The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by President Cheryl Kunz.


Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 21, 2019 Executive Board and Committee Meeting were previously distributed and reviewed. No further additions or corrections were suggested.

Fred Wu moved, and Alice Ohrtmann seconded that the minutes from the June 21, 2019 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Lou Storino shared the account ending balances as of 8/31/2019. IWEA is in good financial standing. The federal form 990 Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax and State Form AG990 Illinois Charitable Organization Annual report were completed for FY2019 and mailed on August 2, 2019.

New Business:

1. Due to lack of services and locations, the Treasurer is recommending that IWEA switch banks. Research was done and it is recommended that accounts be opened at PNC Bank.

   Mary Johnson moved, and Debra Ness seconded that IWEA move its bank accounts and CD’s to PNC Bank per the recommendation of the Treasurer. Motion passed.

2. The Executive Manger provided an overview of some events that are taking place at WEFTEC including the WEF service project, the joint reception, Leadership Day and the new closing ceremony. In addition, the lab committee will once again be providing judges for Operators Challenge. A list of IWEA members participating in the WEFTEC program was also distributed.

3. The Executive Manger provided everyone with the link for to WEF’s newly revamped Work for Water website. The site is aimed at highlighting the wide range of jobs available and attracting students and other prospective employees to the water industry.

Annual Conference—Lee Melcher reported that registration will be opening shortly for exhibitors. The next focus will be the preliminary program as the call for abstracts will close on September 20th. The next planning meeting is scheduled for the 18th of this month. There is a new event this year, a walk/run, that was suggested by Mary Johnson. Chris DeSilva from Deuchler has stepped forward to help run the event. Possible T-shirt designs that marketing put together were circulated so that everyone could indicate their choice. The walk/run will be a Water for People fundraiser. A keynote speaker has chosen as well.

Awards—Kelly Lockerbie was absent. IWEA was not chosen as MA of the Year. Nominations for awards are due by October 11, 2019. The award nominee forms are all available for electronic submission on the website.

Biosolids – Wale Oladeji, the committee vice chair, reported the group is currently working on developing the biosolids track for the conference that will include sessions on PFAS as related to biosolids.
Collections – Dan Bounds reported the collections event is scheduled for November 7, 2019 at the Embassy Suites Naperville, which is a new location. The program is complete and is being marketed.

EPEC – Glenn Gottardo reported the committee is working on the track for the annual conference.

Golf Outing – The 2020 outing is scheduled on June 5, 2020 at the same course.

Governmental Affairs – Nathan Davis reported that the Government Affairs conference will be Friday January 31, 2020 at the Marriott Burr Ridge and the planning meeting will be scheduled for later this month. Nathan will be attending the WEF Government Affairs meeting at WEFTEC.

Industrial Pretreatment – Barbara Scapardine reported for Sara Arabi. The date for the annual dinner is February 19 at Maggiano’s in Oakbrook. The committee is working on speakers. The committee is also working on developing a half track for the conference.

Laboratory – Keith Richard reported that his committee is working on planning the lab session for the annual conference and will be helping develop the lab portion of the operators challenge event. The committee will be providing judges for the newly revised lab portion of operators challenge at WEFTEC as well. The committee has also been working with the Operator Training committee but works loads for most of the members are hampering them from developing a training webinar.

LIFT – Jane Schipma reported that the Algae Wheel Tour is coming up on October 10 in Gardner IL. Registration is also open for the LIFT dinner for scheduled for October 29th at Westwood Tavern in Schaumburg. The committee is working on finalizing speakers for the LIFT track at the annual conference.

Local Arrangements – No report.

MAC – Jerry Ruth, the vice chair reported that the committee has been working on getting all the exhibitor information updated for 2020. The exhibitor registration opens on 9/15/2019. The committee will be monitoring the registrations for interest in participating in the mobile session.

Marketing – Monica Gunderson was absent. Cheryl Kunz reported on her behalf that the committee developed the Call for Abstract and Exhibitor postcards for the annual conference in addition to revamping the sponsorship categories and the exhibitor fact sheet. The committee has also been working on postcards for the upcoming nutrient and the collections seminars.

Membership – Fred Wu reported there are 823 members currently and that IWEA is participating in the WEFTEC membership drive.

Newsletter – Karen Clementi was absent but asked that everyone be reminded that the next deadline for Clarifier articles is October 15, 2019.

Nutrient Removal and Recovery – Brett Garelli was absent, but Kam Law reported that the nutrient seminar is in a few days, on September 17, 2019 at the Medinah Shriners in Addison. The committee is also started working on a track for the annual conference.

Operator Training Committee – Chuck Corley reviewed the progress his committee has made. He asked if anyone had ideas for topics or can provide assistance with the webinars to please contact him.

Plant Operations – Lynn Kohlhaas reported the annual plant operation seminar is October 17 at Kishwaukee. The committee is starting to work on the operations challenge for the annual conference and is continuing to work with the operator training committee as well.

Program – Michael Lutz reported the call for abstracts ends on September 20th. The committee will meet in October to select abstracts for the conference. He also reminded committee chairs that are working on a track for the conference to encourage their speakers to submit their abstracts online.

Public Ed & Student Affairs – Norm Rose was absent, but a discussion was held regarding the disposition of the remaining copies of the 10-day water curriculum that is no longer being distributed. It was decided that a copy will be scanned for printing, but the hard copies will be recycled.

Safety – Tim Delathouwer reported that he has been submitting safety articles to the Clarifier and is working on the safety challenge for the contest at the conference. He is also be working on soliciting and evaluating nominations for the Burke Safety Award.

Scholarship and Charitable Giving – Paul Hurley was absent. The committee sent a sponsorship to the WEFTEC service project.

Social Media – Dylan Cooney reminded everyone to forward items for the E-News and social media to her.

Student Chapters & YP’s – No report.
Sustainability – Barbara Scapardine, vice chair reported that committee has distributed the sustainability management survey. The committee will be presenting the results during a presentation at the annual conference.

Watershed – Lindsey Birt was unable to attended but forwarded a report. Since the annual conference the committee participated in two events; the 2019 Illinois MS4 Implementation Seminar with ASCE/EWRI and APWA Suburban Branch and a Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plans workshop. Both events were well attended. The committee will be focusing on the watershed program for the conference.

Website – Mary Johnson reported added the Amazon Smile logo and link to the website, developed registrations for nutrient workshop, the Lift tour, LIFT dinner, and the collections seminar. She has continued to develop the multiple registrations for the annual conference as well as getting the abstract submittal form set up. She also developed promotional emails for these events.

2019 Delegate – Debra Ness reported on WEF new operator certification program.

2020 Delegate – No report.

President Cheryl Kunz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Lou Storino moved, and Fred Wu seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Laurie Frieders, Executive Manager.

I certify that these minutes are an accurate account of the September 13, 2019 Executive Board and Committee Chair meeting.

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Cheryl Kunz, President                                  Date Approved