

Illinois Water Environment Association
Executive Board Long Range Planning Meeting
May 18, 2007

The Illinois Water Environment Association Executive Board Long Range Planning Meeting was called to order by President John Lamb at 9:40 AM May 18, 2007 at the Fareways Restaurant at Cantigny Golf in Wheaton, IL.

Present at the meeting were Kathy Cooper, Chuck Corley, Ted Denning, Rich Helm, Lou Kollias, John Lamb, Mary Johnson, Deb Ness, Dennis Priewe, and Amanda Withers (Deb Ness and Ted Denning attended as non-voting future officers.)

STATUS OF IWEA/CSWEA/IAWPCO ISSUES

1. WEF has no information in their records regarding policies that allow IAWPCO to obtain direct membership with WEF.
2. Lou Kollias and John Lamb agreed to draft letter to WEF requesting that IWEA be designated as the primary MA in Illinois and receive all benefits associated with that designation. Letter will also request that any new group memberships from Illinois zip codes be assigned to the IWEA.
3. Board noted that CSWEA is holding a laboratory seminar in June 2007. IWEA has a cooperative agreement with CSWEA that states CSWEA is not allowed to be sole sponsor of any seminars located in Illinois. John Lamb will draft letter to CSWEA reminding them of the agreement and stating we are willing to partner with them. We will also ask that IWEA membership materials be available at the seminar.
4. Ted Denning suggested we annually send letter of congratulations to incoming CSWEA presidents reminding them of our cooperative agreement.

NEWSLETTER

1. Chuck Corley suggested we find new committee chair first and make decisions regarding newsletter publication second.
2. President will remind Chairs that each committee should submit a newsletter article at least annually.
3. Kathy Cooper moved that Board find a newsletter committee chair and then proceed to define content and format of newsletter. Newsletter may include

advertising to cover increased cost of publication. Details will be determined by new Chair and an ad-hoc committee. Lou Kollias seconded. 8 ayes. 0 nays.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/PART TIME PAID POSITION

1. Mary Johnson will send a letter of resignation from the Secretary position to IWEA. As required by Association Policy, she is giving a one year notice. Her term of service will end June 30, 2008.
2. John Lamb noted that he spoke with Laurie Riotte about serving as Association Secretary.
3. Board agreed to pay Secretary a nominal fee so that IWEA Secretary is eligible for benefits WEF provides to Member Association Executive Directors.
4. Mary Johnson will develop list of items that can be done by clerical help and what are essential duties of secretary.

WEFTEC 2008 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Beginning 2012, WEFTEC location will rotate between Chicago and New Orleans. WEF is setting up an Advisory Committee to transition the repetitive work from Local Arrangements Committee to WEF staff. This Committee will be ongoing with members serving three year terms. The committee will include one representative from IWEA. Lou Kollias volunteered to be IWEA's representative on the WEFTEC Advisory Committee.
2. Brian Perkovich and Lou Kollias will manage booth in San Diego promoting 2008 Chicago WEFTEC. There are about 10 volunteers from IWEA who will also work at this booth.
3. Greg Cargill will lead WEFTEACH during 2008 Chicago WEFTEC.
4. The WEFTEC Local Arrangements Committee will recruit volunteers to work at 2008 Chicago WEFTEC during the upcoming year.

JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE WITH ISAWWA

1. IWEA is doing a joint conference with ISAWWA in 2009. ISAWWA has approached IWEA about making this a permanent arrangement.
2. Chuck Corley suggested that whatever our agreement with ISAWAA, we make a formal agreement with ISAWAA.

3. Kathy Cooper moved and Amanda Withers seconded that we partner with ISWAA for 2010 annual conference. 8 ayes. 0 nays
4. Amanda Withers moved that we do a survey of membership regarding frequency of joint conferences and make a decision based on results of survey. Lou seconded. 8 ayes. 0 nays. John Lamb, Deb Ness, and Mary Johnson will prepare survey.

OTHER PARTNERSHIPS, SEMINARS, AND ACTIVITIES

1. Rich Helm moved that we partner with the Illinois Continuing Legal Education group regarding sponsoring the 2008 Illinois Environmental Law Conference in “some way, shape, of form.” Dennis Priewe seconded. 8 ayes. 0 nays.
2. USEPA approached IWEA about hosting an Asset Management and Sustainable Infrastructure Seminar. Russ Mark of Region 5 reported that 2500 people have attended USEPA Asset Management Conference, but there has never been one in the mid-west. Dennis Priewe suggested that rather than hosting a stand alone conference, we instead invite an Asset Management speaker to do a workshop at the IWEA annual conference instead.
3. Kathy Cooper moved that we contact ISAWWA and USEPA regarding an Asset Management Workshop in conjunction with the 2009 Annual Conference. Chuck Corley seconded. 6 ayes, 2 nays.
4. Rich Helm suggested that an IWEA member attended the WEF Leadership Conference, June 13 -15, 2007 in Baltimore. Rich Helm moved and Lou Kollias seconded that we approve expenses for Mary Johnson to attend conference. 8 ayes, 0 nays.

ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Withers moved the meeting adjourn at 1:05 PM.