



Kansas Water Environment Association

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

**Meeting Date: October 29, 2009
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
(x)	Dan Ott	Sr. Director
(x)	Amy Kliewer	Jr. Director
(x)	Marc Pedrotti	Mfgr. Trustee
(x)	James Tush	Convention
()	Roxann Slater	Ambassador

Committee Chairs Present:

()	Betsy Betros	Industrial
()	John O’Neil	Municipal Management
()	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
(x)	Chris Burns	Collection System
()	John Metzler	Government Affairs
(x)	Brian Spano	Publicity / WEF Awards
(x)	Joe Mester	Scholarship
()	Tina Leitzel	Web Master
()	Garrett Sheehan	Young Professionals
()	Mike Hafling	Young Professionals
()	Michael Rudy	Nominating
()	B. Gagnon-Lewis	SJWP Committee

Others in Attendance:

Future Board Meetings:

- January 2010

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Preliminary Items

- Reviewed Agenda.
- Approved Minutes of July 16, 2009.
- Spring Workshop tentatively planned for April 6, 2009 in Arkansas City, Kansas.

- Tina Leitzel asked the committees to review their web info on the site & update. Also noted that the new training database is up and running.

Financial Report:

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

Splashing's Deadlines:

- November 15, 2009

Action Items:

- Update new "Slate of Officers" is posted on web.
- Kayla Manning to provide YP updates for web.
- Sylvan to ask Tina to work up a way to incorporate our 75th Anniversary into the Logo. It was suggested that she design three options for the Boards consideration.
- Sylvan to contact St. George Buckle Company.
- Sylvan to provide Operator Certification Statistics for the Annual Report.

Motions:

The Board passed a motion to extend the MOU with KSAWWA an additional three years through 2015.

Old Business:

75th Anniversary Discussion: Amy Kliewer met with nine KWEA Past-Presidents at the conference. A meeting is planned in the near future to begin the research and to determine in what way we want to celebrate the occasion. Some thought has been given to developing a Scrap or Memory Book. Amy mentioned that we may have to develop a small budget for printing / copy costs.

Joe Mester suggested developing a special pin for the occasion. The Board also suggested working with Tina to update the logo to reflect our 75 years. Sylvan mentioned that he would contact some retired members to see if they would like to contribute to the history research.

Professional Development & Education:

KWEA Annual Report: Jeannette Klamm mentioned that she had sent out the Annual Report for review via email to the Board. She wants to complete all final updates by the first week of November. Sylvan has yet to provide the Certification information.

Annual Joint Conference Review: Marc Pedrotti has reviewed the attendance roster of the conference and is recommending, based on the attendance split, that conference proceeds be split approximately 65% KWEA – 35% KsAWWA. He will take this recommendation to KsAWWA. Based on this split, both organizations would get approximately the same proceeds they would get were they to hold their conferences separately.

The Board also discussed up coming conferences and agreed to lock in Topeka for 2011 while taking a look at Wichita in 2012. Mike Rudy is currently looking for a proposal to come back from Century II for our consideration.

The Board also agreed to add an additional 3 years to the current MOU with KsAWWA should they be interested in continuing our relationship.

Laboratory Committee: No Report from the Committee. .

Collections Committee: Chris to provide

Municipal Management Committee: John O’Neil reported that the committee will meet in early January to begin planning next year’s conference program.

Municipal Technology Transfer: No Report. Phil Burns does have a new email address.

Safety Committee: No report

Program Committee: No Report

Industrial Committee: No Report

Member Services & Operations:

Senior Delegate’s Report: Dan Ott

Dan updated the Board on activities at the WEF level.

- Matt Bond’s nomination at WEF VP was approved and he officially began his duties as the WEF VP for 2009/2010
- House of Delegates Workgroup for 2008/2009 - Funding / Infrastructure Workgroup completed its work and submitted a report and recommendations to the WEF Board of Trustees for consideration. Dan participated on this workgroup
- House of Delegates Workgroup for 2009/2010 - Operator Outreach Workgroup– WEF recognizes that MA’s are the point of contact for operators and are searching for ways to best reach out and provide support to the operator. Dan is participating in this workgroup. A survey to front-line operators is being conducted by WEF to get input. Dan will forward a link to this survey to KWEA President and Sylvan for distribution to members

- WEFMAX Workgroup – This workgroup will become a “standing committee” for the House of Delegates to plan WEFMAX meetings in the years ahead.
- WEF Outreach to other Groups not affiliated with WEF – WEF has generally stated that it wants to serve as the “experts in water” that can provide expertise, training, and support to other related organizations in the water/wastewater industry to help the industry achieve positive progress. Due to the size of the organization and diversity of its members, WEF tends to be cautious about “taking sides” on divisive and controversial topics.
- Boy Scout Jamboree:

Amy updated the Board on:

- Ways & Means Committee Policy & Procedures
- The HOD asked WEF to review the two city rotation. Currently the conference schedule the next four years is this:
 - 2010: New Orleans
 - 2011: Los Angeles
 - 2012: Chicago
 - 2013: New Orleans

Audit Committee: No Report

Constitution & Bylaws Update: No Report

Finance Committee: Will begin review at year’s end.

Membership Committee: No Report

Plant Awards Committee:

Student & Young Professional Committee: Dan Ott mentioned that the YPC has scheduled a “KWEA Movie Night” on November 19, 2009 in the VIP Balcony at the Legends 14 Movie Theater. This is to be followed by a social hour at the Pin-Up Bowl Lounge afterwards. For a cost of \$15 per person, attendees will receive the following:

- VIP Balcony Movie Theater Ticket to 2012
- Popcorn, Snack & Drink
- Drink & Appetizers at the Pin-Up Bowl Lounge
- Plenty of Socializing & Fun

In addition, the YP Committee has completed work on a leadership plan to make sure that the Committee will always have a YP as its Chairperson. The ascension to the Chair will mimic the current plan used by the Executive Board with an ascension plan that includes the roles of Vice-Chair – Chair – Past Chair. Mike Hafling will serve as Consultant / Mentor. The Current Hierarchy consists of: Garrett Sheehan, Past-Chair; Lorrie Hill, Chair; & Travis Stryker, Vice-Chair.

Director (Senior):

External Relations & Outreach:

Government Affairs Committee: No Report

Publication Committee: Page reported that Tina Leitzel will take over design and layout of Splashings as Darci McClain Herndon is moving on to other ventures.

Public Education Committee: No Report

Publicity / Awards Committee: No Report

Scholarship Committee: Joe Mester will be looking at ways to build the Scholarship Fund. Sylvan suggested that we look to solicit benefactors who might want a Scholarship named in their honor. This and other suggestions will be pursued.

WebMaster: The Operator Database is on-line as well as the training database. KWEA now tracks all its training and stores that information on line for those who need the information for their resumes as well as documentation of training. KWEA will be posting all training hours issued by it on line. Also, Conference Presentations are slated to go on-line soon.

Watershed Management Committee: No Report

Stockholm Junior Water Prize:

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.