

Illinois Water Environment Association
Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting
June 8, 2007

The Illinois Water Environment Association Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting was called to order by President John Lamb at 9:40 AM June 8, 2007 at Starved Rock State Park Lodge in Utica, IL.

Present at the meeting were Kathy Cooper, Chuck Corley, Ted Denning, Greg Garbs, Mark Halm, Rich Helm, Larry Hughes, John Lamb, Mary Johnson, Deb Ness, Dennis Priewe, Norm Rose, Linda Smith-Vargo, Lou Storino, Kendra Sveum, Amanda Withers

MINUTES/APPROVAL

1. Rich Helm moved and Kathy Cooper seconded that the minutes from the March 5, March 7, May 18, 2007 Executive Board and Committee Chairs meeting be approved. Motion passed.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL ISSUES

1. IWEA is applying for a credit card. Treasurer and Secretary will have signing privileges. Dennis Priewe, current 2nd VP, will also have signing privileges.
2. Deb Ness will contact Wheaton Community Bank about updating the signatory cards.
3. Members discussed draft budget. Members agreed to adjust Government Affairs, Industrial Pretreatment, and Young Professionals budgets. Rich Helm moved and Amanda Withers seconded that FY 2007/2008 budget be approved as amended. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. John Lamb reviewed 2007 Chicago WEFMAX meeting.
2. John Lamb reviewed May 18, 2007 IWEA long range planning meeting.
3. John Lamb discussed need for new Newsletter Chair and enhancements to the newsletter. Some ideas for newsletter improvements include colored pictures and improved copy. To cover cost of upgrades, publication could include advertising.
 - a. Linda Smith-Vargo presented suggestions regarding advertising. They included:
 - Adding one to two pages of business card ads to each issue.
 - Make Fall issue a pre-show issue and add advertising to only this issue.
 - Adding a four color insert in fall issue with conference info plus advertising
 - Make Spring issue a post show issue highlighting award winners and add advertising to this issue.
 - Create a stand alone membership directory/yearbook with advertising as a revenue source
 - b. Jim McDermott of J & M Process contacted John Lamb regarding serving as Chair of newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

1. September 14, 2007 meeting will be at the Burpee Museum in Rockford
2. IWEA is honoring six students with Clean Water Awards. Two Award winners will receive \$200.00 savings bonds, Four honorable mentions will receive \$100.00 saving bonds. IWEA will also sponsor Eva Feldman to attend the SJWP competition in Phoenix.
3. IWEA will wait to make WEF requested changes to Constitution & Bylaws until after WEFTEC 2008.
4. John Lamb suggested that 2nd VP attend the annual WEF Leadership Conference. Mary Johnson will add this to 2nd VP job description (on website).
5. Mary Johnson reported the Peoria Holiday Inn asked us to change dates of 2008 conference from March 17 – 19 to March 18 - 20. IWEA agreed to this change if hotel would provide compensation. Hotel offered to waive charge for exhibit hall, microphones, and electrical cords and outlets. Hotel also reduced required room nights from 91 to 88.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. Annual Conference – Amanda Withers will schedule a conference call with committee members to start planning 2008 conference
2. Audit – John Lamb reported Chair Lou Kollias suggested dissolving Audit Committee and contracting out annual audits.
3. Awards – no report
4. Biosolids – no report
5. Collection Systems – Al Hollenbeck submitted a written report. Collections seminar is scheduled for November 8, 2008 at Lisle Hyatt. Collections Systems training and test is scheduled for February 2008.
6. Governmental Affairs – no report.
7. Industrial Pretreatment – no report.
8. Laboratory – Sandy Conrad submitted written Laboratory Committee report. Lab Committee is sponsoring a lab skills training for Fox Valley Operators group in August 2008.
9. Local Arrangements – Larry Hughes discussed options for Annual Conference local arrangements speakers and events.
10. Marketing – no report.
11. Membership – Ted Denning is in discussion with potential new Chair for committee
12. Newsletter – no report.
13. Nominating – no report.
14. Plant Operations – Greg Garbs reported that Plant Operations Seminars are scheduled for DeKalb (July 10) and Mount Vernon (July 12)
15. Program – Call for papers will be out within a month.
16. Public Ed & Student Affairs – Norm Rose reported Public Education Committee participated in Northwest Suburban Education Career Fair, DuPage County Career Day, and IJAS Science Fair during last two months. Committee has plans to participate in other career days. Committee also has plans to start working again with the 10 Day Water Environment Curriculum. Norm Rose emphasized

we need a minimum of twenty volunteers to staff booth at Illinois State Fair. Fair is Friday, August 10 through Tuesday, August 19, 2007.

17. Safety – no report.
18. Student Chapters – Lou Storino discussed student chapters. We currently have chapters at UIUC, IIT and Northwestern. There is work already underway to start student chapter at UIC. IWEA is also looking to start chapter at Bradley. 33 YPs and students attend Deep Tunnel/MWRDGC Stickney Plant Tour. Committee wants to help provide organization and structure to student chapters.
19. Watershed – no report.
20. Website – no report.
21. Young Professionals – Mark Halm introduce Kendra Sveum, YP Co-chair. YP has 10 members and 4 – 5 sub-committees. YP is sponsoring golf lessons for members. Six people showed at first lesson; eight signed up for second lesson. YP is having monthly conference calls to maintain communications between sub-committees.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

1. President – no report.
2. President Elect – no report.
3. 1st Vice President – no report.
4. 2nd Vice President – no report.
5. Secretary – Mary Johnson submitted resignation from Secretary position effective June 30, 2008. Laurie Riotte has agreed to serve as Secretary beginning with 2008/2009 business year.
6. Treasurer – Dennis Priewe submitted a written Treasurer's report. He noted IWEA made \$29,177.16 profit from 2007 annual conference. This is Association's highest profit on annual conference to date.
7. Director 07 – no report.
8. Director 08 – no report.
9. Director 10 – no report.
10. Past President – no report.

ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Cooper moved and Rich Helm seconded to adjourn meeting at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Johnson
IWEA Secretary