The meeting was called to order at 10:42 am by President Lou Storino.

Led by President Storino a moment of silence was observed in memory of 9/11.

**Present:** Sara Arabi, Eric Berggren, Dan Bounds, Dan Collins, Laurie Frieders, Mark Halm, Bernie Held, Michael Harvey, Lakhwinder Hundal, Mary Johnson, Cheryl Kunz, Kam Law, Lou Kollias, Michael Lutz, Lee Melcher, Debra Ness, Alice Ohrtmann, Norm Rose, Gerri Ryan, Carlee Scharnhorst, Kendra Sveum, Lou Storino, Mark Termini, Amanda Withers.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the June 19, 2015 Executive Board and Committee Chair meeting were reviewed.

> Dan Collins moved and Eric Berggren seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion passed.

**Executive Managers Report:** The Executive Manager reported there was one E-mail vote on 8/14/15:

> Lou Storino moved and Kendra Sveum seconded that IWEA sponsor the WEFTEC Service Project at the Green Level at a cost of $500. Motion passed without further discussion.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Debra Ness gave a summary of all accounts. IWEA is in good financial standing. Purchasing a new CD as discussed at the June meeting is in process. Lakhwinder Hundal suggested that IWEA investigate other options as the income on CD’s is so low. Kendra Sveum stated she is part of a group that uses an investment account through Fidelity. She will forward the contact information to the Treasurer.

Discussion was held regarding auditing of IWEA’s books. The long standing auditor has retired. Lou Storino will contact some possible replacement auditors for quotes. Once a new auditor is secured, the frequency of the audit will be reviewed.

**Old Business:**

1. Michael Harvey, the Safety Chairman asked to give his report out of turn due to prior commitments. The committee would like to change the focus of the committee to safety and security. Safety is well ingrained throughout the industry. Lou Storino asked that he put together a memo detailing the scope of the new focus for approval. There may be some overlap and therefore opportunity to collaborate with the EPEC committee.
2. Dan Collins gave an update on the conference planning. Marketing for exhibitors and sponsors will begin next week.
3. John Lamb is forming an ad-hoc committee to work on the bylaws review. Lou Storino, Lou Kollias, Amanda Withers and Dan Collins have volunteered. The project will start after WEFTEC.
4. Discussion with IAWPCO for a joint conference in 2017 are going well. Next meeting is scheduled for November 19th, 2015.
5. WEFTEC activities were reviewed. The IWEA/CSWEA reception will be held on Sunday, a signup sheet will come out shortly to work the registration table.
6. Volunteers are still needed for Waterpalooza. It is difficult as the event is on Friday all day prior to WEFTEC.
New Business:

1. The website will allow IWEA to make areas of the website members only. It was decided that the job posting area will be members only in the future.
2. WEF’s Value of Water campaign was discussed. President Storino asked that the campaign get integrated into IWEA’s social media and that a campaign is launched to invite members to contribute pictures of what the value of water means to them. These photos will be placed on a special page of the website.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Amanda Withers reminded everyone that she needs nomination by October 2nd.

Biosolids: Lakhwinder Hundal forwarded a report that the committee has 7 speakers lined up for the tack at the conference. The state has revised its definition of biosolids which will change how biosolids are handled, the result will be fewer restrictions on their use.

Collections: Tom Woods was absent. The collections seminar is November 12 at the Lisle Hyatt. Information has been forwarded to Mary Johnson to set up registration. Mary will forward the information to marketing so that postcards can be prepared.

EPEC: Gerry Ryan is looking for ways to re-energize her committee. Several ideas were volunteered by other committee chairs. The committee has been working on soliciting abstracts for the conference.

Government Affairs: Lou Kollias reported the committee will meet next week to plan the 2016 Government Affairs Conference to be held on January 29th, 2016, at the Marriott Burr Ridge.

Industrial Pretreatment: Sara Arabi the new vice-chair reported that the annual dinner will be held on February 10. A new venue is being finalized and there will be a speaker from USEPA. The committee is hoping to solicit papers for a combined laboratory-pretreatment track for the conference.

Laboratory: Rebecca Rose forwarded a report that the committee is finalizing its preparation for their hands on workshop at WEFTEC this year. They are working on finding nominations for the lab analyst award.

MAC: No further report.

Marketing: Cheryl Kunz reported she has a new vice-chair, Monica Fehler of Aqua-Aerobics. The focus has been on marketing materials for the 2016 conference. Sponsorship levels have been finalized and the exhibitor marketing will start next week. Cheryl asked that everyone be prepared to forward material for the conference program earlier this year so that it can be posted on the website in a timely manner.

Membership: Fred Wu reported that due to the transition to the new website he does not have accurate membership numbers at this time. WEF is raising its membership dues. Affiliate membership dues will stay the same.

Newsletter: Bernie Held reported that the mailing list was reviewed and updated. It resulted in fewer newsletters printed and mailed. The new printer and mail service seemed to reduce lag time. The committee will continue to track costs and production time.
NRR: Kam Law reported there were approximately 130 people who attended the seminar on September 3rd. The eight vendor spaces sold out. The event went smoothly and was profitable.

Plant Operations: Lee Melcher reported that Craig Soling put together the New Lenox Tour for the committee. The event sold out. Marketing has started for the Plant Operations Seminar that will be held in Decatur this year. Planning has started for this year’s operations challenge at the conference. The committee has two new members.

Program: Mike Lutz stated abstracts have been received and sorted. The committee will be meeting next week to put together the program.

Public Ed & Student Affairs: Norm Rose reported the Illinois State Science Fair Teachers conference is on October 22, and 23rd in Tinley Park. He is looking for volunteers to help staff the booth. Norm is working with a science teacher to see how the 10 day water curriculum can be updated to reflect the new state curriculum. The update can then be hosted on the website for access by the teachers. The committee is looking for new members.

Safety: No further report.

Scholarship and Charitable Giving: Carlee Sharnhorst reported the updated scholarship application and is posted on the website. The committee will be focusing on selling gift baskets at the annual conference. The pins have not been generating revenue as hoped and the committee solicited approval from the group to not order them for 2016. The committee would also like to review how grant applications are reviewed and awarded. Reviewing once per year is not allowing enough flexibility.

Watershed: Dan Bounds reported that the committee continues its monthly calls around planned topics and speakers. Updates from IEPA are featured regularly in these call. The committee has been focusing planning content for the annual conference and driving attendance at these sessions. The committee consistently provides content to the Clarifier.

Website: Mary Johnson reported that the new website is up. Training for managing the member database will be scheduled shortly. Committees need to review their pages for needed updates and are encouraged to add photos to their pages. Pictures of Illinois waterways are also being sought for the slide show. WEF is offering to help MA’s with logo updates. Mary submitted IWEA’s and WEF is working on the requests in the order received.

YP’s: There is a YP Social on beer brewing planned for Saturday, September 12. Kelly Lockerbie has been in contact with Professor Jeremy Guest at U of I to help coordinate YP/Student events at the annual conference.

WEFMAX 2016: Chuck Corley was absent but reported that the contract for the Mid America Club has been signed, the contract with the Hard Rock is being finalized and Tom Kunetz is coordinating the entertainment for the Thursday night event. There is a WEFMAX planning meeting on Wednesday morning during WEF, several IWEA members will be attending.
Delegates Report: Mary Johnson and Mark Halm will be attending the upcoming HOD meeting at WEFTEC.

President Lou Storino adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by Laurie Frieders, Executive Manager.

I certify that these minutes are an accurate account of the September 11, 2015 Executive Board and Committee Chair meeting.

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Lou Storino, President                                  Date Approved