

2024 MSAWWA—MWEA JOINT MEMBERSHIP

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday April 25, 2024—7:30 am

Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula MT Location: Rooms E-F

- 1) Opening: MWEA President—Collette Anderson called the meeting to order.

MSAWWA Chair—Jason Fladland

- 2) Old Business—Approval of Spring 2023 Joint Membership Meeting Minutes
  - a) Rodney made a motion to approve, Keeley seconded, the minutes were approved.
- 3) New Business—
  1. MWEA Delegate’s Report—Scott Buecker
    - a. Scott provided an update from WEFTEC, Advocacy, Workforce Development, DEI, thanked Janet for being traveling to be a part of our conference.
  2. MSAWWA Director’s Report—Carrie Gardner
    - a. Carrie provided an update, Heather Collins is the new president elect. Water2025, ACE will be held in Anaheim
- 4) Joint Committee Reports (Board Oversight):
  1. Cross Connection Control – MSAWWA Sec/Treasurer—David Carlson/MWEA Sec/Treasurer—Rika Lashley
    - a. Backflow hosted 4 certifications, and certified 175 testers throughout the state.
  2. Exhibitors – MSAWWA Sr. Trustee—Jarrett Moran/MWEA—Rickey Schultz
    - a. Ricky provided an update that exhibitors, asked the group consider giving the free booth away a different time.
  3. Host City – MSAWWA Chair—Jason Fladland/MWEA—Rika Lashley
  4. Information Management – MSAWWA Jr. Trustee—Andy Schultz/MWEA—Matt Waite.
    - a. David Provided any update.
  5. Lifetime Achievement Award – MSAWWA Natl. Director—Carrie Gardner/MWEA—Scott Buecker
    - a. Jeremy provided an overview of the awards, Rika asked to rename this committee “Joint Awards.”
  6. Program – MSAWWA Chair—Jason Fladland/MWEA—Barb Coffman
    - a. Amy provided an update that the program committee will be looking for presentations for next year.

7. Public Outreach—MSAWWA Vice Chair—Matt Mudd/MWEA—Collette Anderson
  - a. Rika provided an update that this committee is brainstorming and looking forward content and ideas to share.
8. Scholarship – MSAWWA Past Chair—Keeley McBryde/MWEA—Rodney Lance
  - a. Greg provided an overview of the success scholarship committee.
9. SYP – MSAWWA Past Chair—Keeley McBryde/MWEA—Rodney Lance – Keeley provided an update on the committee success. Student Poster Competition was a successful event.

**5) MWEA Business: Collette Anderson, MWEA President**

1. President's report
  - a. Budget Report – Rika presented the budget and expenses to date, and account balances.
  - b. Budget Approval – Rodney made a motion to approve, Amy seconded, approved.
- 6) Adopted By-Laws
  - a) Collette reviewed the by-law revisions, Rodney made a motion to approve, Jeremy Perlinski seconded, the by-laws were adopted.

**7) Committee Reports**

1. Beneficial Reuse – No Report available.
2. Education – No Report, Preconference was held by MSAWWA.
3. Grants For Teachers – Committee considering working with Public Outreach to get the information out.
4. Honors/Awards – Rodney noted that there were lots of nominations, which is great and commended Jeremy with the leadership.
5. Long Range Planning – Committee does not exist.
6. Membership – Collette noted that 130 members.
7. Pretreatment – Committee needs to be reenergized.
8. Stockholm Jr. Water Prize –
9. Stormwater – No Report available.
10. Junior Trustee Nominations/Election – Collette asked for nominations for, Jeremy Perlinski nominated Adam Marsh, City of Missoula, Rika Lashley nominated Ryan Urbanik with USDA-RD. Nominee's introduced themselves, elections were conducted. Adam Marsh was elected.
11. Progression of MWEA Board
  - a. Incoming President Bruce Souder
  - b. Outgoing President Collette Anderson

**8) MSAWWA Business: Jason Fladland, MSAWWA Chair**

a) Chair's Report – Jason Fladland provided a chair report

9) Budget Report – Robin provided an overview of the budget and expenses to date, and account finances. Overall, the Section is in strong financial standing.

10) Committee Reports

1. Awards - Recap of the previous nights awards where provided.
2. Education – Ben provided an overview of a success preconference.
3. Legislative – Nate provided an update and successful fly-in, PFAS, Affordability, Lead and Copper, Cybersecurity. John Camden added that MTRWS will providing legislative services & will be reaching out for support from the organization.
4. Membership – Matt reported that membership is strong.
5. WFP – Carrie noted that WFP raffle raised over \$1800.
6. Fuller Award – Jason congratulated Keeley McBryde on her George W. Fuller award.
7. Junior Trustee Nominations/Election
  - a. Nate nominated Ben Rigby with the City of Helena, No other nominations were received. Ben accepted the nomination and was confirmed as the new Junior Trustee.
8. Progression of MSAWWA Board
  - a. Incoming Chair Matt Mudd
  - b. Outgoing Chair Jason Fladland
9. Other Business

11) Adjourn: Rodney made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carrie G, the meeting was adjourned.