

**Illinois Water Environment Association  
Executive Board and Committee Chairs Meeting Minutes  
June 19, 2008**

The Scheduled Meeting of the Executive Board and Committee Chairs of the Illinois Water Environment Association was called to order by President Kathy Cooper at 09:20 a.m. June 19, 2008 at Staved Rock Lodge in Utica, Illinois.

Present at the meeting were: Dan Bounds, Kathy Cooper, Chuck Corley, Ted Denning, Rozanne Ferguson, Mark Halm, Sharon Hawkins, Mary Johnson, John Lamb, Deb Ness, Dennis Prieue, Laurie Riotte, Pat Schatz, Mark Termini, David Tucker, Amanda Withers, and Fred Wu

**TERRITORY ISSUES**

1. Dennis Prieue and Kathy Cooper reported on meeting with CSWEA Representatives Tim Tack and Richard Gyger Friday, June 13, 2008. Meeting was productive. All agreed it is in the best interest to serve Illinois through a single, common organization. Discussion included the concept of seamless relationship between two entities for all future activities in State of Illinois.
2. Dennis and Kathy also shared a memo from IWEA's legal council. He suggested that WEF is not bound by Constitution & Bylaws language. Lou Kollias and Chuck Corley will address WEF Board in July regarding territory issues. Lou will bring signed letter to Board, as well as position paper, and attorney's opinion.
3. Following this meeting, and following CSWEA joint sections meeting, IWEA and CSWEA meet again.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Chuck Corley moved and Ted Denning seconded that meeting minutes for 12/07/07, 03/18/08, and 03/20/08 Board and Committee Chair meetings, and 05/08/08 long range planning committee be approved. Motion passed.

**BUDGET**

1. Debra Ness proposed a FY 2008/2009 budget that includes \$92,600 for expenses and \$99,000 for income. Last year's revenue was \$104,000 and expenses \$71,400. IWEA wants to use some of our revenue to establish a reserve fund of one year's expenses. The 2008/2009 budget includes funds for two new line items: charitable donations and establishment of another scholarship.
2. Dennis Prieue and Debra Ness will work together to develop a written financial plan/strategy.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Members discussed a potential paid part time position. Mary reviewed administrative and clerical duties assigned to Secretary. Amanda Withers reviewed information received from other MAs that use clerical staff. Mary and Amanda will bring proposals to next meeting.
2. Chuck shared copies of IWEAs proposal to host the 2011 Stockholm Junior Water Prize Competition. WEF asks that the sponsor have a MA event at the same time as the SJWP competition. Some ideas include WEFTeach, YP meeting, or WEFMAX meeting. IWEA will seek sponsors to cover hosting expenses. Ted Denning moved and Mark Halm seconded that IWEA add a line item of \$2500 to budget to cover hosting expenses. Motion passed.
3. Kathy Cooper will contact Norm Rose regarding IWEA Booth at Illinois Water Conference
4. John Lamb and Dennis Priewe moved IWEA subscribe to Constant Contact to provide email service. Motion passed. Mary Johnson will set up account.
5. Dennis Priewe reported on arrangements for 2009 Annual Conference.
6. Amanda Withers presented cost estimates for 2010 Annual Conference at Embassy Suites in East Peoria. Based on proposed conference attendance fees and the cost estimates, IWEA can expect revenues of \$22,000. Amanda moved and Ted Denning seconded that IWEA contract with Embassy Suites of East Peoria for 2010, 2012, and 2014 Annual Conferences. Motion passed. Amanda Withers, Herb Anderson, and IWEA Attorney will review contract.
7. Amanda Withers introduced Rozanne Ferguson of Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly, IWEA's new marketing chair.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Chuck Corley moved and Amanda Withers seconded that IWEA grant affiliate membership to SJWP Nominees and Clean Water Award winners for five years following their awards. Mary will contact Larry Ziemba regarding giving a new member packet to the award winners.
2. Ted Denning asked whether IWEA wants to digitize photos we currently have stored as prints. He will check into costs.
3. September meeting will be moved from Rockford to Starved Rock

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Annual Conference – Dennis Priewe reported on Annual Conference preparations.
2. Awards – Terrence J. O'Brien will receive public official award at 2008 WEFTEC. Awards committee will review "silent heroes" program.
3. Biosolids – no report
4. Collections – no report
5. Electrical Power – David Tucker reported the Electrical Power Committee will provide a presentation for the Operators seminar and three papers at the annual conference. Committee is considering developing a database of POTW power usage.
6. Governmental Affairs – no report
7. Industrial pretreatment – no report
8. Laboratory – Sharon Hawkins reported 54 people attended laboratory seminar on June 17. Seminar made \$415 profit. Lab will provide a session for annual conference. Pat Schatz will serve as liaison for Iowa Tri-state Conference.
9. Local Arrangements – no report
10. Marketing – Rozanne Ferguson reported marketing committee is doing great.

11. Membership – Fred Wu reported that IWEA has 766 associate members and 48 affiliate members. He can provide specialized reports for members requesting them.
12. Newsletter – Chuck Corley
13. Nominating – no report
14. Plant Operations – Greg Garbs submitted a written report. Committee is hosting seminars in July, one in DeKalb and one in Mount Vernon.
15. Program – no report
16. Public Ed & Student Affairs – no report
17. Safety – Mark Termini reported Safety Committee is partnering with Plant Operations for Operator seminars.
18. Student Chapters – Lou Storino submitted a written report
19. Watershed – Dan Bounds reported 40 people attended symposium at annual conference. They will host another symposium at 2009 annual conference. Goal is for 100 attendees. Committee identified 90 watershed groups in Illinois. Representatives from about 20 groups attended the 2008 symposium. 2009 symposium will focus on data management.
20. Website – Mary Johnson reported that IWEA contracted with a web based service for conference registration. She also asked that members suggest items for “latest news” section of website.
21. Young Professionals – Brandon Celaya submitted a written report.

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS**

1. President – no report
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 – Mary Johnson thanked Board and Committee Chairs for opportunity to serve IWEA as secretary for past three years. Laurie Riotte will start as Secretary on July 1, 2008
6. Treasurer – Deb Ness reported IWEA has \$77,024 in general checking account, \$ 22,819 in certificates of deposit, and \$3195 in Science Fair account, for a total of \$103,038. Final report on annual conference shows income of \$68,500 and expense of \$27,700. Thus net income is \$48,000.
7. Director 08- Chuck Corley asked IWEA Members for help completing survey regarding WEF/MA issues.
8. Director 10 – no report
9. Director 11 – no report
10. Past President – no report

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ted Denning moved meeting be adjourned at 01:50 p.m.