



Kansas Water Environment Association
6209 SW 24th Terrace
Topeka, Kansas 66614

Meeting Date: May 14, 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 |
| () | 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 |
| () | Larry Chapple | Municipal Management |
| () | Phil Burns | Municipal Tech Transfer |
| (x) | Jim Martin | Constitution & Bylaws |
| () | David Hauser | Audit |
| () | Floyd Koder | Safety |
| () | Kathy Windham | Laboratory |
| (x) | 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 |
| (x) | Brian Spano | Publicity / WEF Awards |
| (x) | Joe Mester | Scholarship |
| (x) | Tina Leitzel | Web Master |
| (x) | Garrett Sheehan | Young Professionals |
| () | Mike Hafling | Young Professionals |
| (X) | Amy Kliewer | Nominating |
| () | B. Gagnon-Lewis | SJWP Committee |

Others in Attendance:

Future Board Meetings:

- July 16, 2009 (9:00 A.M.) Capitol Plaza Hotel

Preliminary Items

- Reviewed Agenda.
- Approved Minutes of March 5, 2009.

Financial Report:

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

Splashing's Deadlines:

- June 1, 2009 (Conference Issue Deadline)

Action Items:

- Sylvan to lock in entertainment for Banquet – Glenfinnan Band.
- Sylvan to lock in Executive Board Dinner on Monday Night at Brick Oven.
- Sylvan to lock in a Collections / Distribution workshop for Wednesday – Thursday.
- Sylvan to lock in Invocation.
- Sylvan to check on dates in April of 2010 for Operator's Conference – Clarion in Manhattan.
- Michael Rudy to check on Senator Sam Brownback for Keynote.
- Approved a Motion by Board to support the transition of the Newsletter from Darci to Tina to coincide with the November 15, 2009 Issue.
- Set up Conference call with WEF to discuss MA needs.
- Sylvan to work up a tag line for WEF Retractable Display – Also need to provide them with Logos et al.
- Jim Martin to provide to Tina a copy of Constitution & Bylaws for posting on the website.

Old Business:

Conference Discussion: Marc Pedrotti

- Discussed status of Presentations.
- Cordell Samuels will represent WEF at the conference – we will need to find out which topics he would like to speak on.
- Do we offer a BNR track?
- Do we offer an Energy track?
- Joe Mester wondered whether we will be doing a Poster Presentation track?

WEFMAX: Amy Kliewer

Amy provided the Executive Board with a report summary of the things learned at the Omaha WEFMAX Meeting. The WEFMAX in Omaha was attended by the Chesapeake, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, & Pacific Northwest member associations. Some of the focus of other MA's include: Greater involvement with educational organizations, joint conferences with organizations of similar interests, providing monetary support to other environmental groups, specialty conferences for greater outreach, and looking at better ways to communicate with members.

Discussion also focused on how WEF could better serve the MA's. Out of this discussion came an initiative by WEF to facilitate a conference call with each and every MA for the purpose of getting better guidance from the MA's. KWEA plans to schedule its call with WEF (Phyllis Roth) one hour prior to the next Board meeting on July 16, 2009.

WEF will update MA's with regard to services that it offers of which we may not be aware of as well as solicit our input regarding services we could use to forward our mission.

2010 WEFMAX meeting locations will be in Ohio, California, and Puerto Rico. The Young Professional site is designated to be Puerto Rico.

New Business:

Professional Development & Education:

Program Committee: No Report

Collections Committee: No Report

Industrial Committee: No Report

Laboratory Committee: The Committee met at the KLEA Conference in Manhattan on May 5, 2009 to review papers for conference.

Municipal Management Committee: No Report

Municipal Technology Transfer: No Report

Safety Committee: The Committee is working on papers for the conference.

Member Services & Operations:

Audit Committee: No Report

Constitution & Bylaws Update: Jim Martin provided the Executive Board with a copy of the newly proposed Constitution & Bylaws which was reviewed by WEF & KWEA. Jim commented that most of the changes were basically housekeeping and had to do with the WEF's newly defined Membership Categories. Jim will write a preface note which will highlight the changes for the posting which will be done on the website.

Finance Committee: No Report

Membership Committee: No Report

Plant Awards Committee: Jade reports that the committee meets next week to review data from 2008 for award submissions. The concern that the committee has is that the data of 2008 may not reflect the current operations of the plants.

Student & Young Professional Committee: No Report

Director (Senior): No Report

External Relations & Outreach:

Government Affairs Committee: No Report

Publication Committee: Page sent out an email asking for write-ups for Splashings. Next Splashing's submissions drop dead due date is June 1st, 2009.

Darci Herndon, who is currently responsible for the layout of Splashings, is unable to continue her involvement. Potential new layouts were developed by Tina Leitzel. It was determined that she would take over layout of Splashings after the Fall edition. The incoming Publications Chair, Isaac Crabtree, will oversee any potential change of the layout of Splashings.

Public Education Committee: No Report

Publicity / Awards Committee: Brian Spano will replace Mellissa Schlickbernd as our new AP Chairperson. Melissa has moved to her home State. Melissa has transferred the display and past pictures to Brian. Brian is looking forward to his new responsibilities and appreciates any guidance others are willing to give as he begins to carry out his responsibilities.

Scholarship Committee: Joe Mester reported that the Scholarship presentation / reception at the Celtic Fox was well attended. One recipient was not there so Joe made the presentation along with his wife in Manhattan. Still to be awarded is a \$500 Scholarship for a Vo-Tech recipient.

WebMaster: Tina & Sylvan are working on a database to track operator training as well as certification. This web located database can be updated remotely by anyone extended access.

Watershed Management Committee: No Report

Stockholm Junior Water Prize: The Committee chose a winner from 4 solicitations and that winner will be sent to Alaska to participate in the competition.

Ambassador: No Report

Director (Junior): Amy attended the House of Delegate (HOD) meeting in Omaha. Here are the highlights:

- WEF Vice-President Jeanette Brown conveyed the Board's commitment to developing and maintaining a successful WEF / MA relationship.

- WEF Executive Director Bill Bertera encouraged the House to focus on the big issues when considering recommendations to be brought to the Board, along with supporting information. Mr. Bertera offered himself and his staff as resources for the House, individually and as a group, as the House develops ideas, has questions, etc.
- House Responsibilities – Speaker Elect Bill Orne reviewed responsibilities of members of the House of Delegates and noted that the House has a Policies and Procedures document that establishes delegate responsibilities. He noted that the House Nominating Committee is currently considering nominations for Speaker-Elect and encouraged the group to submit nominations.
- Work Group Updates:
 - 1) Relationship Work Group: The group is working in concert with the Board and staff to determine MA expectations and needs. Conference calls will be held with each MA Board, by WEF staff, to gather information on programs and services that will be of benefit to MA's
 - 2) Infrastructure Work Group: A document has been developed and circulated among the work group members. The document will be posted to the House web site for review and comment.
 - 3) Image Work Group: The Group is focused on the image of the Water Environment Professionals and their contributions.
 - 4) Communication Work Group: Is focused on communicating the value of participating in and being a member of WEF. The group is conducting a survey at each WEFAX meeting.
 - 5) WEFMAX: This group is focused on continuous improvement of WEFMAX meetings. As developed an "Opportunities & Pitfalls" document for WEFAX MA hosts.

Long Range Planning Committee: Amy Klierer

Amy will email the Past-Presidents for the purpose of recruiting some of these knowledgeable people to help KWEA to develop a vision for its future. The KWEA recognizes that our Past-Presidents possess a wealth of untapped knowledge which will be of great benefit to us as we move forward.