The Illinois Water Environment Association Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting was called to order by President Dennis Priewe at 9:30, December 3, 2010 at the Starved Rock Lodge in Utica, IL.

Present at the meeting were Dan Bounds, Sandy Conrad, Chuck Corley, Greg Garbs, Mark Halm, Sharon Hawkins, Mary Johnson, Lou Kollias, John Lamb, Debra Ness, Krishna Pagilla, Dennis Priewe, Laurie Riotte, Rebecca Rose, Carlee Scharnhorst, Pat Schatz, Lou Storino, Mark Termini, Fred Wu

MINUTES/APPROVAL
The previously distributed minutes from the September 17, 2010 Executive Board and Committee Chair Meeting were reviewed. Lou Kollias made a motion that the minutes be approved, John Lamb seconded it. Motion Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Planning for the Asset Management Workshop is underway. Cheryl Kunz put together a flier and it is being distributed via email to our membership, Central States, Fox Valley Operators, Indiana WEA, Michigan EPA, IWAPCO and IAWA. ISAWWA stated it is their policy not to distribute information if they are not co-sponsors. Russ Martin at EPA is going to speak to Laurie at ISAWWA to see what can be done to enable them to market to their membership.

2. The newsletter update committee is having regular conference calls. They are working on obtaining quotes to redesign. The committee is hoping to find someone to write a “Capital Currents” column. They would also like to resurrect the “Plant Profiles” feature. Technical articles and member profiles are other features they are trying to incorporate.

3. The proposed by-law changes concerning the Executive manager position and the Secretary position were distributed. These changes are the result of the legal review suggested by WEF.

    Lou Kollias moved that these changes be brought to the membership to modify the By-Laws. John Lamb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Krishna gave an update on WATERCON. The program is complete, the pre-conference mailer is scheduled to go out, the exhibit spaces are almost all sold out, and the banquet is almost finalized. Need to work with Laurie D. at ISAWWA to determine volunteer needs.

5. Lou Storino reported that there will be two categories for WATERCON Student Papers/Posters this year. The prize for the wastewater winners will be $200 and $100.
This amount is already in the existing budget. He is hoping when WEFTEC starts coming to Chicago every other year, the prize can be attendance to WEFTEC.

6. The new slate of officers will be published in the upcoming Clarifier and posted on the website. Proposed new officers are: Tim Kluge for Delegate, Kendra Sveum for 2nd vice president, and Mary Johnson for Corporate Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A WEFTEC reception committee will need to be formed when WEFTEC starts coming to Chicago every other year.

2. Sharon Hawkins suggested that IWEA’s 10 Day water curriculum be reviewed and updated where necessary to meet Illinois standards. The cost for the review would be $150.00.

   Lou Kollias Moved that IWEA have the Curriculum reviewed at a cost of $150.00. Mark Halm seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. A WEF/AWWA fly-in is scheduled in Washington for April 4 and 5. IWEA will most likely not participate as the dates fall very close to annual conference.

4. WEF is looking for input from MA’s regarding the committees they have and how they align with WEF’s committee’s. Laurie will complete the survey and submit it to WEF.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS


2. Awards – The committee is submitting the following award nominations for Board approval.
   - Arthur Sidney Bedell Award: Dennis Priewe
   - William D. Hatfield Award: Kathy Cooper
   - Laboratory Excellence Award: Sonia O’Dell
   - IWEA Young Professional Award: Caitlin Feehan
   - IWEA Kenneth C. Merideth Award: Jim Listwan
   - IWEA Paul Clinebell Award: Mary Johnson
   - IWEA Best Technical Presentation for the 2010 Annual Conference: Protozoa as Indicators of Activated Sludge Conditions – presented by Aurlene Toni Glymph (MWRDGC)
     - In addition, there will be two Quarter Century Operators awards: Terry Jenkins and Mark Orey.

3. Biosolids – The 1st Biosolids Symposium was held. It reached targeted attendance. There was no fee to attend, lunch was donated by MWRDGC.

4. Collections – The Collections Seminar was held on November 4, 2010. Although attendance was not really down, there was a loss of approximately $1000. The Committee is seeking a new chair.
7. Industrial Pretreatment – Annual dinner with ISWWG will be held 2/17/11 at the Clubhouse in Oakbrook. Kam is working on confirming the speaker and topic.
8. Laboratory – There will be a lab session at Watercon. Anas Rabah contributed a column to the Fall Clarifier. The committee has finished updates on their website page, and they are planning to host a seminar on October 20, 2011.
9. Local Arrangements – Carlee asked for input as to whether there should 1 hr of open premium bar or open bar with just beer and wine for a longer time. It was decided to go for the 1 hour premium open bar. Only dessert needs to be finalized for the banquet.
10. Marketing – Cheryl Kunz reported that she has completed flyers for the Collections Seminar, WaterCon 2011 pre-mailer, and the Asset Management Workshop. She also coordinated getting MA of the year polo shirts embroidered for the membership to purchase. In addition she is also working on the Newsletter update ad-hoc committee.
11. Membership – Fred Wu reported IWEA has 749 associate members and 115 affiliate members.
13. Nominating – John Lamb motioned that the slate of officers proposed by Amanda Withers be approved. Lou Kollias seconded it. Motion carried. The slate will be published in the Clarifier and presented at the annual meeting to be voted on. The candidates are: Kendra Sveum for 2nd Vice President, Tim Kluge for WEF Delegate 2014.
14. Plant Operations – Greg would like to step down as chairperson. The committee is considering a one day joint seminar with Fox Valley Operators.
15. Program – Sandra Conrad reported that all the moderators for the conference sessions have been chosen. Computer room monitors are still needed.
17. Safety – There will be no Burke Safety Award given this year due to lack of qualified applicants.
18. Scholarship & Charitable Giving – Mary will be putting an article in the winter Clarifier and sending an E-blast to advertise the Scholarship.
19. Student Chapters – Lou Storino reported
   - The committee is working on scheduling classroom presentations at the start of the spring semester at IIT and UIC-Chicago.
   - Work on the Student Paper and Activities for the joint conference with ISAWWA is on going.
   - Coordinated a Panel Discussion with the Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association for students at Northwestern University on November 18, 2010.
   - Activities to be Scheduled
     - Pulaski Park Rain Garden Fall Maintenance
     - Center for Neighborhood Technology Tour
     - Ageing Infrastructure – Round Table Discussion
     - Sustainable Practices Road Show
Students and YP half day conference

20. Watershed – The committee has a new member, Rob Swanson from DuPage County Stormwater. The 2011 Symposium is being promoted to several Illinois watershed groups. The committee continues to have regular conference calls and has been consistently contributing articles to the Clarifier.

21. Website – No report.

22. Young Professionals – No report.

23. 2011 SJWP Local Arrangements – Planning is going well. Many volunteers will be needed. Next two meetings are December 15th, January 19th, and February 13th. $17,300 has been raised out the $25,000 goal.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

1. President Dennis Priewe – No report

2. President Mark Halm – No report

3. 1st Vice President Krishna Pagilla – No report

4. 2nd Vice President Dan Bounds would like to have a IWEA Calendar made for 2012.

5. Executive Manager Laurie Riotte –

6. Treasurer Deb Ness – Total accounts equal $130,918.54, with 102,478.45 in general checking.

   Mark Halm moved that two, $10K laddered Certificate of Deposits be funded. Krishna seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. Director 2011 Lou Kollias – No report


9. Past President Amanda Withers – No report

ADJOURNMENT

Lou Kollias moved and Dan Collins seconded that meeting be adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Laurie Riotte, Executive Manager.

I certify that these minutes are an accurate account of the December 3, 2010 Executive Board and Committee Chair meeting.

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Dennis Priewe, President                                  Date Approved