

**MISSOURI SECTION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
with
COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Date: August 7, 2002

Place: Holiday Inn Executive Center
Columbia, Missouri

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members:

Holly Shorney	Chair
Gary Durney	Past Chair
Liz Grove	Chair-Elect
Frank Pogge	Director
John Betz	Secretary/Treasurer
Barry Kirchhoff	Asst. Secretary/Treasurer
Mike O'Connell	Vice Chair
Roddy Rogers	3rd Year Trustee
Karen Kelley	1 st Year Trustee
Tom Miller	1 st Year Trustee

Committee Chairs:

Tom Miller	-	Audit
Bob Atkinson	-	Best Operator
John Schilling	-	Exhibits
Jerry Lane	-	Fuller Award
Dan Montgomery	-	Membership
John Schilling	-	Exhibits
Jerry Lane	-	Fuller Award
Jim Urfer	-	Tenure of Service
Gailla Rogers	-	Administrative Manager

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Holly Shorney, Chair, welcomed all members that were present and had everyone in the group introduce themselves and indicated which office or committee held.

Approval of minutes from April Board Meeting – Holly Shorney

MOTION: A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the April minutes as written.

Director's Report – Frank Pogge

Frank was present and submitted the following report.

It was my pleasure to again represent the Missouri Section at the AWWA Board of Director's meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 15, 16 and 20, 2002.

It was a special privilege to be at the opening session when our own Harry Snider received his Water Industry Hall of Fame Award.

At the special meeting, Lynn Stovall gave a report of the AdHoc Committee on Efficient Utilities (EU). Extensive steps have been taken by the committee to implement a Reconciliation Plan and start the healing process. As a first step, the Committee felt the Association should apologize to the membership for the divisiveness the EU issue has caused and make it clear this was not AWWA's intent. This letter along with an EU fact sheet is on the AWWA web site and in e-Mainstream as well as having

been sent to associate members, the Board, and Section leaders. EU has changed management and a business plan has been received. EU is alive and has developed workable software and six licensing agreements have been sold.

A special treasurer's report was given by Ray Miller. Due to the economy and EU effects, projected at risk funds are \$960K - \$1.06M. The Association anticipated no lay-offs. AWWA through taking prudent measures will continue our mission.

At the Board meeting 12 standards and section by-law revisions were approved.

A full report of Frank's Directors report was given in the Fall, 2002 issue of the Show-Me newsletter.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – John Betz

John reported that as of the beginning of the year the section started with a balance of \$105,458.98. Income balance at the end of June was \$106,597.36; expenses were \$94,878.89 and total revenues were \$96,017.17 which amounted to a profit of \$1,644.01 from the conference. With the number attending the conference being down, it was felt that the conference could have likely resulted in a deficit to the Section. With that being said, John felt that the section was very fortunate in making a \$1,600 profit. John felt with next year's conference being a joint one with MWEA, that this would not be a concern for the next conference. Hotel rooms guaranteed for future conferences are not as high as those for this past conference.

MOTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Chair's Report – Holly Shorney

Holly went over highlights from the Regional officers meeting. Each section was to give a presentation of what their sections were doing and the Missouri Section won first place. They did a spoof of "Mo Section AWWA vs. World Federation Wrestling" The section won shirts and a video. The video has been passed on to the Education committee and the shirts will be placed in the Water for People Silent Auction.

Orientation/Goal Meeting - Holly reported on the meeting held with Fabiola Roll to go over committee goals. An activity was done to determine what the section was doing well and to highlight items/committees that the section could be doing better. Holly indicated that she would distribute electronically copies to those committees that were part of this exercise.

Holly gave an update on the upcoming joint meeting with MWEA. All committees involved are working with their counterparts at MWEA. The next board meeting (November 8) will be a joint meeting with MWEA. The Missouri Section will have their board meeting in the morning and the afternoon will be held with MWEA to discuss the conference.

Administrative Manager's Report – Gailla Rogers

Gailla gave the deadline for the next newsletter : October 15.

Committee Reports-

Secretary/Treasurer – Betz

Annual Conference Management

Registration

Site Selection

Manufacturers/Assoc. Council

Exhibits

Annual Conference Management- Jeff Gard/Ron Molly

Registration – John Betz

Mr. Betz indicated that there was no report for this committee.

Site Selection – John Betz

March 25-27, 2003 Tan-Tar-A at the Lake. It is a joint meeting with MWEA. This date is subject to change.

April 14-16, 2004 Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia

April 6-8, 2005 Holiday Inn Executive Center, Springfield

- The preconference seminar will be held on the day preceding the conference noted above.

There was discussion about booking the 2006 conference and where should it be held. The group is trying to decide if the Section should start booking the conferences at the same location each year and how to find out what the section members wanted with regard to this. It is easier for smaller utilities to send their members for one day if they could drive to and from the conference in the same day. They need to eliminate the need for an overnight stay. The group also felt that perhaps we should wait and see how the joint MBEA conference goes and perhaps 2006 could be another joint conference.

Manufacturer's/Assoc. Council – Mickey Bernard

Mr. Bernard was not present. No report.

Exhibits – John Schilling

Mr. Schilling indicated that it had been decided to charge \$800 for exhibit booth at the joint conference. There will be no discounts for multiple booth. They will be looking at the distribution list that each organization has with regard to exhibitors to merge the list into one list. Mr. Schilling also indicated that the Missouri Section sends out letters soliciting hospitality hosts for the banquet. This has not been done by MWEA. Discussion determined that we want to continue to do this.

Assistant Secretary-Barry Kirchhoff

Newsletter
Advertising
Public Information
Web Master

Newsletter – Barry Kirchhoff

Barry reviewed ways to cut the cost of the newsletter and that we're looking at going with a lower quality of paper to print the newsletter. It was noted that the cost of printing is coming down and looks to be more in line with what we need the costs to be.

Advertising – Ed Sewing

Mr. Sewing was not present; but it was reported that he's looking into ways in increasing the advertisers and/or to finding lucrative spots in the new sletter to put higher priced ads.

Public Information - Tom Ratzki

Webmaster – Steve Cymerman

Mr. Ratzki nor Mr. Cymerman were present; no report.

Chair Elect- Liz Grove

Budget
Water Utility Council
Strategic Planning

Budget – Liz Grove

Ms. Grove distributed a report requesting that the budget timeframe be changed to a full 12 month period instead of the budget being from the last day of the conference until the next conference. She indicates that this causes one budget to be 13 months while the next would be 11 months. She was recommending that the administrative year budget be developed to cover the operating year from June 1 to May 31 of each year. There was quite a bit of discussion on this. It was felt that by June 1, you have all the income and expenses taken care of from the conference and the incoming chair would be working from that budget instead of the overlap of expenses and income from one budget year to another.

MOTION: A motion was made to set as policy that the Missouri Section have a 12-month budget year beginning June 1 each year and ending May 31 of the following year. Motion passed.

Water Utility Council – Curt Skouby

Ms. Grove reported that the group has selected officers and are sending letters out to legislators.

Strategic Planning – Liz Grove

Ms. Grove reported that there was no report.

Vice Chair- Mike O'Connell
Technical Program
Membership

Technical Program – Mike O'Connell

Mr. O'Connell reported that he is working on the technical program. That the Call for Papers went out in the newsletter which was received the prior week. The deadline for papers is October 18.

Mr. O'Connell also went over the program for the entire conference. There are four people working on the set up of events during the conference and he is the one who is inputting data into one main spreadsheet.

Membership – Dan Montgomery

Mr. Montgomery was present and gave the following report.

The membership is growing. In response to our June 13 committee chairs' strategic planning workshop, it was recommended that we have membership committee members at strategic locations throughout the state. These committee members will be available to make contact whenever there is a change of membership with someone in their geographic area. This would not only be for involvement of new members but also dropped members. The goal is not only to recruit but also retain our membership. Current committee members are Jeff Gard (St. Joseph), John Betz (Columbia), Liz Grove (Stoutsville), Curt Skouby (St. Louis) and John Parker (Springfield) If anyone would like to volunteer or knows someone who could help, please contact Dan Montgomery. There were suggestions of people to contact for the Poplar Bluff and Joplin area. Dan will be contacting them.

Past Chair – Gary Durney
Nominations
Audit

Nominations – Gary Durney

Mr. Durney was present; no report.

Audit – Tom Miller

Mr. Miller was present – no report.

Director – Frank Pogge
Fuller Award
National Nominations
Water Industry Coordinating Council

Fuller Award – Jerry Lane

Mr. Lane was present and indicated that there would be a Fuller Award winner.

Directors Nominating Committee – Frank Pogge

Mr. Pogge reported that in accordance with Article III and Article VII 7.4.2., he was in the process of assembling a Section Director Nominating Committee. Frank Shorney has agreed to serve and the next most immediate Director able to serve is Joyce Miller and she has agreed to be on the committee. Frank Pogge will serve on this committee as well.

National Awards – John Betz

It was reported that Harry Snider had received his Hall of Fame Award in New Orleans and that information has been received to nominate J.R. Popalisky for the Hall of Fame Award.

Water Industry Coordinating Council- Frank Pogge

Mr. Pogge reported that the WICC has been very active this past year monitoring and providing information on several very important legislative items in the General Assembly. The WIDD also advised Governor Holden on Water Industry concerns and urged his signing SB984, 985, SB 712 and expressed our concerns with HB 1101.

Governor Holden signed the following:

HB1635, sponsored by Representative Tom Hopper was filed to change Kansas City's current policy on water deposits for which the customer receives no interest over time and is held indefinitely. Interest accruing on the account must be credited to the customer's individual account or paid to the customer at the city's discretion. This only applied if the customer is not in arrears and the deposit has been held for more than two years.

HB 1101 would have jeopardized the SRF program had he not held an appropriation of \$15 million from the SRF fund.

SB 984/985, the drinking water primacy fees will be extended to September 1, 2007 from the current expiration date of September 1, 2002. The bills also authorize another annual issuance of bonds for loans and grants for water pollution control, drinking water system improvements and storm water control.

SB 712 defines bioterrorism as intentionally causing harm to a living organism in order to influence the conduct of government or coerce a civilian population. The crimes of criminal water contamination and making a terrorist threat or false report relating to a terrorist threat is created under SB 712. The bill adds an exemption to the sunshine law to allow for closure of meetings and records regarding specific information on certain terrorism readiness issues. However, information regarding costs of security measures will not be considered closed.

I would urge all utilities to have their legal counsel review this bills.

The Governor vetoed HB 1748 as it was similar to SB 984, 985. The veto was over a clause on burden of proof on appeals being placed on DNR or its commissions. There was also concern on applicant appeals on permits.

I wish to thank the WICC members for their assistance throughout the legislative session and subsequent signing – veto period.

3rd Year Trustee – Roddy Rogers

Small Systems

Bylaws

Boyd Award

Small Systems – Todd Baslee

Mr. Baslee was not present; no report.

Bylaws – John Parker

Mr. Parker was not present and there was no report. He did ask if any committee needed changes made to their committee, to please get in touch with him.

Boyd Award – Dave Visintainer

Mr. Visintainer was not present; no report.

3rd Year Trustee – Ron Gould

Young Professionals

Diversity

Retired Members

Young Professionals – Brian Hilts

Mr. Hilts was not present; no report. It was reported that the Young Professionals were having a Happy Hour in Kansas City and St. Louis during August.

Diversity – Amy Ruggeri

Ms. Ruggeri was not present; no report.

Retired Members – Diana Dohmen

Ms. Dohmen was not present; no report.

2nd Year Trustee – Curt Skouby

Education

**Research
Student Activities
Scholarship**

Educa tion – Bruce Hattig

Mr. Hattig was not present;

Research – Bruce Long

Mr. Long was not present; no report.

Student Activities – Tom Crowley

Mr. Crowley was not present, no report.

Scholarship – Mark Wolff

Mr. Wolff was not present; no report.

2nd Year Trustee – Leo Ebel

Drinking Water Week

Water for People

Customer Service

Drinking Water Week – Chuck Aderhold

Mr. Aderhold was not present; no report.

Water for People – Jeff Lakin

Mr. Lakin was not present; no report.

Customer Service – Mable Ramey-Moore

Ms. Ramey-Moore was not present; no report.

1st Year Trustee – Karen Kelley

Operator Meritorious

Safety

Tenure of Service

Best Operator

Operator Meritorious – Ray Seidelman

Mr. Seidelman was not present; no report.

Safety – Dan Minor

Mr. Minor was not present, no report.

Tenure of Service – Jim Urfer

Mr. Urfer was present; no report.

Best Operator – Bob Atkinson

Mr. Atkinson was present; no report.

1st Year Trustee –

Landmark

Heroism

Kramer Award

Gimmicks & Gadgets

Landmark – Ron Goold

Mr. Goold was not present; no report.

Heroism – Tim Rajchart

Mr. Rajchart was not present; no report.

Kramer Award – Michael Galluzzo

Mr. Galluzzo was not present; no report.

Gimmicks and Gadgets – Bob Nelson

Mr. Nelson was not present; no report.

New Business/Old Business

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be Friday, November 8 at the Ramada Inn in Columbia, Missouri.

Submitted for additions and/or corrections.

John Betz, - Secretary Treasurer