The Illinois Water Environment Association Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting was called to order by President Dan Bounds at 12:20 pm, at the Crowne Plaza, Springfield, IL.

Present at the meeting were Dan Bounds, Dan Collins, Laurie Frieders, Mark Halm, Mary Johnson, Tim Kluge, Lou Kollias, John Lamb, Peter Lynch, Lee Melcher, Debra Ness, Krishna Pagilla, Carlee Sharnhorst, Pat Schatz, Lou Storino, Kendra Sveum, and, Fred Wu.

MINUTES/APPROVAL

John Lamb moved and Krishna Pagilla seconded that the minutes from the December 7, 2012 Executive Board & Committee Chair Meeting be approved. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Algae for Phosphorus Removal Conference, was cancelled due to the close proximity of WEFTEC which will be presenting a similar track.
2. Greg Garbs has agreed to chair the Midwest Operations Challenge. This will be an ad-hoc committee at this time. A start up budget for this event will need to be included in the coming fiscal year. Peter Lynch, the MAC committee chair, Mark Termini chair of the Safety committee, and the Plant Operations committee will also be helping with this event.
3. Mary Johnson present the bids she received for upgrading the website as discussed at the December 7, 2012 meeting. After discussion was held the consensus was not to password protect event presentations on the website at this time. Mary Johnson will be including additional funds in the website budget for the upcoming year to pay to outsource the ongoing website updates.

NEW BUSINESS

1. President Dan Bounds appointed Dan Small as Chair of the Young Professionals committee. The previous chair will stay on as vice chair.
2. Watercon was discussed. Overall the conference was great. Biggest improvement needed is a separate Watercon website. Many attendees are still not aware that it will be a joint conference every year.
   a. Hotel
      i. Overall condition of the hotel
      ii. Quality of the food seems to have gone down.
      iii. Food service between floors was uneven, with regards to presentation and offering.
      iv. WIFI not available in the exhibit hall,
      v. WIFI throughout the hotel did not work consistently.
      vi. Lack of trash cans, especially in the exhibit hall
vii. PA system in the exhibit hall is difficult to hear  
viii. Lack of water in the exhibit hall  
ix. Lack of recycling receptacles throughout  
b. Programming  
i. Need to change the on-site book to a chronological format. Many comments from attendees that it was difficult to plan.  
ii. The format the abstracts are presented to the program committee needs to be improved. The google docs and spreadsheet format were difficult to work with.  
iii. The early morning session times, especially on Monday did not work.  
iv. Too many concurrent sessions, attendance sparse in many individual presentations.  
v. Room size for career fair was good  
vi. Sessions in the Governor room should be limited if possible due to hall noise.  
vii. Brainstorm how to get presentations in on time.  

3. Laurie Frieders will contact Central States to discuss jointly planning the Sunday WEFTEC reception.  
4. AWPA sent a request for sponsorship of their annual conference in Chicago. Supporting this event is not in line with IWEA objectives.  

ADJOURNMENT  

President Dan Bounds adjourned the meeting.  

Respectfully Submitted by Laurie Frieders, Executive Manager.  

I certify that these minutes are an accurate account of the March 20, 2013 Executive Board and Committee Chair meeting.  

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Dan Bounds, President       Date Approved