

Illinois Water Environment Association  
Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting  
September 22, 2006

The Illinois Water Environment Association Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting was called to order by President Lou Kollias at 9:40 AM September 22, 2006 at the Doubletree Conference Center in Bloomington, IL.

Present at the meeting were Sandy Conrad, Kathy Cooper, Chuck Corley, Ted Denning, Rich Helm, Lou Kollias, John Lamb, Mary Johnson, Dennis Priewe, Pat Schatz, Ron Smith, Linda Smith-Vargo, Mark Termini, and Amanda Withers

MINUTES/APPROVAL

1. Chuck Corley moved and Dennis Priewe seconded that the minutes from the 6/22/06 Executive Board and Committee Chairs meeting be approved. Motion passed.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL ISSUES

1. Treasurer noted IWEA made a \$250.00 donation to the Water Environment Research Federation in June.
2. Board agreed to make a \$250.00 donation to Water for the People.
3. Board verified that member dues for all categories are \$15.00 with the exception of student members. Student member dues are \$10.00
4. Mary Johnson reported that if we accept credit card payments via our website , it is necessary to use a third party payment system such as PayPal or ProPay. Mary and Dennis will make a proposal regarding this by October 31, 2006. Board will vote on proposal via email.
5. Budget was revised to reflect changes in the Collections Committee seminar costs. Kathy Cooper moved that budget be approved as revised. John Lamb seconded. Motion passed.
6. IWEA needs to be aware that monies received for charitable donations need a receipt. We may need to consider this regarding our Golf Outing.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Toby Duckett presented report on options for newsletter publication. It included three options:
  - Keep newsletter publication as a volunteer effort
  - Keep newsletter publication a volunteer effort, but add advertisements.
  - Use outside contractor to publish newsletter, plus advertisements. Newsletter becomes a revenue source.Board consensus is to consider hiring a contract service to solicit articles, set up newsletter, and publish articles. Board will also continue to recruit a newsletter committee chair.
2. Chuck Corley reported on WEFMAX. IWEA has confirmed reservations with Chicago Radisson Hotel for April 19 – 21, 2007. There are also confirmed reservations for a social outing on the Mystic Blue cruise ship.

3. Lou Kollias reported about 100 people attended WEF FOG workshop in Chicago. IWEA help market the workshop by providing logo, sharing mailing lists, and emailing conference notice to members.
4. Kathy Cooper reported on WEF Membership Group. WEF is proposing adding a Utility Partnership member category. There will be a follow up Membership Group meeting at WEFTEC. Kathy also noted that IWEA is one of very few MAs that does not have a paid director.
5. Lou Kollias confirmed Brian Perkovich will chair WEFTEC Local Arrangements Committee.
6. No documentation can be found regarding agreement between IWEA and IAWPCO. Thus policy is unclear regarding IAWPCO members obtaining direct membership in WEF. Lou Kollias drafted letter to Phyllis Ross regarding having IWEA being primary membership association in Illinois.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. WEF is sponsoring a Young Professional Summit at the same time/place as Chicago WEFMAX. IWEA is not responsible for registrations or costs. YPs will join WEFMAX attendees at Thursday night reception.
2. WEF is requesting members for their Safety Committee. Mark Termini will contact WEF regarding work associated with membership.
3. Mary Johnson proposed IWEA sponsor a team to participate in the 2008 Operators Challenge. Mary will contact WEF regarding participation requirements. Greg Garbs will draft article for next issue newsletter.
4. Amanda moved that 2<sup>nd</sup> VP served as program committee chair. Lou Kollias seconded. Motion defeated. IWEA will continue to search for a program committee chair. Paul Rom agreed to serve as vice chair of program this year.
5. APWA request a copy of the IWEA mailing list. Mary Johnson will send a copy of the list to APWA with the request that it only be used for program mailings and not be shared with vendors.
6. Lou Kollias discussed joint IWEA/CSWEA reception at WEFTEC. IWEA does not want expenses to exceed funds raised from sponsors. Members suggested Greg Cargill as on-site contact for approving reception expenses.

#### COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. Annual Conference – No report.
2. Audit – No report.
3. Awards – Still need nominations for Hatfield, Bedell, and Meredith awards.
4. Biosolids – Biosolids Committee is providing a technical session for the annual meeting. Session will include six papers.
5. Collection Systems – Collection Systems Committee will hold a seminar and exhibition in November 2 at Lisle Hyatt. There will not be a downstate seminar this year.
6. Governmental Affairs – No report.

7. Industrial Pretreatment – Matt Gluckman will speak at annual dinner meeting in February 2007. This will be 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 six speakers for the annual conference. QA manual for small laboratories has been submitted to IEPA for review and comments.
9. Local Arrangements – Local Arrangements is setting up tour at Bloomington Normal treatment plant. They will also provide speakers for business luncheon and member breakfast.
10. Marketing – Marketing Committee now has a standard layout for seminar mailings. They are working on annual conference vendor flier.
11. Membership – Ted Denning reported total membership is 771, including 48 affiliate members. Rajesh Ojha will take over as committee chair in March.
12. Newsletter – No report.
13. Nominating – Committee nominated Dennis Priewe for 2nd VP and Ted Denning for Director 2010.
14. Plant Operations – Plant Operations conference made a profit of \$115.29. 88 people attended two conferences in Rochelle and DuQuoin. Peoria conference was cancelled due to low number of registrants.
15. Program – Program committee met September 15, 2006. They selected 47 abstracts and turned down 6. There may still be a few more abstracts coming in.
16. Public Ed & Student Affairs – No report. Lou Kollias encouraged Public Ed Committee to have booth at State Fair in 2007
17. Safety – Mark Termini reported that the Safety Committee has not yet received any nominations for Burke Award. Award nomination is due on December 7. Safety Committee will be submitting articles to newsletter.
18. Student Chapters – Greg Cargill sent a written report. It included a draft document for sending students to seminars and conferences. There are active student chapters at IIT, UIUC, and Northwestern
19. Watershed – No report.
20. Website – Mary Johnson posted an electronic abstract submittal form on our website. It appeared to work well. There will be on-line annual conference registration available provided issues with credit card processing are resolved.
21. Young Professionals – No report

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

1. President – working on franchise issues.
2. President Elect – No report.
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – No report.
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 IWEA donations

7. Director 07 – Rich Helm reported on proposed changes to WEF Constitution and Bylaws. He submitted an outline of recommended revisions to the Board for comment.
8. Director 08 – No report
9. Past President – No report

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Priewe moved to adjourn meeting at 01:00 pm. Amanda Withers seconded.