



Kansas Water Environment Association

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6209 SW 24th Terrace
Topeka, Kansas 66614**

**Meeting Date: January 14, 2010
CAS Construction Company: Topeka, Kansas**

Executive Board Present:

(x)	Michael Rudy	Past President
(x)	Joe Foster	President
(x)	Jeannette Klamm	President – Elect
(x)	Page Burks	Vice – President
(x)	Sylvan Coles	Sec-Treasurer
()	Rod Philo	PWO Trustee
()	Dan Ott	Sr. Director
(x)	Amy Kliewer	Jr. Director
(x)	Marc Pedrotti	Mfgr. Trustee
()	James Tush	Convention
()	Roxann Slater	Ambassador

Committee Chairs Present:

()	Betsy Betros	Industrial
()	John O’Neil	Municipal Management
(x)	Phil Burns	Municipal Tech Transfer
()	Jim Martin	Constitution & Bylaws
()	David Hauser	Audit
()	Floyd Koder	Safety
()	Kathy Windham	Laboratory
()	Isaac Crabtree	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
(x)	Brian Spano	Publicity / WEF Awards
()	Joe Mester	Scholarship
(x)	Tina Leitzel	Web Master
(x)	Lorrie Hill	Young Professionals
()	Travis Stryker	Young Professionals
()	Michael Rudy	Nominating
()	B. Gagnon-Lewis	SJWP Committee

Others in Attendance:

Garrett Sheehan

Future Board Meetings:

- March 25, 2010

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Preliminary Items

- Reviewed Agenda.
- Approved Minutes of October 29, 2009 as presented.
- Spring Workshop tentatively planned for March 16, 2010 in Arkansas City, Kansas.

Financial Report:

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

Splashing's Deadlines:

- Fenruary 15, 2010

Action Items:

- An email will be sent out from the Board soliciting pictures as well as short bios of the Executive Board and Committee Chairs.
- A meeting will be scheduled with interested past presidents as well as Howard Duncan & Mel Gray to begin write-up of the 75 year of KWEA.
- Contact Rod Hofer for article about wastewater system tour in Europe.
- Add Stockholm Junior Water Prize Chair to website.
- Joe Foster to schedule KWEA meetings to compliment KsAWWA meetings to facilitate information flow between the groups.
- Board members to think about a Tag Line for our new display which will be furnished by WEF. Tina will also give some thought to the line.

Motions:

The Board approved a motion to fund the travel of 8 of its members to WEFMAX meetings. A total of \$5800 has been set aside. The YP travel to Puerto Rico is budgeted at \$900 per person and the individuals attending the other venues are budgeted at \$800. Attendees include: Dan Ott, Amy Kliewer, Michael Rudy, Sylvan Coles, Maya Turner, Joe Foster, Jeanette Klamm & Ed McGrath.

Old Business:

75th Anniversary Discussion: Amy Kliewer will be meeting in the coming weeks with a contingent of Past-Presidents and Howard Duncan & Mel Gray to begin documenting the 75 year history of KWEA. A meeting is planned at Tellers in Lawrence over lunch to kick off the task. Amy mentioned that we may have to develop a budget if we want the information in hardcopy. Electronic copy has also been suggested.

Tina and Sylvan will also be looking at a pin to commemorate the occasion. The pin design has been decided upon.

Professional Development & Education:

KWEA Annual Report: Jeannette Klamm mentioned that the Annual Report is now posted on our web site at www.kwea.net .

Annual Joint Conference Review: Marc Pedrotti shared his review of the Conference attendance split with KsAWWA and the proceeds have been split based on the relative attendance of the organizations (65% KWEA – 35% KsAWWA). Both groups were pleased with the split and KsAWWA has agreed to extend its relationship with KWEA for an additional 3 years through 2013.

Jeanette also mentioned that she is working closely with Dave Reed of KsAWWA on upcoming conference and that the Call for Papers will be in this issue of Splashings.

Laboratory Committee: No Report..

Collections Committee: The next meeting is set for January 22, 2010. A two-day PACP/MACP Training workshop is planned for February 4-5, 2010 at the City of Olathe. The Committee will be preparing the nomination form and the submittal information for the National Collection Systems Individual Award for Bill Carter. This is due to WEF by April 1, 2010.

Municipal Management Committee: No Report

Municipal Technology Transfer: No Report

Safety Committee: No report

Program Committee: No Report

Industrial Committee: No Report

Member Services & Operations:

Senior Delegate's Report: Dan Ott

Dan has been appointed co-chair on the WEF Government Affairs Wet Weather Workgroup. The Workgroup's next conference call is scheduled for January 20th, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss potential activities for this group in 2010.

The Government Affairs people have resurrected the "WEF Washington Briefs" event. It is scheduled for March 15-16, 2010. Attendance is a good opportunity to connect with key Washington leaders on issues that are important to MA's.

Junior Delegates Report: Amy Kliewer

The House of Delegates have 5 workgroups this year:

1. House/MA Representation - reviewing current policy on size, voting privileges, and representation of MAs in the House.
2. Ways & Means - looking at potential clarification and enhancement of the Policies and Procedures

3. WEF/MA Relationship - continuing the work done last year with the surveys and recommendations to improve and enhance the relationship between WEF and the MAs.
4. Operator Involvement/Outreach - working to identify barriers to expanding the involvement of operators and maintenance staff and identifying resources and services needed by these groups.

The WEFMAX workgroup has become a standing committee, because the work that it does is ongoing.

Amy is working on the Ways and Means workgroup and Dan is on the Operator Involvement/Outreach group. Meetings for the workgroups are held by conference call and email. Reports and potential recommendations will be presented at the WEFMAX meetings.

WEF is continuing to work on the recommendations from the WEF/MA relationship surveys. These recommendations mainly involve better communication and efforts from WEF administrative staff. Some suggestions may eventually have future budget implications which will have to be considered, but these are not expected to significantly impact the budget. WEF is operating with about \$2 million less in revenue than a year ago and staff has been looking at ways to trim expenses. Despite this economic situation, WEF has ended the year in the "black" and does not expect the budget to negatively impact any programs or services.

Audit Committee: No Report

Constitution & Bylaws Update: No Report

Finance Committee: Sylvan to provide year end report by the end of January, 2010. The Committee will meet thereafter to put together a budget.

Membership Committee: No Report

Plant Awards Committee: No Report

Student & Young Professional Committee:

Dan Ott reported that the Committee met on January 5, 2010 and had a productive meeting. Dan intends to visit with the Board regarding an event to bring YP's together with KWEA Past Presidents for a networking/mentoring/social opportunity. He is also hoping that the Past Presidents may be a good source of potential speakers for future YP Lunch & Learn events.

Lorrie Hill reported that the committee is planning for 4 events again this year, beginning with a tour (possibly Hills Pet Nutrition in Topeka) in February/March, a lunch & learn event in the 2nd quarter, an event at the conference, and a fall fundraiser. The MOAWWA approached KWEA as well as MWEA and KSAWWA about a joint YP event in February – a tour and socializing at the Boulevard Brewery. The committee chairs of each group are looking into this event and finalizing details including funding. Lorrie will send a summary of how the YP's are handling

alcohol-related funding to Sylvan for insurance approval (She will do this once the YP's figure out if we have any funding from KSAWWA/MOAWWA).

The committee is planning to hold the student poster competition again in April in Topeka. Details will be finalized and advertised to the students.

Kayla Manning is working with Tina on updating the YP portion of the website.

The YP Summit is in March in conjunction with WEFMAX in Puerto Rico – Ed McGrath and Maya Turner from the SYP committee will be attending. Lorrie explained how the YP rotation for attending the YP summit in the past has been a YP from the committee who attended the previous year attends with a new YP from the committee who hasn't attended yet.

Lorrie also reported that the YP "Movie Night" at the Legends 14 Movie Theater was a success with a turnout of around 20 folks.

External Relations & Outreach:

Government Affairs Committee: No Report

Publication Committee: Splashings is currently at the Printer. This is the first issue for Tina Leitzel. The Board discussed an email from Sylvan regarding Splashing's content. Several ideas were suggested for addition to Splashings including:

- Human Interest Stories.
- Listing Individuals who recently passed certifications.
- Promotions and Recognition of Members.
- Write ups of Water Heroes.
- Bios of Board members.
- Interesting trips made by members.

We will get a template out soliciting pictures and Bios from Board & Committee members and then send an email blast out to members to make them aware that we would like to recognize their promotions et al. Page, Isaac, and Tina will meet to discuss the logistics of managing Splashings advertising submissions.

Public Education Committee: No Report

Publicity / Awards Committee: No Report

Scholarship Committee: No Report

Watershed Management Committee: No Report

Stockholm Junior Water Prize: No Report

Ambassador: No Report

WebMaster: Tina has been working on a database access method for those managers who want access to the database to track the status of their employee's certificates. Also she is working on a web redesign and asked Board & Committee members to give her some input regarding the look they would like to see. Tina submitted to the Board a redesign of the logo for the 75th Anniversary. That Logo will appear on the website.

Adjourn. Next Meeting: March 25, 2010 at CAS Construction in Topeka.