

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

**Date:** November 2, 2018

**Place:** Stoney Creek Inn - Columbia

**ATTENDANCE:**

Board Members:

Drew Hess	Chair
Jeff Clarke	Chair Elect
Joel Ogle	Vice Chair
Roddy Rogers	Director
Molly Pesce	Secretary –Treasurer
Mike Klender	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee
Elizabeth Robertson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee
Jenny Doyle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee
Martha Silks	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee
Mark Galluzzo	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee
Bob Parks	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee

Committee Chairs:

Joel Ogle	Advertising and MAC
Bob Parks	Annual Conference Management/Landmarks/YPs
Elizabeth Robertson	Audit
Jeff Clarke	Budget and Exhibitors
Matt McLaughlin	By-Laws
Martha Silks	Diversity and Inclusion
Karen Mane Dietze	Drinking Water Week and Research
Mike Klender	Education and Small Systems
Bob Parks	Landmarks
Scott Phillips	MAC and Membership-Member
Jenny Doyle	Membership
Gailla	Newsletter Content
Randy Moore	Safety/Emergency Planning
Corinne Duckworth	Student Activities and YP Treasurer
Mark Griffin	Sustainability Initiatives Coord.
Mark Galluzzo	Water Utility Council
Charles Stevens	Water Utility Council - Member
Gailla Rogers	Administrative Manager

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Drew Hess. Mr. Hess welcomed everyone; introductions were held.

**Board Actions since 11/2/18 Board Meeting**

ByLaws - Matt McLaughlin- chair asking for Board's approval for Missouri Section Bylaws revisions since they were last reviewed by AWWA 2 months ago. There have been more changes from the Association and to get this to the Executive Board timely they have to be received prior to end of business 11/9/18. This has to happen so we hear back prior to our Annual Meeting next March, 2019 and the ByLaws can be voted on at that meeting.

Those additional changes are:

- Article II – Section 2.1 a – Removed language because it indicated the Section was developing standards, equipment, etc.
- Article V – Section 5.3 – Added an “electronic” option for voting.
- Article VII – Section 7.2.3 – Added required language on the max amount of members allowed on the board. Added 13 as that is the current number you have but feel free to change.
- Article VII – Section 7.4.2 and 7.4.3 -- I switched these because the new 7.4.2 outlines the nominating committee and the process. The new 7.4.3 outlines the nomination process for the AWWA Director. Makes more sense to have the overall process first.
- Article VII – Section 7.7.1 – Changed language around since its understood we are referring to the bylaws of the Section.
- Article VII – Section 7.8.2 and 7.8.3 – Split this original Section into two and added electronic option.
- Article VII – Section 7.8.9 – This is required language around the duties and role of an AWWA Director. Without this language, I don't see the bylaws passing at the EC.
- Article VIII – Section 8.2 – Added quorum language from 7.8.2. Added this to have both quorums in one place.
- Article XI – Section 11.3 – Moved this language up because it takes out a double standard of having membership vote twice.
- Other changes: changed various grammar around Bylaws/bylaws and Section/section American Water Works Association/Association.

A motion to approve the revised ByLaws Draft for the Missouri Section was made by Jeff Clarke, seconded by Jenny Doyle. No further discussion/questions.

MOTION PASSED. Mr. McLaughlin has submitted the revised ByLaws Draft to Ashley Longmore, our Section Services Representative on November 7, 2018.

### **MO AWWA Annual Conference Student Registration Policy**

Mr. Parks made a motion to approve the following Annual Conference Student Registration Policy. It is the same policy used as MWEA for their students.

Jenny Doyle seconded the motion. No further discussion/questions. Polling was done by Doodle voting.

The Student Registration Policy as proposed:

### **Annual Conference Student Registration Policy**

**November 7, 2018**

The Missouri Section of the American Water Works Association (MO AWWA) shall provide free registration to any individual holding an American Water Works Association (AWWA) student membership on or before the date of March 1 preceding the Annual Joint Conference, or is a current member in good standing on or before March 1 preceding the annual meeting an official AWWA student chapter. The maximum number of free registrations to be provided by MO AWWA to students meeting the criteria above shall be thirty (30) individuals annually.

Furthermore, lodging for one (1) night shall be provided within the host venue of the Joint Annual Conference to any student meeting the criteria above, along with one (1) individual acting as his/her sponsor, up to a maximum of three (3) rooms per presentation, whom presents a paper within the technical program of the Joint Annual Conference. Free registration shall include all meals that accompany regular full registration to the Joint Annual Conference.

This policy shall be evaluated by MO AWWA every three (3) years.

**Motion Passed.**

#### **Approval of Minutes – Drew Hess**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Jeff Clarke and seconded by Martha Silks to approve the July 21 board meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

#### **Director's Report – Roddy Rogers**

Mr. Rogers reported AWWA is continuing to improve the website experience with a new electronic search function. Revenues are steady and AWWA is still working on getting AWWA India up and running.

The **Finance** Committee has developed the 2019 budget for a new process incorporating review by the board and it was also submitted to the Executive Committee. Current budget is tracking very close to plan.

A good progressive step in developing **AWWA India** is their version of ACE, AICE'18, scheduled to take place November 16-17 in Hyderabad. The conference aims at "Uniting the World of Indian Water Industry" and seeks to create a platform for collaboration between policy makers, utilities, practicing engineers and academicians to find innovative solutions for the challenges facing the water industry. Executive Director David LaFrance and President Elect Jim Williams will travel to India for the conference.

The 2019 **Winter Board Meeting** will be held January 24-26, 2019 in Vancouver, BC.

The **Veterans Initiative** held a conference call with Section liaisons on October 3. Staff encouraged liaisons to work in collaboration with AWWA Section staff to promote the toolkits to water sector employers and to attempt to reach more Veterans by attending job fairs and identifying local contacts who regularly work with Veterans. Sections were encouraged to provide a link to the toolkits (available at [www.awwa.org/veterans](http://www.awwa.org/veterans)) on their websites. Missouri still needs to identify a liaison for this effort.

Year to date, **Community Engineering Corps** (CECorps) has received 34 new project applications, 17 of which were for water and sanitation projects. AWWA Section teams have adopted six of these projects. The CECorps grant application for development of the “What’s in My Backyard” campaign has been approved and is pending a subcontract with Engineers Without Borders-USA. This project will facilitate the development of connections between communities, project volunteers, and other key project stakeholders at the local level.

The onsite review portion of the ANSI audit of the **AWWA Standards** Program was completed the week of August 20. The remaining portions of the audit (written audit report, written AWWA response, review and audit closure by the ANSI Executive Standards Council) will take about two to three months to complete. AWWA’s Standards Program is audited by ANSI every five years and a successful audit result will maintain ANSI accreditation through 2023.

**Total Water Solutions** concepts continue to be incorporated into conference content, resource development, Standards development, and current projects, including the recently released 2019 State of the Water Industry Survey, which may be accessed online.

I hope several took the opportunity to participate in the **Imagine A Day Without Water** Value of Water Campaign effort on October 10. (An article is available in this newsletter/online.) Springfield City Utilities hosted a Face Book live stream and several other utilities across the nation hosted tours or similar social media events. To help promote the Value of Water Campaign’s Imagine a Day Without Water, a series of social media images were made available online for use. The images have been downloaded more than 6,000 times.

A **legislative** agenda is being written for the next session of Congress in two versions, to be used according to which party has control of the House and/or Senate. AWWA legislative staff continue to monitor and provide input to the 2018 Farm Bill. They are also encouraging Congress to complete work on a comprehensive water infrastructure/policy bill, S. 3021.

On the **regulatory** front, an MOU with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to collaborate on the development of Resource Typing for the water sector was finalized; the WARN response for Hurricane Florence was supported; a forum to discuss regional utility collaboration was hosted in the DC area;

potential collaborations to advance source water protection on Forest Service lands was discussed with Forest Service representatives; and a forum on water system energy efficiency was held jointly with the Alliance to Save Energy and the Water Environment Federation.

This year's **ACE** will be held in Denver and registration will open soon on a new ACE website.

Mr Rogers then gave a powerpoint presentation on a water system for West Africa is is working on with his church. He gave us facts and is requesting consideration of support from the Missouri Section.

The board ask that Mr. Rogers bring back a proposal of the project and his dollar amount of support requested.

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

Ms. Pesce was present and reported:

#### **Missouri Section AWWA Financial Summary As of 10/31/18**

0300 – Bank of America CDS	\$ 48,929.64
0351 - Bank of America Checking	\$133,249.68
7730 - Morgan Stanley	\$113,348.98
Savings – Scholarship	<u>\$ 2,197.46</u>
Total:	<u>\$297,824.97</u>

Expenditures to date is about \$27,192.24 (based on our BOA account)  
Deposited in 2018 to date: \$38,465.27 (based on our BOA account)

The check for proceeds from the 2018 conference was sent to Molly the day before. Profit for both organizations is over \$46,000 (each).

### **Chair's Report – Drew Hess**

- Water System for West Africa – AWWA support – Roddy Rogers – See below for information on Mr. Rogers' powerpoint presentation.
- Bi-Monthly Executive Board Meeting Phone Calls – Starting in December there will be a monthly conference call for the board and committee chairs to discuss section business. Information will be coming out soon and the date of the first conference call meeting will be Thursday, December 6 t Noon. Everyone felt this would be a good time to schedule the calls over the lunch hour.
- Administrative Guidelines Changes to Committees – Diversity – change to Diversity and Inclusion

A motion was not required and the committee name will now be Diversity and Inclusion.

Any other committee changes should be submitted to Matt McLaughlin.

- Nomination and selection of Section members to attend the 2019 Washington DC legislative fly-in.

Those indicating an interest in attending the DC legislative fly-in: Bob Park, Mark Griffin, John Brummer, Randy Moore and Mike Klender.

Those able to attend and be sponsored by the Missouri Section: John Brummer, Randy Moore, Mark Griffin and Bob Parks. Bob Parks will be the utility member attending and he will be reimbursed from AWWA. The others will seek reimbursement from the Missouri Section Secretary-Treasurer.

- MO-AWWA Partnership with Missouri Agricultural Producers – Bob Parks - covered under Water Utility Council report
- Committee Chairs – Committee of one, committee meetings, & committee chair reports
- Joint Conference Student Registration - handled in a board action after the meeting.

Board Meeting During the Annual Conference:

Discussion came up during the Strategic Planning to do away with the early morning Board Meeting on Wednesday. There could still be a breakfast, there is consideration of having the board meeting 3 weeks after the conference.

Matt McLaughlin spoke with Ashley Longmore and changing the board meeting to be after the annual conference does not require a By-Laws change. This will happen for the coming year.

#### **Board actions since the last board meeting**

- Motion to approve Event Cancellation Insurance for the Conference. \$871.05; increased by \$13.05 from the previous year

#### **AD-HOC Committees:**

##### **MO-AWWA Website - Joel, Gailla**

Mr. Joel Ogle has been working on checking into other websites. He went over the cost of Start Chapter as being \$150 a month and Your Membership being \$3,500 and could go as high as \$15-\$18,000 depending on what we want.

Attached is the proposals from Litzel Design for the new website and joint conference page with a layout for each. The layout of our existing site is just more or less what we have now. We can change it if we think we need to add or delete something. One thing

came up recently about adding a area for Employment. We could either add another field or add it to an existing field.

As far as the joint page, take a look at KsAWWA site and go to the Conference & Education tab at the top of the page. Once you click the link "kswaterwastewater.com" it will take you to the joint page. I think it is pretty good compared to most links for attendees and exhibitors

He recommended with going with Leitzel Design Design.

**Motion: A motion was made to extend a contract to Lisa Leitzel Design for \$3,000. The motion was seconded and approved.**

**QuickBooks Update - Molly, Jeff, Elizabeth and Ari**

Mr. Clarke reached out to Ari seeking the list of budget categories and Mr. Copeland sent the information in a format ready to use. Task complete  
This task force is done and dissolved.

**RegOnline- Conference Registration Website- Jeff, Joel and Gailla**

Jeff reported that the 2019 website registration had been completed to meet a October 31 deadline by RegOnline. However, the day before they reached out to Jeff and indicated we needed to sign a contract with CEvent for conference registration. After short discussion, it was decided that we needed to go with this and go over with MWEA in the afternoon to get their concurrence as well.

**Motion: Motion made by Jenny Doyle and seconded by Joel Ogle to go with CEvent based on registrations for a fee of 3.99 percent which we will see a savings per year of \$2,500. Going with a 5 year contract, the cost decreases and will be \$4,250 a year. Motion passed in our session and discussed in the afternoon where it passed there as well.**

**Strategic Planning - Jenny Doyle, Jeff Clarke** The Strategic Planning Session was held in July and documents have been prepared and put on the website for our new Strategic Plan.

This Ad-Hoc committee has completed its task and it is dissolved

**Transition Team - Molly, Jeff, Joel, Bob and Mike**

Molly reported that she has not had a chance to start work on this, but will do so, the following week.

**Administrative Manager's Report – Gailla Rogers**

- **Registration Update** Ms. Rogers has updated the registration forms for the 2019 conference and those pages were submitted to Ann who works for MWEA for the upcoming pre-conference mailer - conference rates will be updated

- **Next Board Meeting Friday, January 18, 2019 – Winter Bad Weather Policy**

If bad weather is projected for the day of the board meeting, an email will be sent out that the meeting is rescheduled for the following Friday.

- **January Newsletter before the conference – do we need to backup article deadline by week?** There will be a 1 week notice of articles due for the January issue of the newsletter, the reason is so people can have it 2-3 weeks prior to the conference
- **Website Backup and potential webmaster** - Ms. Rogers has been asking for some support help with the updates to the website. The closer to the conference, she will not have time to make those updates as quickly as she is currently doing. She has reached out to Springfield and will be sending them a list of the conference attendees. Perhaps there is someone there who can help.
- **Next Newsletter Deadline – November 16 – Copy Ari and me**

**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** – Ms. Rogers reported  
**Submission of Board and Committee Reports** - - Gailla asked everyone to please submit their committee report in writing prior to the meeting to your section report and to her.

**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. The Missouri Section and MWEA are under contract through 2020 for conferences at TanTarA

**Assistant Secretary – Ari Copeland**

**Advertising**

**Newsletter**

**Public Information**

**Webmaster**

**Advertising – Joel Ogle**

Joel is recommending that Advertising be dissolved as Kelman Associates is handling this function for our Show-Me Magazine. Nothing new to report.



### **Show-Me Magazine – Gailla Rogers**

The next deadline is November 16. Please send newsletter content to Gailla and Ari.

### **Public Information – Chair Position Open – Recommended that this be rolled into Show-Me Magazine.**

### **Webmaster – Gailla Rogers**

Ms. Rogers is asking for someone to back her up on the website and to also consider taking over this function. As we get closer to the conference and should she be out of the office, there would be potential that she would not be able to upload to the website

### **Chair Elect – Jeff Clarke**

#### **Budget**

#### **Strategic Planning**

#### **Water Utility Council**

### **Budget – Jeff Clarke**

Mr. Clarke was present. A draft Budget will be ready for discussion at the January board meeting. Mr. Ari Copeland sent him the information he needed for Quicken. The updates have been done.

### **Strategic Planning - Jenny Doyle, Jeff Clarke**

Strategic Planning document is done and will be an ongoing document. The documents have been uploaded at the Missouri Section website.

### **Water Utility Council - Mike Galluzzo**

Mr. Galluzzo reported that Bob Parks indicated a cooperative relationship was developing between MO water utilities and agricultural producers. Bob and Charlie Stevens attended a Missouri Farmers Care meeting in Columbia on 9/19/18. The cooperation proposed by water utilities was generally well received by the membership at this meeting. Further relationship building will foster cooperation and ideas include inviting each other to upcoming conferences and/or meetings, and to continually look for opportunities where conservation initiatives could be established and effective.

Charlie Stevens was also in attendance and reported that he was recently in attendance at a national WUC meeting at AWWA in Denver. He reported that AWWA had hired 9R Group (represented by Dave White). A portion of the preamble to the Farm Bill reads, "protect source water." AWWA has produced, in cooperation with USDA, tools to support source water protection. In March, 2019, AWWA plans to publish public information, some of which to include a Legionella communications guidebook. It is reported that Legionella currently kills about 6,000 people per year. Many large or commercial customers are starting to add their own additional treatment systems like chlorination to combat Legionella. Many adverse effects could come of this which warrants education efforts. Charlie also reported that Denver Water is in a predicament as they are receiving pressure from the State to add poly-phosphate to their water treatment process as a lead-reduction measure with an estimated 57,000 lead service connections (LSLs.) This

measure of additional phosphate in drinking water could also eventually pose challenges for wastewater treatment agencies that treat to reduce nutrient discharges. This in a way defeats the concept of "One Water."

A meeting is planned in Columbia on December 18 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. to discuss Missouri Water System strategies to manage nutrients. Representatives from MWEA as well as Dave White from 9R Group are expected to attend. Charlie, Bob Parks and Mike Galluzzo are also planning to attend.

**Vice Chair – Joel Ogle**

**Exhibits**

**Manufacturers/Assoc. Council**

**Technical Program**

**Exhibits – Jeff Clarke and Ben Freese**

Mr. Clarke was present. Only a few exhibitors need the exhibitor prospectus mailed to them. Most get their notification via email.

**Manufacturers/Assoc. Council – Joel Ogle/Dustin Keilbey/Scott Phillips**

Mr. Ogle and Mr. Phillips were present. No report at this time.

**Technical Program – Joel Ogle**

Mr. Ogle announced we have had over 150 abstract submittals for our 2019 MO-AWWA/MWEA conference.

Once again, over 50% are for Wastewater (53%), the balance are split almost even for Water and Joint presentations.

At the 2018 conference we had 7 tracks and 91 presentations. We have space to add one more track for the 2019 conference for 95 or 96 talks.

The Technical Committee met on October 16<sup>th</sup> in St. Louis to go over the submittals to sift through and narrow down the submittals to get to the 95/96. Once the selections are made, they authors will be notified for their full presentation for DNR review and approval.

Once the approved presentations are returned by DNR the committee will start putting together the program and moderators assignments.

**Past Chair – John Brummer**

**Audit**

**Education**

**Nominating**

**Audit – Elizabeth Robertson**

Ms. Robertson was present. Work on the audit will start soon.

### **Education – Mike Klender**

Educations and Small Systems – AWWA training for Small Systems was scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in St. Louis and Kansas City, respectively. This has been delayed until December. New dates and advertisement to come. Area 2 Grant for Small Systems by the Section is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> in Jefferson City, MO. Information to be finalized with the next 2 weeks.

### **Nominating – John Brummer**

Mr. Brummer was present and reported the members of his group are already working on next year's Slate of Officers and will have a report in January.

### **Director – Roddy Rogers**

**Fuller**

**Membership**

**National Nominations**

**Water Industry Coordinating Council**

### **Fuller Award – Mickey Bernard**

Mr. Bernard was not present; he is working on the Fuller Award with others.

### **Membership – Jenny Doyle**

Ms. Doyle was present and gave the following report. There were 15 new members since the last board meeting. She is working on Member Appreciation events throughout the state.

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

Ms. Pesce was present – no report.

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

Ms. Grove was not present; no report.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – Mike Klender**

**Annual Conference Management**

**By-Laws**

**Small Systems**

### **Annual Conference Management – Bob Parks**

Mr. Parks was present and reported the current working idea for Tuesday night entertainment at the 2019 joint conference is a live band. Several options in the KC area and getting input from the St. Louis side for possibilities there. Also have the idea to increase drink tickets that night too with the goal to boost attendance.

Jennifer Welch (MWEA) and I have three great choices for keynote speaker this year – great news to report there. If the 1<sup>st</sup> option does not work, we will be very happy with option 2 and 3.

### **By-Laws – Matt McLaughlin**

Mr. McLaughlin was present. Please see board actions above to see a revision of the ByLaws sent to AWWA and the timeframe for vote at the annual meeting next March.

### **Small Systems & (Education) – Mike Klender**

Mr. Klender was present and reported - AWWA training for Small Systems was scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in St. Louis and Kansas City, respectively. This has been delayed until December. New dates and advertisement to come. Area 2 Grant for Small Systems by the Section is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> in Jefferson City, MO. Information to be finalized with the next 2 weeks.

Mr. Klender spoke about needing a room for training and lunch. The Missouri Section will cover the cost of lunch.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – Elizabeth Robertson**

#### **Diversity**

#### **Research**

#### **Sustainability Initiatives Coordination**

### **Diversity – Martha Silks**

Ms. Silks was present and reported the Diversity and Inclusion committee's Women and Water group has been sponsoring networking events in the Kansas City and St. Louis areas. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Women in Water St. Louis area event was held last October and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Women in Water Kansas City networking event is planned for December 6<sup>th</sup>. The committee is also planning activities for the annual AWWA/MWEA Joint Conference.

### **Research – Karen Marie Dietze**

Ms. Dietze was present; no report.

### **Sustainability Initiatives Coordination– Mark Griffin**

Mr. Griffin, chair for this committee was present and reported:

- AWWA Sustainability Committee Group Members Needed – We need volunteers from across the state of Missouri of all walks of life, interests and expertise as a part of the MO Section AWWA Sustainability Team. In that role our team will partner with other environmental groups to identify mutual beneficial collaborative projects. The AWWA sustainability committee will identify, promote, contribute, and recognize various sustainability projects throughout Missouri that best meet our mission statement for sustainability projects throughout Missouri that benefit water related environmental projects. We are seeking people in all small and large cities in Missouri:

- A budget of \$1000 was approved from the AWWA MO Section BOD to fund annual sustainability awards and activities that needed for the year for the following activities:
  - o Plaque/trophy for name recognition given at annual conference to first place to be permanently etched in the program award.

- o Plan an award presentation short less than 1 min PowerPoint and/or video of their work to be shared at annual conference.
  - o Possible 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place awards, depending on applicants.
  - o Student Awards
- Types of projects to be considered:
    - o Water themed projects that have sustainability involved that impact water resources
    - o Green projects for storm sewer
    - o Dry scape minimal watering using native plants and trees
    - o Solar powered electrical projects
    - o Reduction in greenhouse gasses
    - o Environmental initiatives that impact our environment for long term benefits
    - o Water infrastructure replacement projects that show sustainability aspects
  - Set up social media links and web page of planned activities and other groups

Volunteers Need. Please E-mail [Mark.griffin@kcmo.org](mailto:Mark.griffin@kcmo.org)  
Or call 816-533-0182

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – Jenny Doyle**  
**Young Professionals**  
**Professional Awards**  
**Landmarks**

**Young Professionals – Bob Parks**

The Young Professionals committee has had a lot of activity over the summer and early fall months. Since the Section board meeting in July, the following activities have been organized:

- Kansas City Royals tailgate social with KSAWWA, KWEA, & MWEA on August 10th. A tailgate with food & refreshments was hosted and a group attended the game vs. the St. Louis Cardinals. Approximately 15 people in attendance. The organizations covered the cost of the food and drink at the tailgate and subsidized a large portion of the individual ticket cost.
- Springfield Cardinals group seating event on August 15th. This was a joint event with MWEA, with approximately 18 people attending. The organizations covered the cost of the game tickets which included food and refreshments at the stadium.
- St. Louis Cardinals pre-game social and group seating to the game on August 29th. This was a joint event with the Engineer's Club of St. Louis and MWEA. 40 people attended this event including MWEA president and MOAWWA chair.
- Networking social at Mother's Brewing Company in Springfield, another joint event with MWEA. this event was sponsored in part by Layne's Kansas City office. 17 people attended.
- Tour of Missouri American Water's newly constructed drinking water plant in Parkville, MO, followed by networking happy hour. Approximately 13 people attended the tour and 7 people stayed for the networking.
- The Young Professional committee partnered with the Student Activities committee to support the student group at the University of Missouri (Mizzou Water

& Environmental Technologists) to host a tailgate. MWEA partnered in this event to promote it to their professional members. A sponsor (Cogent companies Fluid Equipment of KC and Vandevanter Engineering of St.Louis) was secured, covering \$500.00 of the event cost. Approximately 30 students came by the tailgate, and the civil engineering undergraduate program director of the university, Enos Innis, stopped by for quite a while. The leaders of the student group were very appreciative of the support from Missouri AWWA, and considered the event a success. Continued support of their organization will provide better opportunity for them to grow.

- Continual efforts to expand the reach of the Young Professional committee and the Section itself on Facebook and LinkedIn social media platforms. Specifically, every event organized by the committee is posted on both platforms, Section wide events are posted to LinkedIn, regional events outside of the Section relevant to the water industry are posted as well. A social media campaign on both Section social media platforms was executed on “Imagine A Day Without Water”, a nationwide effort to increase awareness of the importance of the drinking water industry. The number of people reached, and thereby made more aware of Missouri Section activities, continues to grow. For example, in the last 3 months the number of people following the Section’s page has increased by 150%.
- Immediate future events include efforts by Young Professional committee members to help organize Kansas City, St. Louis, and Springfield area year end membership appreciation social events.
- Total attendance by events organized by the Young Professionals committee since July 2018 is approximately 103 people.

Future Young Professional committee plans and goals:

- Host the Young Professionals & Operator’s social with MWEA at the 2019 Joint Annual Conference on Sunday evening prior to the conference.
- Incorporate a new fundraiser at that social benefiting the Water Equation. The fundraiser is planned to be a fun “botte pull” - selling raffle tickets for individuals to win a bottle of wine or whiskey.
- Organize a lunch & learn type event in Kansas City prior to the 2019 Joint Annual Conference. Subject TBD.
- Develop a set of by-laws for the governance of Young Professionals Committee organization and activities, including but not limited to definition of term limits, positions, and responsibilities.
- Organize a regional scale YP Summit in Kansas City, pulling young professional members of KSAWWA, KWEA, MWEA, and MOAWWA.
- Develop relationships with Engineers Without Borders, ASCE Young Professionals, Community Engineering Corps, and other like-minded organizations.
- Expand annual committee budget.
- Sponsor 3+ MOAWWA Young Professionals to attend the AWWA Young Professionals Summit annually.

The Young Professionals committee will be sponsoring four committee members to attend the 2019 AWWA Young Professionals Leadership Summit in Nashville, TN in early March 2019. Those four members are Karen Dietze (B&V Kansas City), Mel Peterein (B&V St. Louis), Corinne Duckworth (Carollo Kansas City) and Jenny Doyle (B&V Kansas City). Sending these four members will be beneficial to their individual professional development, as well as provide benefits to the Missouri Section for their continued work & efforts supporting Section business and goals. Expenses incurred to the Missouri Section will be travel and registration costs, paid from the Young Professionals Committee budget.

#### **Professional Awards – Tony O'Malley**

Mr. O'Malley was not present. No report.

#### **Landmarks – Bob Parks**

The Landmark committee has had no activity since the last Section board meeting in July. I have not been contacted by a community, utility, or individual inquiring about registering a new historical site or featuring a site currently registered. Future plans for activities in the Landmark committee includes republishing articles on existing sites within the state as a way to build interest in the subject within the water community. Another idea is organizing a social event such as a picnic at a site such as the Waldo Tower in Tower Park in Kansas City, MO or the Compton Hill Tower in St. Louis, MO in the warmer months, again to build interest.

#### **2nd Year Trustee - Martha Silks**

Safety/Emergency Planning  
Water for People

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

Mr. Moore reported he spoke to Kevin Morley for help. It seems that Mo-WARN has been stalled for some time. This is where the Missouri Section comes in as we bring value because we have the large utilities. There needs to be more partnering up with Rural Water and do small systems training.

#### **Water for People –Curt Skouby**

Mr. Skouby was present. No report.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Mike Galluzzo**

JR Popalisky Scholarship  
Retirees  
Service Citation

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

Mr. Bender was not present; but sent the following report.

Mr. Bender submitted some questions for Board consideration, but meeting time elapsed before these questions could be addressed. These issues will be taken up at the next (and first) Board conference call.

He has prepared a draft of the application for the MO One AWWA Scholarship and is using the Association's template and having some formatting issues, When prepared, he will send it to get posted on the website.

Input needed from the section board:

1. The Association will match up to \$1,000 of Section funds for a total of \$2,000 in funds. From a brief survey of other Sections, here are some options for making awards:
  - Award up to \$2,000 in training and education funds: This would potentially allow just one large award or some less than full-amount with some number of smaller awards.
  - Award two \$1,000 scholarships or one at \$1,000 with some smaller awards.
  - Award four \$500 scholarships

**Does the board have any thoughts on the dollar amount they think is appropriate?**

I'm not sure what types of operator training are available in Missouri that would have costs approaching these levels. Keep in mind all scholarship funds have to be paid directly to the school providing the training.

1. From looking at a few Section websites, it appears that they are taking applications up to a month or so before their annual conference and making the awards at their conference similar to what we now do with our JRPS scholarship.

**With regard to training does anyone have any suggestions on a better time of year to be making the awards?**

1. Need suggestions on how to get the word out regarding the availability of the scholarship.

**Retirees – OPEN**

**Service Citation – Tom Stechmann**

Mr. Stechmann was not present; no report.

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Bob Parks**

**Drinking Water Week**

**Operations Service Award**

**Student Activities**

**Drinking Water Week – Karen Marie Dietze**



Ms. Dietze was present and gave the following report.

The only update from Drinking Water Week committee is that we are preparing some content for the next Show Me Newsletter to provide resources/information to utilities for DWW outreach events. Ms. Dietze is working with Kristin Rehg from Missouri American Water on this.

### **Operations Service Awards – Ray Seidelman**

Mr. Seidelman was not present; no report.

### **Student Activities – Corinne Duckworth**

Ms. Duckworth was present and reported.

#### 1. Established University Liaisons with Regional Universities throughout MO, KS, and AR

- o University of Missouri – Mohammed Hussain
- o Saint Louis University – Michelle Bresnehan
- o University of Washington St. Louis – TBD (have reached out to a few professors)
- o University of Kansas – Karen Marie Dietze
- o Kansas State University – Kristen Jones
- o University of Missouri Science & Technology – Taren Leeds
- o University of Arkansas – Jenny Doyle
- o Missouri State – Kari Wolken

#### 2. Student Poster Contest

- o We are working to start up a Student Poster Contest for 2019 Conference

##### § Schedule

- Joint Conference – April 1, 2019
- Notify Accepted/Declined – March 1, 2019
- Submissions Due – Feb 1, 2019
- Flyers Posted/Reminder Email – Jan 14, 2019
- Informative Professor Email By – November 5, 2018

##### § Highlights

- Posters would be on technical topics
- Winner would go on to ACE to participate in "Fresh Ideas" poster contest
- o We would want similar judging criteria for our contest to give student best chance at ACE. See proposed judging criteria below.
- Goal is to bring more student attendance and participation in the conference

##### § Division of Responsibilities

#### · **Corinne Duckworth – Student/University Coordination**

- o Flyer development
- o Coordinating student submissions
- o Note: Flyer needs to include information on how to become a member (student membership is free), how to register for conference; must be a student member to attend conference but all of it is free; students need to pay for their own lodging and food.

#### · **Karen Marie Dietze – Poster Criteria & Judging**

- o Poster Rules & Requirements (content, poster size, instructions)
- o Coordinating the judges panel and judging criteria
- **Bob Parks – Joint Conference Coordination**
- o Location & timeframe for poster presentation
- o Program coordination

**Motion: There was a motion for the Missouri Section to send the winner of the college poster contest to ACE and to cover expenses, presentation, not to exceed \$2,000. Motion Made by Bob Parks and seconded by Mike Klender. Motion passed.**

There was discussion about student papers at the conference with a limit of accepting up to 30 students.

**Motion: There was a motion to increase the student activities budget by \$5,000. Motion passed.**

3. Mizzou Tailgate

- o The Mizzou liaison Mohammed Hussain, Bob Parks and myself worked with the Water Environmental Technologist (WET) group from Mizzou to sponsor a tailgate at the Mizzou vs. Kentucky game on 10/27/18. The goal was to give the students an opportunity to interact with professionals in our industry. Around 30 people attended the tailgate (5-7 industry professionals/25 students). See below for some photos of the event.

A student registration to attend the conference was sent out after the board meeting and it has been approved. Please see that above, under BOARD ACTIONS.

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

The meeting adjourned at 12:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gailla Rogers, Administrative Manager