



**Illinois Water Environment Association  
Executive Board and Committee Chair  
Meeting  
March 23, 2011**

The Illinois Water Environment Association Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting was called to order by President Mark Halm at 12:09, March 23, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, IL.

Present at the meeting were Kathy Cooper, Ted Denning, Caitlin Feehan, Mark Halm, Mary Johnson, Lou Kollias, Cheryl Kunz, John Lamb, Debra Ness, Krishna Pagilla, Dennis Priewe, Anas Rebah, Laurie Riotte, Pat Schatz, Lou Storino, Kendra Sveum, Mark Termini, Fred Wu.

**MINUTES/APPROVAL**

The previously distributed minutes from the December 3, 2010 Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting were reviewed. Lou Kollias made a motion that the minutes be approved, Krishna Pagilla seconded it. Motion Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. The Asset Management Workshop was successful. Attendance was 75, the maximum capacity of the room. Due to the amount of profit made, and our agreement with the EPA that registration would be set to cover costs only, the EPA attendees were not charged. The net of the event was \$208.00.
2. Kathy Cooper and Cheryl Kunz went over the newsletter update proposals they had received. Both proposals would carry higher costs for the first year and then be about a \$4000 increase annually over current costs. Discussion was had whether to include a small amount of advertising in the newsletter to help defray the additional cost of the updated format. Advertising would be kept to business card size color ads on the back cover. Per the survey of IWEA membership done previously, the majority prefer no or minimal advertising in the newsletter. Kendra Sveum stated that WEF was doing a marketing survey to see how businesses preferred to spend their marketing dollars. The results of that survey could be helpful in deciding on whether to offer advertising or not. Another thought would be to bundle advertising space in the newsletter into conference sponsorships.

Dennis Priewe moved that IWEA accept the proposal from Ignition, the low bidder, to do a full enhancement starting with the July issue. Krishna Pagilla seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A decision on selling advertising space in the newsletter was tabled. The Board thanked the newsletter update ad-hoc committee for all their hard work.

3. There was no update available on the 10-Day Water Curriculum educational review.



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4. Krishna Pagilla's schedule will not allow him to attend the WEF/AWWA Fly-in as he originally hoped.
5. Mary Johnson stated they awarded the first scholarship at the Banquet.
6. Dan Bounds had suggested that IWEA do a 2012 calendar with pictures of different plants around the state as a fundraiser. This project will need a lead. Dan was not able to attend the meeting due to the Water Shed Symposium so further discussion was tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. There are two WEFMAX meetings coming up that are close. The first is in Louisville April 14-16, and the second is in Davenport, IA on April 28-29, 2011. These meetings are informative and should be attended if you are able. Lou Kollias and John Lamb will be attending in Louisville. The new Young Professional Chair has asked to attend the YP Summit at WEFMAX in Louisville. She is asking for reimbursement under the IWEA Travel Policy. Her costs were estimated at \$500.

Krishna Pagilla moved that IWEA reimburse Archana Kuchimanchi for travel expenses, not to exceed \$500, related to attending the YP Summit in Louisville. Dennis Prieve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. There is a Lazy Leaders Road Show planned for September 7, 2011 in the Chicagoland area. It is a morning workshop focused on how to increase and motivate volunteers within an organization. The cost is approximately \$70.00 per person. Agenda and location are not available as of this date. Mary Johnson had previously heard this speaker at a WEFMAX and found her to be interesting and helpful.
3. Upcoming opportunities for partnering with other organizations were reviewed.
  - a. ISAWWA will be reviewing whether they want to increase the current bi-annual conference to an annual one at their next Board meeting.
  - b. There was an informal meeting held with representatives of CSWEA. The outcome of the meeting was that both organizations want to make sure calendars are coordinated going forward to maximize attendance at events for both MA's. In addition, another idea presented was to have an annual chair mixer to foster an exchange of ideas and possible event partnerships.
  - c. The new Plant Operations Chair, Andy Warmus, stated his committee is reviewing event and training partnership opportunities with IAPWCO, APWA, and the Fox Valley Operators education committee.



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- d. David Tucker is learning about the Midwest Cogeneration Association and is investigating partnership opportunities with that group.
4. Greg Cargill had an IWEA History DVD made. The cost was \$500 which Greg is intending to donate.

Debra Ness moved that IWEA pay \$500.00 for the IWEA History DVD.  
Krishna Pagilla seconded the motion, motion carried.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

1. Annual Conference –No report.
2. Awards – No report.
3. Biosolids –No report.
4. Collections –No report.
5. Electrical Power, Energy and Controls – No report.
6. Governmental Affairs – Committee has met, potential speakers are being contacted.
7. Industrial Pretreatment – No report.
8. Laboratory –No report.
9. Local Arrangements – Kurt Steppings has agreed to be the chair again for the 2012 conference.
10. Marketing – Cheryl Kunz will be working on press releases for all the award winners.
11. Membership – Fred Wu reported IWEA has 848 members.
12. Newsletter – Kathy Cooper is looking for volunteers to help coordinate member and plant profiles for the newsletter. In addition, Chuck Corley will be approached to see if he would write a Capital Currents column.
13. Nominating –No report.
14. Plant Operations – Planning is underway for the annual seminar. It is tentatively set for the week of July 18<sup>th</sup>. Locations are being investigated, but the DeKalb location has worked well in the past.
15. Program –Caitlin Feehan stated the committee will be looking for a vice chair candidate to continue succession planning in that committee.
16. Public Ed & Student Affairs –No report.
17. Safety – The committee will be working on a nomination process as the self-nomination process is not working.
18. Scholarship & Charitable Giving – Mary stated her committee will be working on developing a policy to chose universities for future endowments.
19. Student Chapters – No report.
20. Watershed – No report.
21. Website – No report.
22. Young Professionals – No report.
23. 2011 SJWP Local Arrangements – The current projected cost is well over the original budget. Areas of where the cost has increased were discussed: shirts, bags, and entertainment. Fundraising is a currently a little under target, but there are a couple of leads from the conference. In addition, \$1600 was raised during the conference selling fish pins.



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The SJWP committee needs to take a look at where costs can be cut to get the budget in line with original projections.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS**

1. President Mark Halm – No report.
2. President Elect Krishna Pagilla – No report.
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dan Bounds – No report.
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Kendra Sveum-No report.
5. Executive Manager Laurie Riotte – No report.
6. Treasurer Deb Ness – No report.
7. Director 2011 Lou Kollias – No report
8. Director 2012 John Lamb –No report.
9. Past President Dennis Priewe – No report

**ADJOURNMENT**

Lou Kollias moved and Krishna Pagilla seconded that meeting be adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Laurie Riotte, Executive Manager.

I certify that these minutes are an accurate account of the March 23, 2011 Executive Board and Committee Chair meeting.

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Mark Halm, President

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Date Approved