

Illinois Water Environment Association  
Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting  
December 4, 2009

The Illinois Water Environment Association Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting were called to order by President Amanda Withers at 09:00 AM December 4, 2009 at Starved Rock Lodge in Utica, IL.

Present at the meeting were Dan Bounds, Kathy Cooper, Chuck Corley, Ted Denning, Susen Gali, Mark Halm, Sharon Hawkins, Mary Johnson, Lou Kollias, Krishna Pagilla, Dennis Priewe, Norm Rose, Pat Schatz, Kurt Stepping, Lou Storino, Amanda Withers

**MINUTES/APPROVAL**

Lou Kollias moved and Dennis Priewe seconded that the minutes from the September 11, 2009 Board and Committee Chairs meeting be approved. Motion passed.

**TERRITORY ISSUES**

Mark Halm, and Dennis Priewe, met with CSWEA representatives Tim Tack and Scott Trotter on November 30, 2009. Conversation focused on better ways to communicate and cooperate.

CSWEA agreed we need a new Memorandum of Understanding. They also asked to meet in January to coordinate schedules.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Joint Conferences with ISAWWA. IWEA has annual meetings in Peoria scheduled for 2010, 2012, and 2014. ISAWWA has asked us to do an annual joint conference. There is a penalty for breaking the contract with Embassy Suites. Decision will be made following 2010 annual conference.
2. Part-time paid staff.
  - Amanda distributed a draft of revised bylaws which added language to establish duties and terms of office for Executive Manager position.
  - Kathy Cooper suggested we revise policy requiring secretary and treasurer to give one year notice prior to resignation to include the Executive Manager.
  - Board will determine whether Secretary position should remain in C & B document.
  - Board will vote on final draft language via an email vote. The proposed document will be presented to membership for vote at 2010 annual conference.
3. IWEA Scholarship. Mary Johnson reported the ad-hoc scholarship committee has a draft application document. The committee will make recommendations for marketing and awarding the scholarship at the March Board meeting.
4. Rozeanne Ferguson is putting final touches on the New Membership Brochure.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. IWEA Mission Statement. There were three entries in mission statement contest. Members present agreed on the following statement.

To enhance and protect the Illinois water environment  
through education and collaboration.

- The Board agreed to give IWEA logo shirts to each of the three people who submitted entries.
2. Dennis Priewe moved and Kathy Cooper seconded that we share our mailing list with CSWEA for their annual education conference mailing. Motion passed. Krishna asked that we request mailing lists from CSWEA, Missouri, and Indiana for the Advanced Wastewater Treatment Seminar.
  3. Lou Kollias suggested purchasing a power point projector. No decision was made.
  4. Lou Kollias suggested inviting the Operations Challenge Team to the annual banquet. IWEA agreed to issue an invitation and recognize the team during the awards ceremony. Amanda Withers will contact the coach of the team.

## **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

1. Annual Conference – Mark Halm reported that the technical program is complete. Speakers still need to be notified. Registration flier will go out December 11.
2. Awards - Pat Schatz reported on 2010 award winners
  - Bedell - Jay Patel
  - Burke Safety – Sanitary District of Decatur
  - Hatfield – Darrin B. Boyer
  - Lab Analyst – Rebecca Rose
  - Merdith – Ralph Pfister
  - Clinebell – Ted Denning
  - Best Technical Paper – Arthur Schmidt, UIUC, *Modeling of the TARP System in Northeastern IL*Pat also reported she and Lou Kollias are working on the MA of the year award submittal.
3. Biosolids – Dan Collins submitted a written report that his committee submitted 5 abstracts for the biosolids program during the conference.
4. Collection Systems – Al Hollenbeck submitted a written report. November Seminar had a \$2000 profit.
5. EPEC – Dave Tucker reported committee has monthly conference calls. There will be two energy related sessions at annual conference.
6. Governmental Affairs – Mark Halm reported GAC flier will go out next week. Conference is scheduled for January 26, 2010.
7. Industrial Pretreatment – Ted Denning reported pretreatment dinner is February 18, 2010. Fliers should go out within the next two weeks. Deb Ness and Dennis Priewe will speak on “Pretreatment 101.” This is a joint seminar with IWWSG.
8. Laboratory – Sharon Hawkins reported Lab Committee is meeting in Utica in January. Committee has two new members. Total committee membership is 19.

9. Local Arrangements – Annual Banquet is aboard the Spirit of Peoria. Kurt will review space requirements. Plant tour is Greater Peoria Sanitary District on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 12:30.
10. Marketing – No report.
11. Membership – Fred Wu submitted a written report. IWEA has 835 associate members and 76 affiliate members. WEF is considering adding a new membership category for academia. Non-members who register for the annual conference will receive a complimentary affiliate membership.
12. Newsletter – Chuck Corley reported the fall issue of *The Clarifier* has been mailed. The newsletter continues to rely on members for all content. Kathy Cooper will take over as Newsletter Chair next year.
13. Nominating – Kathy Cooper moved and Lou Kollias seconded that Board accept the following nominations for 2010:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Dan Bounds
  - Delegate 2013 – John Lamb
14. Plant Operations – Committee is still working to recruit a new chair to replace Greg Garbs.
15. Program – IWEA will ask Dick Lanyon, MWDRGC, to speak at YP breakfast. We need to arrange a speaker for the member breakfast.
16. Public Ed & Student Affairs – IWEA had a booth at the October 24 ACS Chemistry Day at DePaul University. IWEA also had a booth at the November 12 & 13 Illinois Science Teachers Annual Meeting. IWEA developed a grant form to distribute copies of 10-day Water Environment Curriculum. The thought was that if teacher went through effort of completing form, they would actually use the curriculum.
17. Safety – No report.
18. Student Chapters – Lou Storino reported on student chapter activities.
  - Brian Perkovitch and Scott Trotter attended UIUC student meeting. Students were interested in IWEA paper design competition. Students supported touring Chicago facilities, but asked then tours be scheduled after 11:00 am to allow travel time.
  - Northwestern University students support Engineers of a Sustainable World. It may be worth while to co-sponsor events with this organization
  - Lou met with professor at UIC and identified with 10 interested students.
  - Bradley University students are interested in attending annual conference
  - The student chapters committee would like to plan a half day or whole day student paper competition with goal of identifying papers for WEF competition.
  - The next student chapter's tour will be Jardine Water Treatment Plant.
19. Watershed – Dan Bounds reported that watershed committee has monthly conference calls. Committee is working on developing watershed information for the website. Watershed symposium is Wednesday afternoon of conference. Representatives from USEPA, IEPA, Trees Forever, Prairie Rivers Project, Tri-County Regional Planning Area will speak at symposium. Representatives from Illinois watershed groups were invited to give five to ten minute updates.

20. Website – Mary Johnson reported that information for all upcoming events has been posted on the website. She asked for help providing copy for the monthly e-news.
21. Young Professionals – Susan Gali reported YP is working to schedule tours. They are planning a dinner seminar or happy hour in January. Tuesday is YP day at the annual conference. It includes a breakfast, a YP technical session a tour of the exhibit hall. YPs are also helping plan the GPSD tour during annual conference.
22. Ad-Hoc Franchise Issues – Dennis Priewe reported on meeting with CSWEA representatives.
23. 2011 SJWP Local Arrangements – Subcommittee chairs have been appointed. Committee needs help with student design build activity, teacher activity, identifying and mentoring Illinois students, and sponsoring a professional activity where students can display/explain projects. Lou will head fundraising campaign, Rozanne will develop brochure. We will need to supply some coaches for 2010 conference in Missouri, 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS**

1. President – Amanda Withers reported on joint conferences with ISAWWA.
2. President Elect – no report
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Mark Halm submitted a written report. Golf outing is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 25, 2010
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Krishna Pagilla reported digital training programs appear to be cost prohibitive. IWEA may want to pair up with WEF to offer on-line training.
5. Secretary – no report
6. Treasurer – no report
7. Director 2010 – no report
8. Director 2011 – Lou Kollias reported on WEF Work Groups
9. Past President – Kathy Cooper reported Operator Certification is on hold until IEPA has more staff. Part time paid staff project will be complete when bylaws changes are approved.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Kathy Cooper moved that meeting be adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Johnson