



Kansas Water Environment Association

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6209 SW 24th Terrace
Topeka, Kansas 66614**

**Meeting Date: January 8, 2009
CAS Construction Company: Topeka, Kansas**

Executive Board Present:

- (x) Amy Kliewer Past President
- (x) Michael Rudy President
- (x) Joe Foster President – Elect
- (x) Jeanette Klamm Vice – President
- (x) Sylvan Coles Sec-Treasurer
- () Jerry Davies PWO Trustee
- () Pat Toby Sr. Director
- (x) Dan Ott Jr. Director
- (x) Marc Pedrotti Mfgr. Trustee
- () James Tush Convention
- () Roxann Slater Ambassador

Committee Chairs Present:

- () Betsy Betros Industrial
- () Larry Chapple Municipal Management
- () Phil Burns Municipal Tech Transfer
- () Jim Martin Constitution & Bylaws
- () David Hauser Audit
- () Floyd Koder Safety
- () Kathy Windham Laboratory
- () Page Burks Publications
- () Andy Sauer Watershed Management
- () Lee Kellenberger Watershed Management
- () Jamie Beldon Plant Awards
- () Jade Dundas Plant Awards
- () Doug Nolkemper Membership
- () Vinta Varghese Public Education
- () Rajbarath Panneerselvam Public Education
- () Chris Burns Collection System
- () John Metzler Government Affairs
- () M. Schlickbernd Publicity / WEF Awards
- () Joe Mester Scholarship
- (x) Tina Leitzel Web Master
- (x) Garrett Sheehan Young Professionals
- () Mike Hafling Young Professionals
- () Biosolids
- () Matt Bond Nominating
- () B. Gagnon-Lewis SJWP Committee

Others in Attendance:

Future Board Meetings:

- March 5, 2009 (10:00 A.M.) CAS Construction Company

Preliminary Items

- Reviewed Agenda.
- Approved Minutes of October 2, 2008.

Financial Report:

Sylvan updated the Executive Board with regard to the status of CD's, checking, and the Scholarship Fund.

Splashing's Deadlines:

- January 2, 2009 (Spring Issue)
- May 1, 2009 (Summer Issue)

Action Items:

- Sylvan to visit with Terry Pajor to set up Joint Checking Account for Conference.
- The Board recognized the City of Lawrence for their receipt of the National Biosolids Award.
- The Board to send a letter of support for Matt Bonds' WEF VP nomination to WEF.
- Sylvan to update on-line the certification criteria and to post guidance manuals.
- Tina to make sure that the papers from the Nutrient Reduction Conference are posted on the web.

Executive Board Actions Taken:

- Approved a motion to budget \$4000 for travel to WEFMAX.
- Approved a motion to support Matt Bond nomination to the position of WEF VP.
- Approved a motion to promote training materials on-line.
- Approved a motion to send a letter to Congress in support of the Economic Stimulus Bill.

Old Business:

The Role of Past-Presidents – Michael Rudy

Michael brought up for discussion the long time concern of the Board regarding the fact that it has been difficult for KWEA to keep Past-Presidents involved in the organization despite the need for their expertise. Some suggested roles for Past-Presidents include:

- Long Range Planning
- Scholarship Fund Promotion
- Visioning

Amy Kliewer has agreed to contact Past-Presidents to form a committee which would be chaired by the immediate Past-President for the purpose of bringing this valuable resource back for the benefit of KWEA in one of the above mentioned topics or some other mission yet to be determined.

New Business:

Long Range Planning Meeting:

Michael brought up for discussion the need for KWEA to hold another Long Range Planning (LRP) meeting. Amy suggested that we review the 2003 meeting to determine where we are at and how we feel about it. We may follow up by bringing together Past-Presidents in April or May, 2009 to facilitate a new LRP.

WEFMAX:

The Board discussed the need to be represented at WEFMAX and selected the following individuals to represent us at the meeting: Michael Rudy, Joe Foster, Jeanette Klamm, Amy Kliever, & Dan Ott. Two Young Professionals also will be selected to attend the meeting in Las Vegas. The budget is set at \$4,000 which breaks down to approximately \$600 per attendee.

Matt Bond Nomination:

The Board unanimously approved a motion to support the nomination of Matt Bond to the position of WEF Vice-President. A letter will be signed by the Board and sent to WEF on Matt's behalf.

Committee Reports – Professional Development & Education

Collections Committee: The MACP / PACP Training which WAS held on November 18-19, 2009 was attended by 23. Duane Seals of Ace Pipe Cleaning provided the instruction.

The Committee is now working to name a recipient of the Raymond Stillwell Award.

Municipal Management Committee: The committee is working with KsAWWA to identify session topics for the upcoming conference.

Laboratory Committee: Kathy reports that the committee will meet in February to formulate conference topics for discussion. Joe Foster will ask the committee to meet with KsAWWA to finalize the session topics.

Safety Committee: The Committee is exploring the idea of a safety award to contractors for outstanding projects

Committee Reports – Member Services & Operations

Membership Report : Doug provided the Board with a list of members who are on the delinquent list

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee is waiting for the end of year tallies before their next budget meeting. Sylvan to provide.

Web Site Committee: Tina is currently updating the training and certification databases. She asked that Committee and Board members review their information on the site to make sure that all is accurate and up to date. If not, please send her the information.

Committee Reports - External Relations & Outreach

No reports from the following Committees: Publicity & Awards, Government Affairs, Plant Awards, & Watershed.

Public Education Committee: The Committee made a couple of presentations regarding Wet Weather to area schools.

Student & Young Professional Committee:

Garrett reported that we now have a new champion in Craig Adams at the University of Kansas. Also a flyer was sent out to students regarding the Poster Competition. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2009. If there is enough interest, a site will have to be located to display and judge the entries.

A YP event was held at the Biosecurity Research Institute in Manhattan, KS, on December 11. The facility tour was attended by 6-7 people. After the tour, there was social event in Aggieville sponsored by Aero-Mod.

Dan reported that a YP lunch & learn is being planned for the near future in the Kansas City area around the topic of Project Management. Ed McGrath is working on a fund raising event for YP's so they can work towards becoming more self-sustaining and sponsoring more activities. Maya Turner (formerly Scott) is currently working on activities for YP's for the upcoming conference. Some joint activities with the Missouri Water Environment Association are also being planned.

For the upcoming YP Summit at WEFMAX in Las Vegas, the SYP Committee recommends that Travis and Maya attend as local YP representatives. Travis attended the YP Summit last year.

Scholarship Committee: Joe Mester reports that the committee is planning to award the University scholarships in April and make the final recognition at the conference. The committee will present the junior college awards at the conference.

Stockholm Junior Water Prize: Becky is hoping to get support from the Board to further promote the Stockholm Junior Water Prize to Kansas Science Teachers. Becky has a list of Kansas Science teachers who have expressed interest in the program that was provided by WEF.

The Board encourages Becky to send out an email to Board / Committee members encouraging them to adopt a school in their area.

The WEF will host a webinar in February, 2009 on the fundamentals of organizing a SJWP event.

PWO Discussion: Now that Jerry Davies has retired, the Board will begin the search for a replacement for Jerry. Hopefully a replacement can be named by the next Board meeting.

Joint Conference Discussion 2009

Marc provided the Board with an overview of the conference. The purpose of the overview was to update the Board on what had been decided by KWEA & KsAWWA to date and what yet had to be decided. The purpose of this update was to resolve the remaining issues prior to the January 16, 2009 meeting between KWEA & KsAWWA.

The following items were decided upon:

- KWEA would contribute \$1500 to match KsAWWA for the purpose of furnishing prizes for the conference drawings.
- KWEA would collect the proceeds from the Golf Tournament for the Scholarship fund and KsAWWA would collect the proceeds from the Clay Shoot for its Water for People Benefit.
- The KWEA will not sponsor a Young Professional's Poster Contest this year.
- Rod Philo is working on the rules and questions for the Environmental Excellence Competition.