



**Illinois Water Environment Association
Executive Board & Committee Chair Meeting
March 18, 2009**

The Illinois Water Environment Association Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting was called to order by President Amanda Withers at 12:16 PM March 18, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza, in Springfield, IL.

Present at the meeting were: Dan Bounds, Sajana Chitrakar, Dan Collins, Holly Cooper, Kathy Cooper, Ted Denning, Rozanne Ferguson, Mark Halm, Mary Johnson, Lou Kollias, Deb Ness, Krishna Pagilla, Dennis Priewe, Laurie Riotte, Becky Rose, Pat Schatz, Lou Storino, Mark Termini, Amanda Withers.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Lou Kollias moved and Ted Denning seconded the meeting minutes for the 12/05/08 Board and Committee Chair meetings be approved. Motion passed.

First order of business was to go around the room and introduce ourselves. Amanda Withers then passed out folders to everyone. The folders contained the upcoming years meeting schedule, contact information for the board and committee chairs, and a blank work & budget plan that should be completed and turned in by May 22, 2009.

TERRITORY ISSUES

The committee met on Tuesday during the joint conference (3/17/09). WEF is taking a hands off stance with regards to CSWEA and IWEA reaching a resolution. The committee's recommendation at this point is to go with the 1986 MOU and not try to renegotiate, just operate status quo and allow our performance and marketing to establish IWEA as the primary. IWEA will not enter into a joint annual conference with CSWEA. Joint seminars and other issues will be discussed by the board on a case by case basis.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL ISSUES

Debra Ness advised all the committee chairs that their annual budget and work plan form that is in their folders is due on May 22, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS

The email voting policy was reviewed. Amanda Withers moved and Laurie Riotte seconded to approve the policy. Motion carried.

Part-time paid position was tabled. This topic will be discussed at the board's Long Range Planning Meeting in May.

Ted Denning stated that he scanned some of the photos for the archives himself and will continue to work on this project as his schedule allows.

Rozanne Ferguson is working on freshening up the New Membership Brochure.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Johnson stated that her committee will be looking for some money to update the website and improve its navigation. She would also like to see pages for the committees. She stated she gets asked from time to time if we would accept sponsors for the website. The board consensus was not to pursue website sponsors at this time.

Mark Halm presented a draft golf outing budget and contract to secure the Carillon Golf Club for the annual golf outing in June. It was based on 85 golfers. Discussion was had that; if possible, Mark should try and negotiate the minimum amount of golfers down a little due to the current economy. A suggestion was made by Dan Collins that if we fall short on the minimums perhaps the golf club would give the additional rounds back as prizes.

Pat Schatz stated that her committee has set a goal of December 09 to be working on the WEF Outstanding Member Association Award. The submission deadline is April 10, 2010.

Chuck Corley has prepared a budget for the SJWP. Previously the board voted to set aside \$2500 per year for it starting in 2008. The estimated budget is \$23,125. The amount being set aside will not cover the budget. It is Chucks hope that we secure some sponsors to help defray the costs however it is uncertain and he wanted the board to be aware. Dennis Priewe stated he felt IWEA should budget for the full amount. No further discussion was had.

Amanda Withers stated she would email the Executive Board with regards to the upcoming long range planning meeting and retreat.

ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Withers adjourned the meeting at 1:15pm.