

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

**Date:** November 3, 2017

**Place:** Stoney Creek, Columbia, MO

**ATTENDANCE:**

Board Members:

John Brummer	Chair
Todd Brewer	Chair Elect
Drew Hess	Vice Chair
Chester Bender	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee
Mike Klender	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee
Elizabeth Robertson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee
Jenny Doyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee

Committee Chairs:

Joel Ogle	Advertising
Joel Ogle	Annual Conference Management
Jenny Doyle	Audit
Matt McLaughlin	Bylaws and Procedures
Linda McCarty	Education
Jeff Clarke	Exhibits
Bob Parks	Landmarks
Joel Ogle	MAC
Jenny Doyle	Membership
Chester Bender	J. Robert Popalisky Scholarship
Randy Moore	Safety/Emergency Planning
Mike Klender	Small Systems
Todd Brewer	Student Activities
Tom Crowley	Student Activities
Curt Skouby	Water for People
Elizabeth Robertson	YP
Gailla Rogers	Administrative Manager

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair John Brummer. Mr. Brummer welcomed everyone and introductions were held.

**Approval of Minutes – John Brummer**

A motion was made by Molly Pesce, seconded by Todd Brewer. A motion was made and the July 21 board meeting minutes were approved as written.

**Director’s Report – Curt Skouby**

Mr. Skouby was present and gave the following report:

The AWWA Board of Directors winter board meeting will be taking place January 18-20 in Savannah Georgia. The board will elect some national officers at the winter meeting. We will be electing a Director-at-Large. We have three candidates to choose from: Cheryl Porter (Michigan Section - Great Lakes Water Authority), Andrea Holthouse Putz (Illinois Section - City of Chicago Department of Water Management), and Keisha Lisbon Thorp (Georgia Section - City of Atlanta).

In addition to selecting a Director-at-Large, we will be electing two Vice Presidents. For these positions we have four candidates to choose from: Randy Moore (Missouri Section - Tnemec Company), Sue Mosburg (California/Nevada Section - Sweetwater Authority), Theresa O'Grady (Illinois Section - Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.), Bill Smith (Texas Section - Trinity River Authority of Texas).

The Missouri Section has nominated Randy Moore for this position. Please contact me if you would like more information on the candidates or if you have a preference on any of them.

I think it is a benefit for our Section to have members active at the National level such as Randy and I appreciate his willingness to serve in this position. I encourage any of us to find the time to volunteer either at the section level or the national level. I have found that volunteering at either the Section or the National level in AWWA have been worthwhile. Volunteering provides opportunities for both professional and personal growth.

It is time for us to start planning for the annual Water Matters! Fly-In. The upcoming event will be April 18-19th in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the Fly-In is to help advance AWWA's legislative goals in Congress and to reinforce the association's position as the authoritative source on water issues. AWWA will reimburse travel expenses for one member from our Section. Participants meet with their state's Senators and Representatives discuss water issues. You actually meet with their staff. I participated twice on Fly-Ins. I found it worthwhile and enjoyable. **See Notes about Fly-In above.**

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Molly Pesce**

Ms. Pesce was not present; she sent her report to Gailla and she reported as follows:

**Missouri Section AWWA  
Financial Summary  
As of 11/1/17**

<b>Balance as of 11/1/17 (All accounts)</b>	<b>\$290,854.91</b>
<b>Cash and Bank Balances</b>	<b>\$182,689.33</b>
<b>Scholarship Fund at Morgan Stanley and cash on Hand</b>	<b>\$109,165.58</b>
<b>YTD Income</b>	<b>\$ 45,710</b>
<b>YTD Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 50,366</u></b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-4,656.00</b>

## Chair's Report:

- MoAWWA – MWEA Joint Conference Fee Increases – There was discussion with regard to the memo received from MWEA with regard to increasing conference rate fees, both for attendees and exhibitors.

**Motion: A motion was made by Joel and seconded by Curt to approve attendee increase up to \$300 for attendees in the near future. Non-member rates up to \$380.**

**Motion: A motion was made by Curt and seconded by Todd to increase Exhibitor fees by up to \$100. Approved and Motion Carried.**

A decision on both of these will be made in the afternoon joint meeting. The Missouri Section was fine with doing the full amount of increase at one time.

**Joint Meeting Discussion:** It was decided to do the registration increases in the smaller amount yearly and review them annually.

- MWWC Members Attending our conference at conference rates- There was discussion with regard to allowing MWWC Members to attend our conference at conference rates.

The Missouri Section was fine with allowing MWWC to attend one year at member rates and review after one year. This will be discussed in the afternoon.

- Missouri Global Brigades - Joel Ogle spoke on this. His daughter is part of the Missouri Global Brigades. They do mission work in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries with three Missouri college chapters. This group does mission work in the area of medicine/dental, water/engineering and other areas of the community to try and make them independently sustainable. They are asking for a \$2,500 sponsorship. The section does not need to provide the full amount requested, but is requested. Their annual budget is \$14 Million with service projects in multiple countries and their overhead is very low, it is 8.5%. Most other organizations run about 25-30%.

After discussion, it was requested that someone from the Missouri Global Brigades come and make a presentation at our January board meeting. Joel will extend the invitation

- Assistant Secretary Treasurer - John reported that Brent Boice had resigned his position as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer effective immediately. In checking with Raed, Nominations, finding a replacement requires no board action. Ari Copeland from Black & Veatch has indicated he would take over the position and will start training with Molly Pesce.
- Randy Moore VP Candidate - Randy spoke to the group and thanked the section for their support and nomination for Vice President of AWWA. He has the full support of his employer.

Randy spoke of the next Fly-in which is April 18-19 and the importance of the section sending people, at least two people; 3 if possible. Names mentioned as going were John Brummer, Randy, Joel and possibly Jenny may come up with a YP willing to go.

Randy spoke of the recent Council Summit in Denver at which there was a joint session with Water Utility Council and the MAC. There was discussion with regard to Innovation and International involvement as the themes for ACE18 in Las Vegas. The Innovation Initiative, which Randy Co-Chairs is working on implementation of the and new strategic plan. There are three goals of the strategic plan which they are trying to bring attention to all Councils.

Randy spoke about the recent Water Infrastructure Conference; there were 600 people there and 55 booths, which is the best attendance since its inception.

- Next Board Meeting – January 19- Courtyard Marriott – Columbia, MO
- Board actions since the last board meeting – None

**Newsletter Deadline: November 17 2017**

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**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: She is working on the registration forms for the next conference; keeping the website updated and working with Education committee on their workshops with regard to putting trainings on the website and paying bills for lunches, etc.

Notable dates for RMSO, Summer Workshop and Membership Summit - 2018

- RMSO 2018 – Charleston, SC: April 28-30
- Summer Workshop, Denver, CO: July 24-26
- Membership Summit – The Summit is scheduled to begin the afternoon of Wednesday, January 24, 2018, and conclude at Noon on Friday, January 26. The event will take place at AWWA HQ in Denver and there is no registration fee.

**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 not present; no report.

**Site Selection – John Brummer**

Mr. Brummer was present; no report

**Reminder:** An Ad Hoc Committee, members Joel Ogle and Jenny Doyle are to review others places to hold the joint conference after the year 2020. There was no update from the Ad Hoc Committee.

**Assistant Secretary – Ari Copeland**

**Advertising**

**Newsletter**

**Public Information**

**Webmaster**

**Advertising – Joel Ogle**

Mr. Ogle was present, nothing new to report. Jeff Kutny from Kelman Associates handles the advertising.

**Newsletter – Gailla Rogers**

The next deadline is November 17. Please send newsletter content to Gailla

**Public Information – Kevin Priester**

Mr. Priester was not present; no report.

**Webmaster – Gailla Rogers**

Ms. Rogers was present; she continues to add content to the website as needed.

**Chair Elect – Todd Brewer**

**Budget**

**Strategic Planning**

**Water Utility Council**

**Budget – Todd Brewer**

Mr. Brewer was present, he has been visiting with John about the budget. He made notations during the meeting of extra money being set aside for some additional travel in next year's budget. Gailla will send out an email to all asking committee chairs to review their budget amount and please let Todd know if there were additional needs that the committee had which would change their budget amount. Those requests would be reviewed. Mr. Brewer will bring a draft budget to the January board meeting for preliminary review. The Budget will be presented and approved at the Annual Meeting next year at the conference. March 26, 2018

**Strategic Planning – Todd Brewer**

Mr. Brewer was present and indicated it was probably time to have another Strategic Planning session. The last time this was done was during Matt McLaughlin's term as Chair. He will get with Matt to talk about this. There was discussion that perhaps Past Chairs would be a good pool to work from on Strategic Planning for the section. That will be looked into.

**Water Utility Council – Mike Galuzzo**

Mr. Galuzzo was not present; no report.

**Vice Chair – Drew Hess**

**Exhibits**

**Manufacturers/Assoc. Council**

**Technical Program**

**Exhibits – Jeff Clarke and Ben Freese**

Mr. Clarke was attending the MWEA morning meeting. Nothing to report for now; exhibitors' prospectus will go out in January.

**Manufacturers/Assoc. Council – Dustin Keilbey**

Mr. Ogle was present. He still need to get on the email distribution list for the MAC group.

**Technical Program – Drew Hess**

Mr. Hess were present. He reported that as of October 31 there were 90 submissions. They need more papers; at least 105 or more so they could review and pull the best ones. He needs more water papers and many in the meeting said they would solicit for more papers. Was brought up again that an Innovation paper should be sought.

**Past Chair – Raed Armouti**

- Audit**
- Education**
- Nominating**

**Audit –Jenny Doyle**

Ms. Doyle was present; the Audit has been finalized.

**Education – Linda McCarty**

Ms. McCarty was present and gave the following report:

**Area 1 Grant Workshop (2017)**

This technical assistance workshop was held September 20, 2017 at the Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District Office, Sunrise Beach. Twenty-one persons attended the workshop.

This workshop is funded by a grant from the US EPA. The grant is awarded to RCAP. AWWA is a subgrantee. The Section works with the Midwest Assistance Program (MAP) to provide the workshop. The Section and MAP met with DNR to determine the topics to cover in the training. The Section arranged for the training location, marketed the workshop through a direct mailing and on our website, developed a flyer, obtained a mailing list from DNR, arranged for operator certification approval, handled registration, provided a morning starter and lunch, provided day-of support, and submitted all necessary forms to the Association. MAP provided the instructors, except for the Regulatory Update, which was provided by USEPA Region VII staff. The Section provides a \$500 match and receives \$2800 from the grant.

**Area 2 Grant Workshop (2017)**

This financial/managerial workshop was held August 17, 2017 at the DNR’s Southwest Regional Office, Springfield. Thirty-five persons attended the workshop.

This workshop is funded by a grant from the US EPA. The grant is awarded to the Environmental Finance Center Network. AWWA is a subgrantee. The “heavy lifting” for this workshop is done by the EFCN. They handle marketing, registration, and operator certification, and provide the instructor(s). The Section arranged for the training location, assisted EFCN with marketing, provided a morning starter and lunch, provided day-of support, and submitted necessary forms to the Association. The Section provides a \$500 match and receives \$2800 from the grant.

**Coming in 2018**

**Area 1 Grant**

Based on the Sept. 25 conference call between the Association and the Section, expect significant changes with the 2018 grant:

1. Amount provided to Section may increase to \$4,700. Expect match requirement to be \$700.
2. New workshop content: Cyanotoxins, premise plumbing and legionella, and two learning labs on sampling and water quality. Include at least one lab in the workshop. The lab will probably take about 3-4 hours; less time will be available for lecture format.
3. Operator toolkits will accompany labs. All equipment will be sent to sections. Some packaging may need to be done by the Section.

More work (and potential) expense is expected from Sections due to learning labs and the opportunity to take lead in providing instructors.

One workshop per state between Jan-Dec 2018. Three possible approaches to the workshop:

1. Plan A - Section provides trainer and ask RCAP to participate.
2. Plan B - RCAP takes lead in providing training; Section helps.
3. Plan C - We figure out what works best for us.

Workshop content development will begin soon. Target, available in March 2018.

After some discussion, it was decided that the Missouri Section wanted to go with Plan A, where the section provides the trainer and asks RCAP to participate

### **Area 2 Grant**

AWWA is not partnering with EFCN on the Area 2 Grant in 2018. Sections may be contacted by EFNC to ask about interest in contracting individually.

### **Nominating – Raed Armouti**

Mr. Armouti was not present; he is aware of deadlines. He and the Nominating Committee will meet over email toward the end of the year and bring to the January Board meeting the Nominating Report for next years' Slate of Officers.

### **Director – Curt Skouby**

### **Director-Elect – Roddy Rogers**

**Fuller**

**Membership**

**National Nominations**

**Water Industry Coordinating Council**

### **Fuller Award – Bruce Manning**

Mr. Manning was not present, but Matt reported that the committee has met and they have a candidate for the Fuller Award.

### **Membership – Jenny Doyle**

Ms. Doyle was present and gave the following report:

I am still looking for volunteers across the state to join the Membership Engagement Committee, aimed at providing local support for membership and hosting a membership appreciation event in the fall.

### **National Nominations – Molly Pesce**

Ms. Pesce was not present – no report.

### **Water Industry Coordinating Council – Liz Grove**

Ms. Grove was not present; no report.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – Chester Bender** **Annual Conference Management** **Bylaws** **Small Systems**

#### **Annual Conference Management – Joel Ogle**

Mr. Ogle was present; nothing to report at this time. His counterpart in MWEA is Jennifer Welsch. Joel is working on entertainment for the conference and sought advice.

#### **Bylaws – Matt McLaughlin**

Mr. McLaughlin was present. Updates to the Section's bylaws were sent to AWWA headquarters over a year ago. AWWA has sent back their comments.

#### **Small Systems – Mike Klender**

Mr. Klender was present. He reported that training was done in September and he is looking for a place in Poplar Bluff to hold training on December 7.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – Joel Ogle**

#### **Diversity** **Research** **Sustainability Initiatives Coordination**

#### **Diversity – Martha Silks**

Ms. Silks was not present; but sent the following report.

Some Missouri schools are participating in an educational challenge titled "The Human Water Cycle". Participation requires a participating school to enlist lectures from two professionals related to the specific challenge. I was recently contacted and met with a science club. I was told there were two categories, collection and delivery.

For more information:

***FIRST*<sup>®</sup> LEGO<sup>®</sup> League and *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> LEGO<sup>®</sup> League Jr. Task More than 300,000 Children Worldwide to Think About How and Why We Use Water**  
(<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20170816005120/en/FIRST%C2%AE%C2%A0Programs-Challenge-Students-Tackle-Global-Water-Crisis>).

This is an excellent avenue to educate our youth on the value of water and to install interest in our industry! Consider reaching out to schools in your area and find out if they are participating in this challenge. I developed a PowerPoint anyone can use that works well in the first category "collection" targeted to grade to early middle school age.

National AWWA is sponsoring group conferences to discuss the challenges of diversity and how to encourage diversity within AWWA and our industry. I was unable to fully participate in the first call but will make an effort to be available for future calls.

#### **Research – Bob Hulsey**

Mr. Hulsey was not present; no report.

## **Sustainability Initiatives Coordination– OPEN**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – Mike Klender**

**Student Activities –  
Young Professionals  
Landmarks**

### **Student Activities – Tom Crowley and Todd Brewer**

Todd Brewer and Tom Crowley were present. S& T Standards. Invite them all to the Conference There are 25 at S& T and almost 25 in Columbia. Amanda Payne is helping with Student Activities. There is free membership for students.

### **Young Professionals – Elizabeth Robertson**

Ms. Robertson reported the following: There were two YP Event ballgames over the summer, one with the Royals in Kansas City and another with the Cardinals in St. Louis. YP's will send an article to Gailla for the upcoming newsletter.

### **Landmarks – Bob Parks**

Mr. Parks was present; no report. Landmarks will provide an article for the next newsletter?

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – Elizabeth Robertson**

**Safety/Emergency Planning  
Water for People**

### **Safety/Emergency Planning – Randy Moore**

Mr. Moore was present and reported the following: He is working on MO WARN. This needs to be expanded to include Kansas City, St. Louis, Blue Springs, Independence and MO American.

### **Water for People –Curt Skouby**

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

### **1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Jenny Doyle**

**JR Popalisky Scholarship -  
Retirees  
Service Citation**

### **JR Popalisky Scholarship – Chester Bender**

Mr. Bender was present and reported that he had revised the scholarship funds for the website and they had been sent to Gailla to upload at the website. He has not done anything with the One AWWA Operator Scholarship as of yet

### **Retirees – OPEN**

### **Service Citation – Tom Stechmann**

Mr. Stechmann was not present; no report

### **1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Martha Silks**

**Drinking Water Week**

**Operations Service Award  
Professional Awards**

**Drinking Water Week – Valeria Hernandez**

Ms. Hernandez not present. No report.

**Operations Service Awards – Ray Seidelman**

Mr. Seidelman was not present; he has already heard of at least one individual who will be nominated for Operator's Meritorious Service Award.

**Professional Awards – Tony O'Malley**

Mr. O'Malley was not present. No report. We need an article for the upcoming newsletter

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gailla Rogers, Administrative Manager