

Illinois Water Environment Association
Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting
June 9, 2006

The Illinois Water Environment Association Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting was called to order by President Lou Kollias at 9:40 AM June 9, 2006 at the Starved Rock Lodge in Utica, IL.

Present at the meeting were Greg Cargill, Sandy Conrad, Kathy Cooper, Chuck Corley, Ted Denning, John Drake, Rich Helm, Lou Kollias, John Lamb, Mary Johnson, Dennis Priewe, Amanda Withers, and Larry Ziemba.

MINUTES/APPROVAL

1. John Lamb moved and Amanda Withers seconded that the minutes from the 3/13/06 Annual Business Meeting and the 3/15/06 Executive Board and Committee Chairs meeting be approved. Motion passed.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL ISSUES

1. Dennis Priewe presented a proposed budget for the 2006/2007 business year.
2. Members agreed to add a line item for charitable giving and budget \$500 for it. WEFMAX budget was adjusted to reflect WEF contributions. Minor adjustments were also made to a few other line items.
3. Larry Ziemba moved to approve budget as amended. Dennis Priewe seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Lou Kollias reported on the status of the ad-hoc newsletter production committee. Toby Duckett will present a formal report at next Board meeting. The report will highlight three options: keeping producing newsletter as a volunteer effort, hiring a firm which would be supported by advertising, or paying a flat fee to a consultant.
2. Chuck Corley reported on WEFMAX.
 - WEFMAX is scheduled for April, 19 – 21, 2007 at the Chicago Radisson Hotel on Huron.
 - Cost of Mystic Blue Cruise social outing is \$4300.
 - Total expenses to IWEA for WEFMAX and social outing are \$8200. WEF will provide \$6000. IWEA has set aside a total of \$6000 in past three budgets to cover cost of WEFMAX. Chuck proposed raising \$1500 from sponsors.
 - Amanda Withers moved and Rich Helm seconded that we contract with Mystic Blue for the Friday night social event. Motion passed.
3. IWEA will purchase 500 lapel pins. These will be given to new members.
4. WEF plans to offer a Fall 2007 Oil and Grease Training Course in Chicago. Mary Johnson has been in contact with WEF representative Lara Hughes about co-sponsoring this event. As of yet, WEF had not chosen a date or a conference site.
5. Kathy Cooper reported on the WEF Membership Group. WEF is considering Utility based memberships. Kathy Cooper will attend work group next week.

6. Lou Kollias reported on WEFTEC 2008 local arrangements. Brian Perkovich agreed to serve as Chair of WEFTEC 2008 Local Arrangements.
7. Greg Cargill reported on June 16 golf outing. As of yesterday, there are 45 golfers registered. They had both event and prize sponsors. Event should break even.
8. Mary Johnson reported on Sylvanus Jackson scholarship at ERTC. Lou Kollias will draft letter asking for notification of awards and timing of presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Kathy Cooper moved and Chuck Corley seconded that Mary Johnson and Dennis Priewe be appointed Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Motion passed.
2. Board discussed future joint conferences with ISAWWA. Board supports a 2009 joint conference. IWEA may want to readdress the profit/expenses split. Dennis Priewe moved and Amanda Withers seconded that IWEA do a joint annual conference with ISAWWA in 2009. Motion passed. Lou will draft letter to notify ISAWWA. Letter will suggest we renegotiate split of profit/expenses based on attendance at individual conferences during next two years.
3. Amanda Withers reported on 2008 Annual Conference. She reviewed conference centers in Bloomington and Peoria and recommended Peoria City Center Holiday Inn. The City Center has March 3 – 5, 2008 and March 17- 19, 2008 available. Mary Johnson moved and Dennis Priewe seconded that we contract with Peoria Holiday Inn City Centre for 2008 Conference. Motion passed. Preferred date is March 3 - 5, 2008. Alternative date is March 17 – 19, 2008.
4. Lou Kollias reported on archives storage/safe deposit box. IWEA will store their archives and records at Stickny. We will review documents and store important originals in safety deposit box.
5. Board discussed franchise issues. At Long Range Planning meeting, Lou Kollias appointed a subcommittee of Lou, Amanda Withers, Rich Helm and Chuck Corley to address franchise issues. IWEA wants to be primary MA in Illinois
 - IAWPCO. Chuck will contact WEF regarding policy for dropping Illinois operator group as a category on the WEF membership form. Following clarification, we will contact IAWPCO.
 - CSWEA. Franchise Subcommittee will contact CSWEA regarding a meeting to discuss franchise issues. Lou will draft letter to CSWEA President with suggested meeting dates.
6. Larry Ziemba reported on the Illinois Public Service Institute. Larry previously sent Board members an information/fact sheet regarding IPSI. IPSI has requested IWEA be a sponsor of their organization. Sponsorship includes use of our name and logo. There would also be spot available for an IWEA member on their Board. Sponsors may provide scholarships for IPSI students, but it is not required. Larry Ziemba moved and Amanda Withers seconded that we sponsor the IPSI. Motion passed.
7. Mary Johnson suggested IWEA offer members a chance to purchase new logo shirts. Members agreed to blue polo shirts from Lands' End. Mary will mail order forms to Board and Committee Chairs.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. Annual Conference – Amanda Withers reported that the Call for Abstracts will be mailed out shortly. Arrangements with Conference Hotel are up to date.
2. Audit – No report.
3. Awards – No report.
4. Biosolids – Biosolids Committee will provide a technical session for the annual meeting.
5. Collection Systems – Collection Systems Committee will hold a seminar and exhibition in November at Lisle Naperville. A downstate seminar and exhibition in Bloomington or Effingham will follow this.
6. Governmental Affairs – No report.
7. Industrial Pretreatment – Industrial Pretreatment Committee will meet next month to set up February dinner meeting. They are considering a joint meeting with Illinois Water Waste and Sewage Group, an industrial pretreatment group.
8. Laboratory – Sandy Conrad reported that the Laboratory Committee will provide a session for the annual conference. Committee has two new members, Andy Groper and Becky Rose. Sharon Hawkins accepted position of vice chair. Committee is completing QC manual for small plants.
9. Local Arrangements – Awards presentation will be banquet entertainment. Larry suggested adding a past officers breakfast with IWEA covering costs.
10. Marketing – No report.
11. Membership – Ted Denning reported that since last meeting, our organization has three new associate (WEF level) members and 47 affiliate (MA only) members. Ted offered to send a member directory to committee chairs as requested.
12. Newsletter – No report.
13. Nominating – Larry Ziemba presented a Nominating Committee schedule. Tim Kluge and Greg Cargill agreed to serve as nominating committee members. This year, the Committee needs to nominate a 2nd VP and a director. They will have recommendations at September meeting.
14. Plant Operations – July 18, 19, 20 Joint seminars with IAWPCO are scheduled for Rochelle, Peoria, and DeQuoin, respectively.
15. Program – Amanda Withers reported the Program Committee will mail Call for Abstracts to current IWEA members and past speakers. Program Committee added two new members, Wayne Grooms and Mark Zachar.
16. Public Ed & Student Affairs – Public Ed Committee is looking for people to work at State Fair. Eva Feldman from Lincoln High School in Chicago won Clean Water Award at IJAS. She is also our SJWP award winner. WEF agreed to publicize the 10-Day Water Environment Curriculum.
17. Safety – No report.
18. Student Chapters – Greg Cargill reported the Student Chapters Committee will meet in August to plan for upcoming school year. They will develop guidelines for covering expenses. Student Affairs had good participation last year and want to build on it.

19. Watershed – No report.
20. Website – Mary Johnson will explore posting an electronic abstract submittal form on our website. If this is successful, she will work on having registration forms for all conferences on-line.
21. Young Professionals – No report

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

1. President –Lou Kollias had no report. He will contact CSWEA regarding franchise issues.
2. President Elect – John Lamb wrote annual conference guideline and checklist.
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, annual conference income and expenses, and a proposed budget for 2006/2007.
7. Director 07 – No report.
8. Director 08 – No report. Rich Helm noted a Director report is published in each issue of the IWEA newsletter.
9. Past President – No report.

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Priewe moved to adjourn meeting at 12:29 pm. Amanda Withers seconded.