

Illinois Water Environment Association
Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting
December 8, 2006

The Illinois Water Environment Association Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting was called to order by President Lou Kollias at 9:55 AM December 8, 2006 at the Egan Treatment Plant in Schaumburg, IL.

Present at the meeting were Sandy Conrad, Kathy Cooper, Ted Denning, Toby Duckett, Rich Helm, Lou Kollias, John Lamb, Mary Johnson, Jay Patel, Dennis Priewe, Paul Rom, Linda Smith-Vargo, Mark Termini, and Larry Ziembra.

MINUTES/APPROVAL

1. Larry Ziembra moved and John Lamb seconded that the minutes from the 12/8/06 Executive Board and Committee Chairs meeting be approved. Motion passed.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL ISSUES

1. Mary Johnson reported IWEA has set up an account with PayPal and should be able to accept online credit card payments effective next week. There is no monthly service charge for PayPal accounts. Per transaction fees are the same as NOVA, our current credit card processing firm.
2. Mary Johnson set up internet access to IWEA computer using a Sprint PC air card. There is a \$50.00 monthly fee for this service.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Chuck Corley sent a written report regarding options for newsletter publication. Issue was tabled. Lou Kollias will schedule a special meeting to discuss newsletter.
2. WEFMAX registration forms are on WEF website. There is a phone meeting with WEF scheduled for December 12. Mary Johnson will put together a proposal for attendee gifts.
3. Rich Helm discussed franchise issues. WEF has not responded to our letter regarding IAWPCO franchise issues. No meeting has been scheduled with CSWEA. WEF has new C& B which limits Delegate member roles. This changes procedure for filing grievances.
4. Mary Johnson reported on WEF requirements for competing in Operations Challenge. Incoming President may consider setting up an ad-hoc committee for putting together an Operations Challenge team.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dennis Priewe suggested sending monthly email updates to general membership. This would another way to connect with members. Mary and Dennis will work on this project.
2. Mary Johnson reviewed IWEA travel policy. Board members voted in October to allow WEFTEC expenses be eligible for reimbursement. Kathy Cooper moved

- IWEA change mileage rate listed in policy to current IRS rate. Dennis Priewie seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.
3. Members present discussed WEF's policy of offering complimentary WEFTEC registration for paid MA Executive Directors but not for volunteers. Lou Kollias will draft letter to WEF regarding this issue.
 4. Larry Ziembra suggested IWEA provided logo shirts for IJAS judges. Kathy Cooper moved that IWEA cover cost of logo shirts for IJAS judges and state fair volunteers. Rich Helm seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays.
 5. Mary Johnson inquired as to status of 10-Day Water Environment Curriculum. We have had two requests for this curriculum this year. Lou Kollias will call Sam McNeilly regarding status of 10 Day Environment Curriculum and the location of supplies.
 6. Larry moved and Mary seconded that IWEA be sole sponsor for Government Affairs Conference 2008. 1 aye, 6 nays. Motion defeated. Members agreed to leave things as they are. We may consider re-working financial split. John Lamb volunteered to discuss issue with Illinois Section Chair, Steve Bollweg.
 7. Lou Kollias will check date of CSWEA seminar for possible conflict with our annual conference

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. Annual Conference – Postcard announcing conference was sent to members. Seventeen vendors have registered to date.
2. Audit – Lou Kollias will complete audit in January.
3. Awards – Pat Schatz submitted a written Awards Committee Report. Lou Kollias will contact Pat regarding the Hatfield Award recipient. Committee will consider allowing committee members to nominate people for awards. Mary moved that we accept Award Committee's nominations as listed Awards Committee report with the exception of the Hatfield award recipient. 7 ayes, 0 nays
4. Biosolids – No report.
5. Collection Systems – Al Hollenbeck submitted a written report. 121 people attended Collections Seminar. 16 vendors had exhibits. \$1100 profit.
6. Governmental Affairs – Jay Patel reported Government Affairs Seminar is scheduled for January 17 at the Wyndham Lisle.
7. Industrial Pretreatment – IWEA is jointly sponsoring Annual Pretreatment dinner with IWWSG. Dinner is scheduled for February 17.
8. Laboratory – Committee completed model small lab QAP. It will be posted on website. Lab committee solicited seven papers for annual conference.
9. Local Arrangements – Monday luncheon speaker topic is wetlands restoration. There is a treatment plant tour on Wednesday. Local tourism bureau will have a packet for distribution. Bureau will also provide help with registration.
10. Marketing – Linda Smith-Vargo reported marketing committee has been working on seminar fliers for various committees. She presented a draft copy of the conference flier.
11. Membership – IWEA currently has 735 WEF (associate) members, including 88 dual members. IWEA also has about 50 MA only (affiliate) members.
12. Newsletter – Chuck Corley and Eliana Brown submitted written newsletter report.

13. Nominating – Larry Ziemba suggested Board start recruiting candidates for Treasurer. Lou Kollias will include request in his next column for winter newsletter.
14. Plant Operations – No report.
15. Program – Paul Rom reported on Program Committee activities. Committee received 51 abstracts for annual conference presentations and accepted 44 speakers.
16. Public Ed & Student Affairs – Bob Kulchawick submitted a written report. Public Ed did not have an exhibit at 2006 State Fair. 2007 State Fair is August 10 – 19. We need about 20 volunteers to staff exhibit. Rich Helm asked if we could run exhibit for only some of days of Fair. DuPage County Career Fair is scheduled for April 25 – 26, 2007. IJAS is May 4 & 5, 2007. Fred Dale has back displays used at these events.
17. Safety – Mark Termini reported Safety Committee did four inspections for Burke Safety Award and submitted an article to newsletter.
18. Student Chapters – Greg Cargill sent a written report. It included a request by IIT chapter for \$500 to fund a Haiti project. Members suggested we do a presentation during annual banquet.
19. Watershed – Larry Ziemba reported for Steve John. They will continue with quarterly article for newsletter. Steve John would like to step down as chair.
20. Website – Mary Johnson report website will begin to accept credit card payments next week.
21. Young Professionals – Mark Halm attended YP meeting at WEFTEC. Getting employers to fund travel for young professionals continues to be a challenge. Committee intends to sponsor a YP event in the spring.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

1. President – Lou Kollias reported the CSWEA/IWEA reception at WEFTEC. It was within budget. He also attended WEF leadership day. WEF is promoting commercialization of newsletters.
2. President Elect – No report.
3. 1st Vice President – No report.
4. 2nd Vice President – No report.
5. Secretary – No report.
6. Treasurer – Dennis Priewe submitted a written report which included account balances, year to date transactions, and information regarding internal and external audits.
7. Director 07 – No formal report. Directors will have detailed article regarding WEFTEC in next newsletter issue.
8. Director 08 – No report
9. Past President – Larry Ziemba submitted written Past President's report. It includes suggestions for improving our member association operation.

ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Cooper moved to adjourn meeting at 02:10 pm. John Lamb seconded.