	Laura Gundlach
Pretreatment: Nothing new to report.	Vice President – Gene C.	Amy Deitchler
Stockholm Junior Water Prize: Nothing new to report. Ryan will check to see if there were any online entries for 2021.	Junior Trustee – Ryan R.	Kristi Kline
Stormwater: Committee was a little less active this past year, still interested in participating in webinars; Rika to email update to board at a later date.	President – Rika L.	Mace Mangold

4. 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. Will ask John Alston at the Joint Meeting for an update. From the Joint Meeting John provided an update that Craig Woolard is planning for the spring water schools virtually, potentially in person in the fall. John will send along the invitation so the Boards can share this with its members.
 - b. Virtual Events for 2021 – Webinar had small response, largely due to very limited advertising and short notice. Need for CECs is there.
 - e. National Delegate Nominations – Kristi Kline possibly. Ryan will discuss with Kristi if she is possibly interested in this position. Rika will talk with Karen Sanchez.
 - f. Junior Trustee Nominations – Need two members as Gene is stepping down and all positions are moving up to fill the gap. Rika encouraged all to talk to everyone they know and ask them to keep spreading the word to help find nominees.
 - g. Virtual Membership Meeting – Need to have one prior to end of May as there wasn't a Membership Meeting last year. Propose to MSAWWA to have joint meeting.
5. Adjourn: Mike made a motion to adjourn. Rodney seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 AM.