



**Illinois Water Environment Association  
Executive Board & Committee Chair Meeting  
Embassy Suites East Peoria  
September 11, 2009**

The Illinois Water Environment Association Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting was called to order by President Amanda Withers at 9:50 AM September 11, 2009 at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria, IL.

Present at the meeting were: Dan Bounds, Sajana Chitrakar, Ted Denning, Toby Duckett, Rozanne Ferguson, Mark Halm, Sharon Hawkins, Mary Johnson, Lou Kollias, John Lamb, Debra Ness, Krishna Pagilla, Dennis Priewe, Laurie Riotte, Norm Rose, Pat Schatz, Kurt Stepping, Lou Storino, Mark Termini, and Amanda Withers.

Amanda Withers opened the meeting by requesting a moment of silence to commemorate the 9/11 attacks.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Ted Denning moved and Lou Kollias seconded that the meeting minutes from the 6/05/09 Board and Committee Chair meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL ISSUES**

The account balances as of September 11, 2009 show a balance of \$83,518.77 in general checking and \$23,894.88 in Certificates of Deposit. The Science Fair Fund savings account has a balance of \$3,202.29. Total account balances equal \$110,615.94.

The end of fiscal year 2009 shows a total income of \$96,757.76 and total expenses of \$79,372.79. This shows a net gain for the year of \$ 17, 384.97.

Bonnie Duckett will be receiving the records shortly to complete the audit.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Mark Halm reported that the 2009 Golf Outing was successful. It was agreed that IWEA hold its 2010 Golf Outing be held at the same course.
- Toby Duckett reported that the IWEA Paid Staff Ad Hoc Committee was currently talking to a candidate regarding the position and that they expect it to be filled shortly. There will need to be a change to the by-laws made to accommodate the Executive Manager position and eliminate the

Secretary position. This should be presented to the membership at the annual meeting during the conference.

- The New Membership Brochure is still being worked on. The Marketing Committee is very busy with the materials for the 2010 Conference. A copy of the logo for the conference was shared and it was well received.
- Amanda reported that she was waiting to hear back from Laurie D of the ISAWWA after Laurie D presented the IWEA's points to the ISAWWA Board regarding renegotiating the terms for annual joint conferences. At this point IWEA is going to keep its currently scheduled conference calendar.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mary Johnson presented a possible IWEA Scholarship. Previously there was low interest in scholarships, but now that IWEA has active student chapters, there should be more applicants. General consensus was that the scholarship goes to a student of junior or senior standing. Norm Rose, Mary, Krishna Pagilla, Rozanne Ferguson and Dennis Priewe will form an ad hoc committee to come up with the scholarship guidelines.
- Funding is underway for an additional endowment. A recipient school needs to be chosen. It was suggested that it go to the school with the most participation at the conference in March 2010.
- Greg Cargill asked Ted Denning to present the idea of putting together a booklet commemorating IWEA's 30 year anniversary. Greg does not want to chair this endeavor but will work on the committee. It would be a good vehicle to showcase IWEA's accomplishments and to honor long standing members. It could also be used as a marketing tool and given to new members so they have an idea of IWEA's history. The Board thought it was a good idea and if there was a committee who wanted to work on this project, they should go ahead.
- Mary Johnson has added a link on the website so that members can purchase IWEA logo wear at their convenience. She also wanted feedback on purchasing a selection of logo wear when there is a special sale so that they could be sold at the conference and other events. Everyone thought this was a good idea.
- Krishna Pagilla passed around a flyer for a 2010 Advanced Wastewater Treatment Technology Seminar that IIT is planning for April. They are hoping to make it an annual event. Krishna feels that this would be a good program for IWEA to partner with IIT. IWEA would need to help promote it. Dennis Priewe moved and Lou Kollias seconded, that IWEA partner

with IIT for the 2010 Advanced Wastewater Treatment Technology Seminar. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

- a) **Annual Conference** – Conference planning is underway and there is a meeting of the committee following lunch today.
- b) **Awards** – Pat Schatz reported her committee is working on the application for the WEF Outstanding MA Award and the committee will present their nominations for the annual awards to the Board in December.
- c) **Biosolids** – Dan Collins had no report.
- d) **Collections** – The 2009 Collection seminar is on November 4 at the Hyatt in Lisle. Exhibitor registration is already underway and the mailings to prospective attendees should be going out shortly.
- e) **Electrical Power, Energy and Controls** –David Tucker had no report.
- f) **Governmental Affairs** – John Frerich had no report.
- g) **Industrial Pretreatment** – Kam Law had no report.
- h) **Laboratory** – Sharon Hawkins reported that the joint Lab Seminar in June was well attended. Her committee is going to try and increase traffic on their web page by doing a Q and A in conjunction with the Clarifier column. Also, Norm Rose will be purchasing a HACH meter to be shared between the Lab and Public Ed committees.
- i) **Local Arrangements** – Kurt Stepping, Director of Client Services at PDC Laboratories has taken over as chair from Holly Cooper.
- j) **Marketing** – Rozanne Ferguson and her committee has been busy working on logo's and materials for the upcoming conference. They have also been working on a location for the banquet. They are considering the paddleboat as a venue.
- k) **Membership** – Fred Wu sent a written report stating that WEF has cleaned up the Illinois database and is working on an upgraded membership database. IWEA has 816 associate members and 75 affiliate members.
- l) **Newsletter** – No report.
- m) **Nominating** – Sharon Hawkins reported for Kathy Cooper that Dan Bounds is the nominee for Second Vice President and John Lamb is the nominee for delegate.
- n) **Plant Operations** – No report.
- o) **Program** – Eric Cockerill was absent but his committee will be busy reviewing the abstracts that were submitted for the conference.
- p) **Public Ed & Student Affairs** –Norm Rose
- q) **Safety** – Mark Termini needs nominees for the Burke Safety Award.
- r) **Student Chapters** –The Rain Garden maintenance was held in June, there will be another maintenance day in sometime in the fall. The goal is to visit all the student chapters by the end of September.

- s) **Watershed** – Dan Bounds reported that his committee is working on the Watershed Symposium for the 2010 conference. They are securing speakers and working on the formatting. In addition the committee is committed to contributing to the Clarifier consistently and adding content to their page on IWEA's website.
- t) **Website** – Mary Johnson stated that the website upgrades are complete. The site's navigation is better and there are pages for each committee, she urged committee chairs to review their pages and to forward material to include on them. She also reminded everyone to forward information for the monthly E-newsletter.
- u) **Young Professionals** – Sajana Chitrakar reported that a golf outing/ lesson had been held in July.
- v) **Ad Hoc-Franchise Issues**- Dennis Priewe
- w) **Ad Hoc- 2011 Stockholm Jr. Water Prize Local Arrangements** –Ted Denning said the committee will be meeting on September 24, 2009 to begin planning for this event.

#### 7) Executive Board Report

- a) President – Amanda Withers- No report
- b) President Elect – Dennis Priewe-No report.
- c) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Mark Halm-No report
- d) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Krishna Pagilla- No report.
- e) Secretary – Laurie Riotte-Previous conference and seminar attendee lists have been gone through to start the non-member database. There are approximately 130 names on this list. There was one email vote conducted since the last meeting. The motion was to cover Ted Denning's transportation and lodging costs to Weftec 09. Motion carried.
- f) Treasurer – Deb Ness-Total account balances are
- g) Director 2010 – Ted Denning-No report
- h) Director 2011 – Lou Kollias-No report
- i) Past President – Kathy Cooper-No report

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Amanda Withers adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.