

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

Date: March 29, 2017

Place: TanTarA, Lake Ozark, MO

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members:

John Brummer	Chair
Todd Brewer	Chair Elect
Drew Hess	Vice Chair
Molly Pesce	Secretary-Treasurer
Curt Skouby	Director
Roddy Rogers	Director-Elect
Chester Bender	3 rd Year Trustee
Joel Ogle	3 rd Year Trustee
Mike Klender	2 nd Year Trustee
Elizabeth Robertson	2 nd Year Trustee
Jenny Doyle	1 st Year Trustee
Martha Silks	1 st Year Trustee

Committee Chairs:

Joel Ogle	Advertising
Joel Ogle	Annual Conference Management
Jenny Doyle	Audit
Matt McLaughlin	ByLaws
Martha Silks	Diversity
Linda McCarty	Education
Jeff Clarke	Exhibitor
Bob Parks	Landmarks
Joel Ogle	Manufacturer's/Assoc. Council
Jenny Doyle	Membership
Randy Moore	Safety/Emergency Planning
Chester Bender	J. Robert Popalisky Scholarship
Mike Klender	Small Systems
Todd Brewer	Student Activities
Curt Skouby	Water for People
Jenny Doyle	YP
Gailla Rogers	Administrative Manager

Others:

Jeanne Bennett-Bailey	President – AWWA
Ashley Longmore	AWWA, Senior Section Services Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chair John Brummer. Mr. Brummer welcomed everyone and introductions were held.

Approval of Minutes – John Brummer

A motion was made and approved to accept the January 20 board meeting minutes as written.

Director’s Report – Curt Skouby

Mr. Skouby was present and said he had no report. He did want to pass on his congratulations on Randy Moore being elected as a Service Provider Director-at-Large. Randy has been an active member of AWWA for 34 years at the Missouri Section. During these years Randy has been an active supporter of AWWA both at the section and national level.

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report – Molly Pesce

Ms. Pesce was present and gave the following report:

**Missouri Section AWWA
Financial Summary
Through 3/24/17**

Balance March 24, 2017 (All accounts)	\$295,761.61
YTD Income	\$ 7,505.35
YTD Expenses	<u>\$ 4,804.75</u>
NET Income	\$ 2,700.60

Balance includes \$109,165.58 in the scholarship fund. This money has been transferred to Stanley Morgan.

Chair’s Report:

John Brummer, Chair:

Board Actions since the last board meeting: E Lunch Sponsorship and Mileage & Banquet Ticket for Bruce Manning. These were managed by email vote.

Conference Update: The total number in attendance is reported at 889. Rest of the conference updates will be done in committee reports below.

Update on Membership Summit – Jenny Doyle:

- Thank you so much for allowing me to attend the Membership Summit in February. As part of the membership challenge, AWWA National awarded us \$926.00 for exceeding our goals for 2016. We have officially submitted in for the 2017 membership challenge for 62% retention and 2% growth this year. The 2017 challenge also focused on specific engagement efforts, which will include the following:
 - Encourage YP membership by including a “membership minute” at events and promoting 90 day free trial memberships
 - Develop an Opportunities Menu to broadcast volunteer opportunities
 - Establish a Membership Engagement Committee with representatives from areas across the state to help welcome new members and get them engaged early on in the Section.

- Host Membership Appreciation Events later in the year.
- Continue to incorporate 90 day free trial memberships at training/education events across the state

Jeanne Bennett-Bailey, President – Remarks: Ms. Bennett-Bailey’s comments were all positive and she indicated that she had attended quite a few of the technical sessions during the conference because there were such good ones to go to. This has not been the case for some other conferences. She indicated AWWA financial future continues to be good and spoke about the Water One Scholarships. She thanked the Missouri Section for their welcoming hospitality.

Ms. Bennett-Bailey spoke about the One AWWA Scholarship which is a scholarship that the Section can decide who gets it and what the money is to be spent for. AWWA matches the Section’s contribution up to \$1,000.

She had visited with Chester Bender, JR Popalisky Scholarship Chair regarding the One AWWA Scholarship.

Silent Auction Donation to ACE: After discussion, it was decided that the Missouri Section will participate in the silent auction and Gailla was directed to purchase a \$150 gift card for Jack Stack Barbecue and to forward it to the appropriate person for ACE 2017. Missouri Section has donated these cards for the past two annual conferences.

RMSO – which Region should the section attend and who should go?:

John recommended that we attend the Region II RMSO which is in May in North Carolina at the Biltmore Estates. Directly after the conference, an email was sent out to the Board, which includes the Trustees, to see who would be available to attend. The RMSO is May 5-6. Those responding they could attend were John, Molly and Gailla. After the conference, Gailla started doing coordination with Ashley to get the three registered as the registration period ended March 24. Update: April 4: All three are registered and airline reservations are being made.

Update on AWWA Fly-in

The 2017 AWWA Fly-In which was held March 22-23, 2017 in Washington D.C. The section authorized up to three members to attend at the last board meeting. Those attending this year will be Todd Brewer, Randy Moore and Joel Ogle.

The MO Section sent Dr. Todd Brewer (City Utilities Springfield), Joel Ogle (Maguire Iron) and Randy Moore (Water Industry Consultant) to the 2017 AWWA DC Fly-in on March 22-23. About 145 AWWA members from 48 states visited more than 400 congressional offices on the Hill over the two days.

AWWA participated with (8) other industry associations in synchronization with *Water Week* activities held by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, the Water Environment Federation and other, similar organizations. The groups came together to develop a single water infrastructure issue paper to leave on Capitol Hill. They also held a joint reception on Capitol Hill the evening of March 22 that featured a number of members of Congress with key seats on water-related committees.

A “rally” was held in a park near the Capitol that morning to stir interest in water issues. About 145 AWWA members visited more than 400 congressional offices to urge Congress to reinvest in the nation’s water infrastructure. AWWA and the other association’s delegates together urged members of Congress to take the following actions:

- Provide fully authorized funding for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program.
- Double appropriations for the drinking water and wastewater state revolving loan funds.
- Protect the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.
- Remove the annual volume caps on private activity bonds for water infrastructure projects.

Todd, Joel and Randy visited the offices of Senators Blunt and McCaskill. Both Missouri Senators hold key Committee assignments with Sen. Blunt serving on the Appropriations Committee and Sen. McCaskill on the Finance Committee.

They also visited the offices of Representatives Graves, Wagner and Long. All the MO members of Congress seemed very receptive to our requests for funding and all engaged in conversations around the topics of interest to our industry.

All AWWA delegates were asked to fill out electronic reports after their visits. The results of those reports are very encouraging. Regarding AWWA’s request that the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program receive full funding and that the state revolving loan fund program have its funding doubled, about 85% of the congressional offices supported that; 6.2% were non-committal and only 1.3% were opposed.

On the question of supporting the continued tax-exempt status of municipal bonds, 88.4% supported that, 5.5% were non-committal and 1.3% were opposed.

Preparations are already under way for the 2018 Fly-In, which will be April 18-19, 2018. MO Section would like to send an even larger delegation in 2018. Anyone interested in participating next year should contact Gailla Rogers.

**Further there was discussion that the MoSection should be thinking about a Drive-In Event locally for Missouri. We have our people go to the state capitol and visit with our local government officials. Those interested in coordinating this is the YP Committee. They will also be working on coordinating a state wide “drive (similar to the Washington Fly In), to connect YPs and AWWA members with our state government and policy makers.

- Next Meeting – July 21, 2017 at the Courtyard Marriott in Columbia, MO

Newsletter Deadline: April 14, 2016

Reminder:

Blast Email policy. All blast emails need to be approved by the chair and given to the administrative manager in a format ready to be used.

Administrative Manager’s Report -

Mrs. Rogers reported that the registration numbers were 889. The conference was going very well and there had been a lot of activity at the registration desk.

Submission of Board and Committee Reports - - Gailla asked everyone to please submit their committee report in writing prior to the meeting if possible.

Committee Reports-

Secretary/Treasurer – Molly Pesce

Registration

Site Selection

Registration – Molly Pesce

Ms. Pesce was present; no report.

Site Selection – John Brummer

Mr. Brummer was present; joint conferences are booked through 2020. There was discussion with regard to moving the conference to another venue.

An AdHoc Committee, members Joel Ogle and Jenny Doyle are to review others places to hold the joint conference after the year 2020. They will report back to the board at the July board meeting.

Assistant Secretary – Brent Boice

Advertising

Newsletter

Public Information

Webmaster

Advertising – Joel Ogle

Mr. Ogle was present, no report. Jeff Kutny from Kelman Associates, our newsletter company attended the conference.

Newsletter – Gailla Rogers

The next deadline is April 14.

Public Information – Kevin Priester (New Chair)

Mr. Priester was contacted after the conference regarding this Chair position and has accepted the position.

Webmaster – Gailla Rogers

Ms. Rogers reported that she met with Mr. Taimen Taylor who is in St. Louis regarding the website while at the conference. He will work with her on the website.

Chair Elect – Todd Brewer

Budget

Strategic Planning

Water Utility Council

Budget – Todd Brewer (New Chair)

The Budget was approved during the Annual Meeting on Monday.

Strategic Planning – Todd Brewer (New Chair)

Mr. Brewer was present; no report. He will be reviewing the Strategic Plan and it needs to be in alignment with what is presented from AWWA headquarters.

Water Utility Council – Mike Galuzzo (New Chair)

Nothing to report at this time

Vice Chair – Drew Hess

Exhibits

Manufacturers/Assoc. Council

Technical Program

Exhibits – Jeff Clarke and Ben Freese

Mr. Clarke was present. 129 Booths were sold this year.

Manufacturers/Assoc. Council – Joel Ogle

Mr. Ogle was present. Nothing to report at this time. The Kansas Rural Water Conference was starting on Tuesday and that is why we did not sell out of booths this year. Gailla Rogers sent out an email to all the exhibitors from the registration site giving them the dates for next year's conference. It is hoped with that information they will pencil in the MWEA/AWWA Conference dates and plan to come to our conference first.

Technical Program – Drew Hess (New Chair)

Mr. Brewer and Mr. Hess were present. There are 105 technical sessions at this year's conference. There have been a lot of positive responses. Drew will be sure next year to have the good split between water, wastewater and government updates.

Past Chair – Raed Armouti

Audit

Education

Nominating

Audit –Jenny Doyle

Ms. Doyle was present; she is working with Molly Pesce on the Audit

Education – Linda McCarty

Ms. McCarty was present and gave the following report:

Section Training – The education and small systems committees are working together to plan and provide training to staff of small water systems in various areas of the state. This is the second year the education committee has sponsored this training. The first 2017 workshop was held on February 21 in Springfield. It was attended by 20 persons from various small systems. The next workshop will be May 4 in St. Joseph. Plans are being made for two additional workshops this year, probably in the vicinity of Poplar Bluff and Kansas City.

Area 1 Grant (technical assistance to small water systems) – Once again we are sub-recipients of the EPA grant to provide a workshop to small public water systems. Nationally, the grant was awarded to the Rural Community Assistance Partnership. Their Missouri affiliate is the Midwest Assistance Program (MAP). The education committee met with MDNR/Public Drinking Water Branch (PDWB) and MAP staff on March 9 to determine the topics, date, and location of the workshop. The training topics selected by PDWB focus on distribution and disinfection issues. MAP is responsible for providing trainers. We are responsible for reserving a training facility,

advertising the training, providing A/V equipment, providing day-of support, applying for operator certification hours, and various other duties. The training is tentative planned for late September. We receive about \$2,800 for our efforts.

Area 2 Grant (financial and managerial issues) – This EPA grant was awarded to the Environmental Finance Center Network (EFCN). We are subrecipients of this grant also. EFCN staff are tentatively planning to hold this in Springfield in late August. We are responsible for advertising, day-of support, and operator certification hours. We receive about \$2,800 from this grant, also, for our efforts.

Nominating – Raed Armouti

Mr. Armouti was not present; nothing to report at this time. The Nominating Committee will gather via email toward the end of the year and bring to the January Board meeting the Nominating Report for the next year.

Director – Curt Skouby

Director-Elect – Roddy Rogers

Fuller

Membership

National Nominations

Water Industry Coordinating Council

Fuller Award – Bruce Manning (New Chair)

Nick Burns received the Fuller Award this year. Nothing happens on the Fuller Award until toward the end of the year.

Membership – Jenny Doyle (New Chair)

Ms. Doyle was present and gave the following report:

There were several people who left their business cards in the slots at the AWWA Committee sign-up board. Gailla was to do a scan of these cards and send them to the committees that received volunteers. It is very important that the volunteers receive a contact from the committee chair.

Since the last board meeting, we have added 31 new individual members and 1 service provider. The welcome packet for new members will be updated and sent out soon. Still considering what sort of thank you or gift would be good for first year membership renewal.

We will be working on a Membership Engagement Committee to look for events and opportunities to thank our members outside of the conference timeframe.

National Nominations – Molly Pesce

Ms. Pesce was present – no report.

Water Industry Coordinating Council – Liz Grove

Ms. Grove was not present; no report.

3rd Year Trustee – Chester Bender

Annual Conference Management

Bylaws

Small Systems

Annual Conference Management – Joel Ogle (New Chair)

Mr. Hess and Mr. Ogle were present. Everything went well at this year's conference. Joel will be working with Drew to take over this duty for next year's conference.

Bylaws – Matt McLaughlin

Mr. McLaughlin was present. ByLaws updates were sent to AWWA headquarters. The committee is still waiting to hear back from AWWA.

There are three committees thinking of revisions, combining etc. He asked that the chairs please get him the revisions they would like made.

Small Systems – Mike Klender

Mr. Klender was present. He will continue to work on training for the Small Systems throughout the state.

The next workshop on the overview of disinfection and disinfection by-products, as well as water quality issues in the distribution system will be held on May 4 in St. Joseph, MO.

3rd Year Trustee – Joel Ogle

Diversity

Research

Sustainability Initiatives Coordination

Diversity – Martha Silks

Ms. Silks was present. A diversity committee member, Kevin Priester, attended a couple of local career fairs to promote careers in the water industry. The committee has also collaborated with other diversity committees to share promotion materials.

Research – Bob Hulse

Mr. Hulse was not present; no report.

Sustainability Initiatives Coordination– OPEN

2nd Year Trustee – Mike Klender

Student Activities –

Young Professionals

Landmarks

Student Activities – Tom Crowley and Todd Brewer

Todd Brewer was present; nothing new to report at this time.

Young Professionals – Jenny Doyle (New Chair)

Ms. Doyle reported the following:

As 91 folks signed in at our YP/Plant Operators social function at the Joint Conference, we are looking forward to a busy year across the state. This year at the conference, we provided special MO YP ribbons for conference attendee name badges, as well as flashlight/bottle opener/keychain gifts. This new YP logo was created by Alex Wolken.

The Springfield YP's have already been on a tour of the Blackman Water laboratory at City of Springfield, as well as a bowling social event. Coming in May, we will see numerous events

hosted by YP's to support and promote Drinking Water Week. We will also be working on coordinating a state wide "drive (similar to the Washington Fly In), to connect YPs and AWWA members with our state government and policy makers.

We've also had a few changes in our committee. Jenny Doyle will now serve as the YP Chair, Elizabeth Robertson is the Springfield Rep, Heidi Lane is the Kansas City Rep, and Melissa Peterein has volunteered to serve as our St. Louis Representative for 2017. We are also happy to have Bob Parks as Treasurer, Kari Wolken as PR Chair, and Taimen Taylor as our Webpage Chair.

Landmarks – Bob Parks (New Chair)

Mr. Parks was present; nothing to report at this time.

2nd Year Trustee – Elizabeth Robertson

Safety/Emergency Planning

Water for People

Safety/Emergency Planning – Randy Moore

Mr. Moore was present; no report

Water for People –Curt Skouby

Mr. Skouby was present; the WFP totals are as follows from a spreadsheet put together by Ken Gambaro.

Attached is the final tally for fundraising at the Annual Conference. The funds raised at the conference total \$24,090, which include a \$150 direct donation by Tan-Tar-A in our name. In addition to the conference, the Mizzou Student Chapter raised and directly donated \$200 from a trivia night held earlier this year.

The total check to Water For People from the joint fund will be \$23,940. The total credited as being raised by Missouri WFP will be \$24,290. I will write a cover letter for the donation and forward to Becca to include with the check.

Thank you to the Boards of both organizations for supporting our fundraising efforts for Water For People.

2017 MWEA/AWWA Annual Meeting

Fundraiser Summary - Final

Description	2017
Golf Tournament	\$ 6,646
Opening Session Raffle	\$ 1,073
Monday Silent Auction	\$ 2,009
Texas Hold-Em Tournament	\$ 770
Tuesday Silent Auction	\$ 2,122
Basket Raffles	\$ 2,780
Tuesday Banquet Oral Auction	\$ 4,500

Donations	\$ 4,190
Annual Meeting Fundraising Totals	\$24,090

1st Year Trustee – Jenny Doyle

**JR Popalisky Scholarship -
Retirees
Service Citation**

JR Popalisky Scholarship – Chester Bender

Mr. Bender was present and reported he had received four applications for the scholarships. He felt he had one really strong candidate. Update: As of April 20, two additional awardees were approved.

Retirees – OPEN

Service Citation – Tom Stechmann

Mr. Stechmann was not present; no report

1st Year Trustee – Martha Silks

**Drinking Water Week
Operations Service Award
Professional Awards**

Drinking Water Week – Valeria Hernandez (new chair as of 4/25/17)

Mr. Haecherl was not present, but we have the following to report - Young Professionals will be hosting events for DWW17 across the state, more detail to follow as available.

The Drinking Water Week Poster contest deadlines did not allow us to review the submissions at the Joint Conference. However, we will be circulating photos of the top selections for the vote of board members. Drinking Water Week and the results will be posted in the summer newsletter.

Operations Service Awards – Ray Seidelman

Mr. Seidelman was not present; no report.

Professional Awards – Tony O’Malley

Mr. O’Malley was present. There is a Donald R. Boyd Manager Award this year which will be awarded to Kevin Priester, City of Cape Girardeau at the Awards lunch later today.

NEW BUSINESS:

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gailla Rogers, Administrative Manager