



**Kansas Water Environment Association**  
**6209 SW 24<sup>th</sup> Terrace**  
**Topeka, Kansas 66614**

**Meeting Date: March 5, 2009**  
**CAS Construction Company: Topeka, Kansas**

**Executive Board Present:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Amy Kliewer    | Past President    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Michael Rudy   | President         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Joe Foster     | President – Elect |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jeanette Klamm | Vice – President  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Sylvan Coles   | Sec-Treasurer     |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Rod Philo      | PWO Trustee       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Dan Ott        | Sr. Director      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Amy Kliewer    | Jr. Director      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Marc Pedrotti  | Mfgr. Trustee     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | James Tush     | Convention        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Roxann Slater  | Ambassador        |

**Committee Chairs Present:**

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

**Others in Attendance:**

**Future Board Meetings:**

- May 14, 2009 (10:00 A.M.) CAS Construction Company

**Preliminary Items**

- Reviewed Agenda.
- Reviewed minutes of Joint Conference Meeting of KsAWWA / KWEA
- Approved Minutes of January 8, 2009.

**Financial Report:**

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

**Splashing's Deadlines:**

- May 1, 2009 (Summer Issue)

**Action Items:**

- Sylvan to visit with Terry Pajor to set up Joint Checking Account for Conference.
- Sylvan to update on-line the certification criteria and to post guidance manuals.
- Tina to present a proposal for Splashing's .
- The Executive Board has sent a letter to WEF in support of Matt Bond's nomination to the position of WEF officer.
- Amy Kliewer is working on developing a role for Past-Presidents in the KWEA hierarchy. Potential roles for PP's include Long Range Planning, Scholarship Funding, etc.

**Executive Board Actions Taken:**

- Approved a motion to provide up to \$150 to the Collections Committee for the purpose of purchasing patches for annual winners of the Collection System Award.
- Approved a motion to provide up to \$500 to the Collections Committee for the purpose of preparing annually a professional proposal for the Kansas Ray Stillwell Collection System Awardee to compete for the National Collections System Award.
- Approved a motion to support a Pre-Conference Collection System Roundtable at this years' conference, as well as any workshops that other committees would like to hold.

This has already been done.

**Old Business:**

**Review of the minutes of the Joint KsAWWA / KWEA Conference Meeting.**

Michael Rudy briefed the Executive Board on the items which were discussed and agreed to at the Joint Meeting. Highlights of the Joint Meeting included:

- The Joint Committee toured the Hotel and Expo facilities.
- The registration areas were decided upon.
- A joint bank account for the organizations will be set up & used to receive conference proceeds.
- KWEA will sponsor the joint golf event this year - Fred Eisenbarth will take the lead.
- KsAWWA will sponsor the Sporting Clays event this year – Gary Moxley will take the lead.
- KsAWWA will sponsor the Silent Auction this year – David Egger will take the lead.
- We will be opening the conference with the national Anthem – Sylvan to find singer.

- The Environmental Excellence Competition will be hosted by Rod Philo and will be held in the Exhibit area this year.
- Both KWEA and KsAWWA have agreed to chip in \$1500 toward the purchase of Prizes to be given away at the conference.

## **WEFMAX**

The following individuals will be representing KWEA at the upcoming WEFMAX meetings. Amy Kliewer, Jeanette Klamm, & Dan Ott will be traveling to Omaha on April 16-17, 2009. Michael Rudy, Travis Stryker & Maya Scott (?) will be representing KWEA in Las Vegas on April 23-25, 2009. Joe Foster will also attend one of the meetings.

## **New Business:**

### **Joint Conference Discussion:**

- The Tuesday night Meet & Greet location is still up in the air as well as the menu. The Executive Board discussed the need for warm hors' d'oeuvres and suggested that we set the room up in an arrangement that would give people their choice of a variety of foods at multiple stations. Jim Tush & Hank Boyer will work out a suitable menu.
- Jim Tush also brought forward the idea of perhaps abandoning the banquet in favor of another activity that would increase the turnout – the Board decided that this year we will continue the same venue, but maybe explore the addition of some evening entertainment.
- Sylvan to work with Hank Boyer to generate a letter to promote sponsorship of the Meet & Greet.

### **Professional Development & Education:**

#### **Collections Committee:**

- The MACP / PACP Training will be held again on May 12-13, 2009 in Olathe. Duane Seals of Ace Pipe Cleaning will provide the instruction.
- The Committee is in the process of selecting a recipient for the Ray Stillwell Collections Award. The Committee asked for and received a pledge by the Board to contribute up to \$500 for the development of the brochure on the behalf of the KWEA recipient for the purpose of competing for the National Collections Award.
- The Board approved a proposal from the Collections Committee to host a Pre-Conference Round Table Discussion on the topic of Collections at the Joint Conference. Sylvan will check on the availability of room.
- The Committee would like to develop a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary poster featuring manholes of Kansas.
- The Committee asked for and received a pledge from the Board to contribute up to \$130 for the purchase of patches for winning recipients of the Collections 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

### **Member Services & Operations:**

**Finance Committee:** Sylvan provided the 2008 finance report. Chris requested the 2007 report for review..

**Web Site Committee:** Tina is currently updating the training and certification databases. The training & certification databases are scheduled to be updatable remotely. Also, the on-line conference announcement is scheduled to be on the web by March 23, 2009.

Tina is also working on a proposal for Splashing to present to the Board at next meeting.

**Publication Committee:** Next Splashing's submissions are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 in order to get to the conference goers 8 weeks out.

**Director's Report:** WEF is looking at its relationship with MA's to see how it can better serve them. Mike Rudy suggested that we invite others at WEFMAX to share any experiences they might have had with Joint Conferences.

### **External Relations & Outreach:**

#### **Student & Young Professional Committee:**

Garrett reported that the Committee received 5 abstracts for posters from KSU but none from KU. The Committee will make another contact with KU and then proceed to meet in April for the competition.

Dan Ott is working on another YP event in late March to April time frame. Maya and Travis will be attending the YP event in Las Vegas.

**Scholarship Committee:** Joe Mester reported that the Committee has received 11 applications for scholarship award. The Committee will be meeting in the near future to make its determinations.

**PWO Discussion:** The Board has completed its search for PWO Trustee now that Jerry Davies has retired. Rod Philo of Arkansas City has agreed to represent the operators on KWEA's Board.

### **Joint Conference Discussion 2009 (cont)**

With the conference just 6 months away a few things still remain to be worked out. Up for discussion were the following items:

- Banquet: It had been suggested that we consider doing away with the Banquet and offer something as an alternative. Previous Banquets have not been well attended for many reasons, including alternate opportunities, cost, & the closing of the exhibit booths. At least this year the Board decided to continue with the traditional fare, but left open discussion for future venues. The Board is considering offering entertainment to the venue.
- The Board is recommending that the YP's have their Tuesday night get-together at the Meet & Greet. A separate area can be set up for them. This will make the night even more special.
- The Board discussed the menu for the Meet & Greet and potential funding of the event. Jim will work with Hank to put together a menu and then provide some feedback on the best way to solicit support for the successful event.
- Michael reviewed the current proposal on exhibit costs. The Board will recommend that we charge \$850 for the first booth (Two registrations included), \$500 for the second booth with no registrations, and \$250 for a 30 ft parking space for equipment. Michael will discuss with the manufacturers' trustees.