

Illinois Water Environment Association
Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting
September 14, 2007

The Illinois Water Environment Association Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting was called to order by President John Lamb at 9:45 AM September 14, 2007 at Burpee Museum of Natural History in Rockford, IL.

Present at the meeting were Dan Bounds, Sandra Conrad, Kathy Cooper, Chuck Corley, Ted Denning, Greg Garbs, Rich Helm, John Lamb, Mary Johnson, Lou Kollias, Deb Ness, Sarah Potter, Dennis Priewe, Laurie Riotte, Linda Smith-Vargo, Lou Storino, Kendra Sveum, Mark Termini, Amanda Withers, and Fred Wu.

MINUTES/APPROVAL

1. Lou Kollias moved and Chuck Corley seconded that the minutes from the June 8, 2007 Board and Committee Chairs meeting be approved. Motion passed.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL ISSUES

1. Lou Kollias moved and Kathy Cooper seconded that IWEA donate \$500.00 to Water for People and \$250.00 for WERF donations. 7 ayes; 0 nays.
2. IWEA credit card application was lost by credit card service company. We are sending a second application. Treasurer and Secretary will have signing privileges. Dennis Priewe, current 2nd VP, will also have signing privileges.
3. John Lamb reported Golf Outing made profit of \$250.00. About 45 people attended.
4. Mary Johnson discussed issues related to PayPal credit card payments. Members agreed to only accept credit cards for on-line payments. Mail in registrations must be accompanied by a check.

OLD BUSINESS

1. John Lamb and Linda Smith-Vargo discussed potential changes to newsletter production/publication. Linda Smith-Vargo proposed introducing a paid Managing Editor for the newsletter.
 - IWEA Newsletter Chair would be responsible for editorial direction, identifying authors, and final newsletter approval.
 - Managing Editor would solicit articles and be responsible for coordinating production, printing, and mailing as well as assuring quality.
 - Linda Smith-Vargo suggested adding advertising to offset newsletter costs. Advertising format may initially be one to two pages of business card ads.
 - Chuck Corley, Linda Smith-Vargo, and John Lamb will meet with William Paige of Scribe Source to discuss the Managing Editor position.
2. John Lamb led discussion regarding IWEA/ISAWWA joint conferences. Lou Kollias suggested we make decision regarding whether to partner with ISAWWA more often than every third year following our March 2008 Annual Conference.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mary Johnson posted a member survey on website. There is an ad in the Fall Newsletter asking members to complete the survey. John Lamb also mentioned the survey in his President's message.
2. John Lamb reported on WEF Executive Director Bill Betera's letter regarding franchise issues.
3. John Lamb asked for suggestions for 2008 WEFTEC plant tours. Suggestions can be directed to Lou Kollias.
4. Chuck asked for volunteers for Operators Workshop at Egan Plant during 2008 WEFTEC. Volunteers would work at any of 8 – 12 stations. Each station would highlight a different aspect of operations.
5. John Lamb suggested developing guidelines for setting IWEA seminar fees.
6. John Lamb reported on American Bottoms Treatment Plant letter regarding the IWEA Laboratory Training for Treatment Plant Operators.
7. John Lamb led discussion on WEF Young Professionals Membership/Program. WEF Website lists some MAs as having YP Membership Programs. Kendra will check on getting IWEA listed as being a part of the YP Membership Program.
8. John Lamb promoted IWEA/CSWEA reception at San Diego WEFTEC. Mary Johnson will send an email to membership promoting the reception. For 2008, IWEA will provide a member to work with CSWEA on the reception.
9. Lou Kollias is soliciting volunteers to work at IWEA Booth at San Diego WEFTEC.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. Annual Conference – Amanda Withers gave an update on conference preparations. She will do monthly conference calls with committee members.
2. Awards – John Lamb suggested IWEA create a local level YP Award with same criteria as the WEF YP Award. Annual Award winner could be forward to WEF for consideration for the national YP Award
3. Biosolids – no report.
4. Collection Systems – no report.
5. Governmental Affairs – Lou Kollias reported Government Affairs Committee will meet next week. They are considering meeting at the Lisle Hyatt.
6. Industrial Pretreatment – Ted Denning reported that Winter Pretreatment dinner is Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at Vic's Italian Steak House at Oakbrook Terrace. Dr Pagilla is speaker. This is a joint meeting with Illinois Industrial Sewage Association.
7. Laboratory – Laboratory sponsored a hands-on laboratory training workshop for Fox Valley Operators Group members.
8. Local Arrangements – Larry Hughes submitted a written Local Arrangements report. He reported that banquet entertainment has been arranged. There will also be a tour of Peoria Treatment Plant.
9. Marketing – Linda Smith-Vargo reported that the Market Committee continues to support IWEA functions. She introduced Sarah Potter, a new CMT employee and IWEA Marketing Committee member. Marketing Committee has started preparing materials for annual conference. They are soliciting ideas for a theme. Linda and Sarah will report on using an email service at our next meeting.

10. Membership – Fred Wu reported IWEA has 759 associate members and about 60 affiliate members
11. Newsletter – Summer newsletter is being mailed.
12. Nominating – Lou Kollias reported Nominating Committee has four members: Jay Patel, Greg Cargill, Brian Perkovitch, and himself. Board will vote on Nominating Committee recommendations by email before October 15, 2007.
13. Plant Operations – Greg Garbs reported Plant Operations held two successful conferences this summer. He recommends continuing to do joint conferences with IAWPCO.
14. Program – Program Committee is meeting next week to review abstracts.
15. Public Ed & Student Affairs – Members suggested we locate our State Fair booth in Conservation World rather than in Watershed Park. We may only want to exhibit on weekends. Members also suggested improving booth content, perhaps using games rather than the Enviroscape model.
16. Safety – Mark Termini reported Safety Committee is soliciting nominations for the Burke Award. Committee has updated nomination form and put together an inspection sheet.
17. Student Chapters – Lou Storino reported Student Chapter is working to set up a new chapter at U of I at Chicago. Plans are to set up next chapter at Bradley. Lou Storino has joined WEF Student & Young Professionals Liaisons Program. John Lamb reported SIU is also interested in establishing a student chapter. Current newsletter has article regarding UIUC student chapter
18. Watershed – Dan Bounds reported that he is in the process of reactivating the watershed committee by contacting former members regarding their continued interest. He suggested the committee and IWEA could be a forum for information sharing among the various statewide watershed groups. He also suggested holding a watershed workshop during the upcoming and future annual conferences.
19. Website – At members’ request Mary Johnson will work on a redesign of website home page that features more “quick links” on the home page.
20. Young Professionals – Kendra Sveum submitted a written Young Professionals report. YP will host dinners featuring speakers on sustainability. They will also do a fall treatment plant tour. YPs will invite student chapter members to all activities.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

1. President – no report.
2. President Elect – Kathy Cooper reported she reviewed payments.
3. 1st Vice President – no report.
4. 2nd Vice President – no report.
5. Secretary – no report.
6. Treasurer – Deb Ness submitted a written Treasurer’s report. IWEA has total account balances of \$66,955. The Association ended its 2006/2007 fiscal year with an income of \$18,453. Final budget for 2007/2008 is \$101,600.

7. Director 07 – Rich Helm reported that this is his last official meeting as his term as WEF Delegate ends in October. Members thanked Rich Helm for his years of service.
8. Director 08 – Chuck Corley’s Director’s report is printed in Summer newsletter. He requested members contact him if they have issues they want brought to the Board of Delegates.
9. Director 10 – no report.
10. Past President – no report.

ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Withers moved and Lou Kollias seconded that meeting be adjourned meeting at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Johnson
IWEA Secretary