



MWEA SPRING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 22, 2019 — 1:00 PM
Billings Hotel & Convention Center: Billings, MT
Room: 1009

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Herb Bartle at 1:06 PM. Present: Amy Deitchler, Jeremy Perlinski, Herb Bartle, Mike Abrahamson, Rika Lashley, Neil DeZort, Rodney Lance, Joanie Hawley, Lance Lehigh

Introductions – Joanie Hawley, WEF Board of Trustees Delegate

Old Business:

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

New Business:

1. Stormwater Committee Report: Lance Lehigh / Kyle Mehrens on speaker phone. Status of Stormwater Committee – meet on a monthly basis for approximately an hour. Public and Private sector working together on committee. Developed 2019 working plan. Set up Gmail account to store all documents. Looking to set up a website and will get with Robin on the details of it. Stormwater manufacturing is expanding exponentially. Not all are created equal. Need to ensure proper specs are enforced and met. Would like to join and participate in the National Municipal Stormwater Association to stay on top of the current and upcoming regulations. Will try to have topic(s) ready for the 2019 Fall MWEA Meeting. Propose at the Spring 2019 Joint Meeting that the three tracts for 2020 conference are Water, Wastewater and Stormwater. Committee will need to know monetary need for the future.
2. Budget Report: The budget is in good shape. Spent approximately \$163 less this year than the previous year, May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018. Low Fee Mutual Fund is doing good after a rocky start. At fall meeting we had \$24,680.15, which was a loss of \$519.85. The portfolio has gained \$1,035.11 since the initial investment of \$25,200 on 26 Sept 2018, as of 18 April 2019. Jeremy motioned to transfer Money Market funds (\$5714.79) into Low Fee Mutual. Amy seconded the motion. The motion passed. Jeremy motioned to approve the budget as written. Rika seconded it. Motion passed.
3. Robin's Contract Renewal (Contract Dates are July 1 2017 – June 30, 2018): Added cost of living adjustment to Robin's contract at a 2.5% yearly basis. Contract has been revised to reflect the changes. Current Monthly Invoice: \$437.76. New Monthly Invoice: \$448.71. Contract is ready to be signed by appropriate parties.

4. 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 – Neil D.	Possibly Michelle Marsh?
Education: Working on conference. Nothing new to report.	President – Herb Bartle	Doug Whitney
Government Affairs: Nothing to report at this time. No committee at this time.	National Delegate – Amy Deitchler	
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 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: Saint Regis – Small Systems Awards, and the Bedell Award – Dana Audet.	Past President – Jeremy Perlinksi	Jeremy Perlinksi
Grants for Teachers: Awarded \$833.36 to Washington Middle School in Miles City (Mr. Bill Tramp).	Secretary/Treasurer – Rodney Lance	Amy Deitchler
Long Range Planning: Rika discussed Court has some good ideas going forward. A survey was supposed to go out in January but it did not. Will go out later this year. Will go into the Strategic Plan and Long Range Plan will get updated.	President – Herb Bartle	Court Harris
Membership: 132 current members. 12 in the grace period (within three months of expiring). 47 expired members. 20 new members and a handful are students. WEF is working on the membership	President Elect – Mike Abrahamson	Rika Lashley
Pretreatment: Committee is struggling right now. Lost a lot of interest as of late. Looking for a new committee chair as Amy has too much on her plate as it is.	Vice President – Rika Lashley	Amy Deitchler
Stockholm Junior Water Prize: Regional winners:	Junior Trustee – Gene Connell	Kristi Kline / Rika Lashley

<p>a. Butte / Missoula – Ella DeGrandpre (\$50)</p> <p>b. Great Falls – Madison & Mackenzie Wiegand (Simms High School) (\$25 each)</p> <p>c. Deadline to submit paperwork for state winner was April 15. At least two of the regional winners did not submit paperwork.</p> <p>Montana State winner was: ?</p> <p>Maybe do some outreach with communities to ensure they are familiar with the SJWP.</p>		
<p>Stormwater: Please see comments above.</p>	<p>President – Herb Bartle</p>	<p>Lance Lehigh</p>

5. Carryover discussion from last meeting:

- a. Water for People – Get with WEF for possibly matching funds.
- b. Discussion on usefulness of Government Affairs Committee. Discuss at the Joint Meeting on the feasibility of it. MSAWWA has an active committee while the MWEA does not. Is there really a need for both sections to have their own committee or should it be combined into a single joint committee.
- c. S&YP Budget approval – Amy motioned to lower Joint Committee from \$1000 to \$500 and for S&YP have its own line item in the budget of \$2500. Mike seconded the motion. Motion approved.

6. Adjourn: Rodney made a motion to adjourn. Jeremy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 PM.