



2009-2010 GOVERNING BOARD AND OFFICERS

Hiram Tanner- President	Carrie DeSimone, DE Trustee
Craig Murray - President Elect	Laurie Perkins - MD Trustee
Ted DeBoda - Vice President	Salil Kharkar, DC Trustee
Aaron Nelson- Past-President	Jon Doane, WEF Director/Delegate
Carlos Espinosa, Secretary	Ray Schulte, WEF Director/Delegate
Timothy Wolfe, Treasurer	Sam Amad, PWO Representative

CWEA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 21, 2010
Location: Conference Call

1. Hiram Tanner called meeting to order at approximately 08:40 AM.
2. Attendance:

Hiram Tanner	Ted DeBoda	Laurie Perkins
Carlos Espinosa	Tim Wolfe	Ray Schulte
Russ Sharpe	Paresh Sanghavi	Karl Ott
Joan Fernandez	Tiffany Bain	
3. Hiram Tanner stated the main objectives of today's meeting:
 - a. CWEA Budget
 - b. Haiti Relief Efforts
 - c. WEFMAX Attendance
 - d. Tri Conference
 - e. Spring Meeting

MEETING OBJECTIVES

4. WEFMAX – For those Board Members and Committee Chairs attending, CWEA will pay for registration, airfare, reasonable travel expenses (including car rental), hotel, and mileage up to the cost of airfare. CWEA sponsored 2010 WEFMAX attendance will be as follows:
 - a. Janine Yeih – Student Activity Chair – Puerto Rico (March 11-13)
 - b. Ray Schulte – WEF Delegate – Puerto Rico
 - c. Beth Blair – Young Professionals Chair – Puerto Rico
 - d. Craig Murray – President Elect – Cleveland (May 5-7)
 - e. Ted DeBoda – Vice President – San Diego (May 13-14)Other individuals that may attend WEFMAX sponsored by their individual employers include:
 - f. Muminu Badmus – Membership Chair – Cleveland
 - g. Tim Wolfe – Treasurer – Alexandria (April 8-9)
 - h. Jon Doane – WEF Delegate – Alexandria

5. Haitian Relief – The Board considered a motion to donate \$1,000 for Haitian Relief through the Red Cross.

Motion: Presented by Ray Schulte and second by Tim Wolfe, the Board approved unanimously donating \$1,000 to the Haitian Relief through the Red Cross.

6. Tri-Association Conference – Ray Informed the Board that Lesley Famel will represent WEF at the Tri-Conference. Ted DeBoda indicated that 180 abstracts were received and volunteers to review the abstracts are needed. About 75% of the abstracts were wastewater and 25% were water issues. The Arrangement Su-committee has begun planning the event.

7. Tim Wolfe, Treasurer reported that CWEA accounts are as follows:

- a. Savings - \$53,814.93
- b. Checking - \$7,525.31
- c. Kappe – approximately \$21,900

Tim Wolfe reviewed the proposed 2009-2010 CWEA Budget. Discussion ensued regarding various items in the budget. The administrative contract employee budget was lowered by about \$10K because half the year has passed.

Motion: Presented by Ray Schulte and second by Carlos Espinosa, the Board approved unanimously the proposed 2009-2010 Budget with the changes discussed.

8. Schedule of Events:
 - a. Jake Bair’s memorial scheduled for February 12th.
 - b. May 18th Water Reuse Conference at MITAG.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. Maryland Trustee – Laurie Perkins.
 - a. Collection System Committee.
 - i. Planning a Wet-Weather Conference in June.
 - ii. Asset Management Conference April 7th and 8th.
 - iii. Ed Norton/Gary Wyatt Golf Tournament scheduled for June 24th.
 - b. Technical Education Committee.
 - i. Working with the Government Affairs Committee and MCET to put together the regional training needs workshop.
 - ii. Working with CSC on the Wet-Weather Conference.
 - iii. Working with the Eastern Pennsylvania association on a Sustainable Design and Green Operation seminar that will be directed towards

engineers, designers and operators in the water and wastewater industry.

- c. Water Re-use.
 - i. Water Re-use Conference scheduled for May 18th. Outreach initiative to encourage student papers.
 - ii. Working with MDE on updating Water Regulations.
- d. CWEA Website has been developed but it is not ready to go public.

10. DC Trustee.

- a. Spring Meeting – Scheduled for May 6th at John Hopkins University, *Managing Utilities in Tough Economic Times*. The program will include technical papers in the morning, round-table discussion in the afternoon, and a tour in the afternoon (Camden Yards or Public Works Museum).
- b. Short Courses – The Board discussed the use of Kappe funds to sponsor attendance by employees of small utilities. Karl Ott suggested that WWOA coordinates this effort on behalf of CWEA, under the oversight of the Technical Education Committee.

11. President Elect

- a. Awards – Awards are due to WEF by April 1st. Deadline to submit to CWEA is February 18th. Need to request nominees from Committees. Discussion ensued regarding award nominations.

12. Vice President – Ted DeBoda.

- a. WERF Projects include:
 - i. Condition Assessment Strategy/Protocol for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure.
 - ii. Reducing Odors in Biosolids.
 - iii. Decentralized Water Systems.
- b. Government Affairs Committee is planning a late March Conference on *Water Quality Funding*.
- c. Maryland House of Representatives is considering several relevant Bills (see attached).
- d. Administrative Contract Employee – Contract has been reviewed by CWEA Counselor. Face-to-face meeting with Ann Baugher within the next couple of weeks. Discussion ensued regarding the contract.

13. President – Hiram Tanner

- a. Need nominations for upcoming CWEA Board openings:
 - i. Delegate (Ray Schulte's position)
 - ii. DC Trustee (Salil Kharkar's position)

- iii. Vice President (by normal progression of Ted DeBoda to President Elect)

14. Secretary – Carlos Espinosa

The draft minutes from last meeting were distributed to Board Members and Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs and comments were received and minutes were revised accordingly. **Proposed by Carlos Espinosa and second by Ray Schulte the Board approved the minutes from last meeting. Carlos Espinosa will proceed and post in the CWEA website in PDF format.**

15. WEF Delegate Report – Ray Schulte

- a. WEF is acting on MA recommendations from the last WEFTEC.
- b. WEF is proposing a Fellow Grade .
- c. 2010 WEFMAX meetings will emphasize MA's Great Ideas.
- d. HOD Steering Committee has been actively listening to issues and concerns raised by different national committees and relaying to WEF.
- e.

16. The next Board meeting scheduled for March 4, 2010 will be a conference call.

- ~~Oct 1 meeting at WSSC.~~
- ~~November 5 meeting at Back River WWTP.~~
- ~~December 3 meeting at Bryant Street PS, in Washington, DC. Can take the Metro to Howard University stop on Green Line Metro; parking is available at the pump station.~~
- ~~January 21 conference call.~~
- March 4 conference call.
- April 8 meeting at KCI.
- June 10 meeting at Charles County Mattawoman WWTP.
- July 15 meeting at WSSC.
- Sept 3 meeting at the tri-conference.

17. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40 PM.

Minutes Prepared by: 
Carlos Espinosa, CWEA Secretary

MD 2010 Legislative Session

House Bills

- **HB 36** – Direct BRF Payments to Septic System Contractors. This bill appears to respond to concerns by septic system contractors that homeowners are pocketing BRF payments that are supposed to go to contractors for converting the homeowners' septic systems.
 - Directs grants awarded under the Bay Restoration Fund to be disbursed into separate account, which shall be directly disbursed to the contractor that incurs costs eligible for reimbursement
 - Sponsored by: Delegates: Haddaway, Eckardt, Smigiel, and Norman

- **HB 53** – Sewage Sludge Utilization Permit: Septage
 - (Prior Year Introduced as HB 529)
 - Requires MDE, when adopting regulations for sewage sludge, to consider:
 - adequate standards for transporting septage, including clearly labeling vehicles that transport septage
 - Adequate standards for monitoring access to unmanned septage drop-off sites, and
 - Adequate standards for maintenance of OSDS [this is not clear?]by generators
 - Would require each septage hauler to:
 - Meter and record intake and discharge volumes
 - Keep a daily manifest of intake and disposal information which is signed under oath, and provided to generator, receiver of septage
 - Always have permit in vehicle
 - Creates Oversight Committee on Sewage Sludge Utilization
 - Membership would include Sec of various state agencies, one representative of the regulated community and one from the environmental community
 - Committee would:
 - Meet quarterly
 - Evaluate performance of utilization permit program;
 - Review POTW septage hauler fees charged to haulers;
 - Examine other issues as they arise;
 - Advise MDE, governor, and GA
 - Make annual report
 - MDE Secretary would be required to:

- Review POTW septage hauler fees with advise from Committee and reduce if necessary to ensure economic viability of the permit holder
 - POTWs would be able to apply for reimbursement of lost revenue.
 - Reimbursement would come from BRF
 - MDE would adopt regs to determine when reimbursement is proper, and the rate of reimbursement
 - Amends BRF to allow for funds to be used for reimbursement of POTWs when septage hauler fees are decreased
 - Sponsored by: Delegate Clagett
 - MAMWA is opposed to this legislation because the Secretary should not set MAMWA-member septage rates. That is an issue solely for the POTW to decide.
- **HB 62** – Payment of Cost Differential: Nitrogen Removal Technology
 - Directs MDE to pay cost difference between a conventional OSDS and a system utilizing nitrogen removal technology with money from MDE’s General Fund appropriation if sufficient funds are not available from the BRF
 - Funding for these costs shall be provided, with first priority going to: those owners required under § 9-1108 of this title to install OSDSs utilizing nitrogen removal technology
 - Sponsored by: Delegate Turner
- **HB 70** – Bay Restoration Fund: Expanded Use of Funds
 - Adds 10th criteria for when BRF funds may be used: as a source of revenue or security for the payment of principal of and interest on bonds issued by a local government with the approval of the administration, if the proceeds of the sale of the bonds are used for the eligible costs of enhanced nutrient removal, as determined by MDE
 - Sponsored by: Chair, Environmental Matters Committee
 - This legislation effectively allows MDE to use local bonding to get around the State’s 15-year bond term limitation. This could partially close the funding gap currently facing the BRF program. MAMWA supports this legislation.
- **HB 73** – Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund: Use of Funds
 - Allows, in addition to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Title VI of the CWA, § 302 of the SDWA, and Federal Appropriations or Authorization Acts to authorize financial assistance

in the form of grants, negative interest loans, forgiveness of principal, subsidized interest rates, and any other form of financial assistance

- Sponsored by: Chair, Environmental Matters Committee

Senate Bills

- **SB 8** (see HB 36) Bay Restoration Fund: Payment to Contractors
 - Sponsored by: Senator Colburn