



CWEA Board Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2019
KCI
Sparks, MD

Attendees:

Present - Ellen Frketic, Laura Oakes, Alan Will, Gian Cossa, Scott Harmon, Clarence Beverhoudt, Cece Nguyen, Tim Wolfe, Eric Held, Jegnaw Essatu Marlou Gregory, Burt Curry, Hahns Hairston, Gary Moore; [Jessica Shiao](#); [Charles Poskas](#)

Commented [EF1]: I'm trying to remember if Charles was there.

Teleconference: Kraig Moodie, Alicia [Grant](#)

Call to Order by President Ellen Frketic at 9:39 AM

WELCOME and OPENING REMARKS – Ellen Frketic

SECRETARY REPORT – Alan Will

- Meeting Minutes from April 5, 2019 presented. Vote requested to pass them.

*Motion: Scott Harmon
Second: Laura Oakes
Outcome: Passed*

- Motion to give blanket permission to Treasurer to shift money, as needed, from money market to checking account, up to \$10,000.

*Motion: Alan Will
Second: Scott Harmon
Outcome: Passed*

- Discussion on need to spread out events across the year to spread out the income and expenses.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Cece Nguyen

- Provided update on bank accounts.

DELEGATES' REPORTS – Tim Wolfe and Jim Shelton

- Changes to WEF membership reciprocity program this year
- WEF representative for Tri-Con is Jenny Hartgfelder
- WEF has a bigger presence at Tri-Con this year with:
 - 4 Speakers
 - Biosolids listening session to provide input on roll out of a new program WEF is developing

☞ VIP dinner Tuesday night – Marlou and Tim will work on this

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utility Member Representative – Scott Harmon

- MDE Liaison – tracking why people are failing operator certification
- Rural water districts are really hurting for staff. As soon as operators get trained they are moving to bigger utilities.
- There is a need that CWEA could help fill like Bay Works in San Francisco.
- Maybe staff from smaller utilities go to training at larger utilities.
- Larger utilities send staff to train smaller ~~utilities~~ [utilities](#).
- Talk to Steve Harrison at WEF

Short Course Committee – Scott Harmon

- Contract signed for next year at Washington College
- There was a 63% pass rate this year
- 20 out of 26 taking Collections test – passed.
- Higher pass rate when taking at short course.

Training, Review and Evaluation Committee (TRE) – Marshall Phillips (not present)

- Marshall has retired – Scott will be the representative
- TREs for Tri-Con approved

Mentorship Committee – Kraig Moodie

- There are 18 participants.
- Had career fair 2 weeks ago with 25-26 participants including some from previous years.
- Put article on career fair in next Ecoletter
- Create a handout on YH20 for Tri-Con

DC Trustee – Gian Cossa

Tri-Con Update

- Gian gave an update on the planning for Tri-Con.
- Registrations tracking up 24%
- Thinks Utility Management track and WEF presentations really helping
- VIP Luncheon with WEF and EPA staff and keynote with goal to get input on what they want to talk about next year
- Discussion on how to get WWOA to help pay for sending Ops Challenge team to WEFTEC

Asset Management Committee – Gage Muckleroy (not present)

Collections Systems Committee – Dave Rockacy (not present)

Membership – Charles Poskas

Plant O&M/Safety Committee – Kenrick St. Louis (not present) Gian Cossa reported

MD Trustee – Clarence Beverhoudt

Biosolids and Residual Management Committee – Hahns Hairston (not present)

- Committee has nothing planned
- Biosolids is a sleeping giant with lots of changes in the industry and above average rainfall
- How we store biosolids will be changing – can no longer land apply after November 15th due to leachate problem
- We need to coordinate with MABA to offer something – maybe a presentation by someone from a landfill

Laboratory Practices Committee – Jegnow Essatu

- August 8th is next webinar
- Had a webinar in June.
- MELA and CWEA will have a PFAS seminar on October 8th. EPA to present.

Spring Meeting Committee – Laura Oakes

- Made \$3000

Student Activities – Chris Overcash (not present)

- Howard will get formal approval in August
- Need to set up a meeting when Ayana gets back on setting up activities and budgets.
- Hopkins preparing for WEFTEC
- Clarence will let Chris know that he is really the Chair of the whole committee

Water Reuse Committee – Zohreh Movahed (not present)

Young Professional Committee – Alicia Grant (teleconference) and Carolyn Wagner (not present)

- YPs are re-grouping
- Planning an event with CSAWWA for a social event in Baltimore in August or September
- There is a vendor interested in a Dinner-N-Learn for Fall

DE Trustee – Prabhu Chandrasekeran

PCOC – Jennifer Kaberline (not present)

Publications Committee – Aaron Hughes (not present)

- Marlou working with publisher to finalize

Stormwater Committee – Turgay Dabak (not present)

- Marlou updated on the 3MS4 workshops

Technical Education – Ed Shea (not present)

- Had 6 webinars in 3 months
- Want to limit number, provide dates, and make it first come first serve
- [Will prepare their suggested protocol and schedule and submit for review](#)

President - Ellen Frketic

Audit Committee – Kraig Moodie

- Will be holding another committee workshop for information needed to be submitted in September for the taxes
- We need to look at spending trends and whether we need to pull from money market because of timing or we are losing money every year.

Awards Committee – Eric Held

- Asked if Asset Management was going to give an award this year? Gian said they were.
- SW and CSC giving committee awards this year

Budget/Finance - Paul Sayan (not present)

- Sent some files from 2018 for Audit Committee

Nominations – Aaron Hughes

- Go ahead and open voting at any time - needs to be open 2 weeks

EA Report – Marlou Gregory

Vice President – Laura Oakes

- Laura has started looking at venues for Leadership Retreat.

MAMWA – Joe Sowinski (not present)

Sponsorship – Cheryl Paulin

- Update on income from sponsorship
- Mike Cecil will be Chair next year
- We have gotten 2-4 sponsors for Tri-Con Ops Challenge

Strategic Planning – Burt Curry (not present)

- No Report

By-Laws – Alan Will

- Nothing to report

Business Practice – Gary Moore

- Meet with Alan to come up with a plan
- Collecting information that exists
- Will do a gap analysis

Government Affairs – Scott Shipe (not present)

NEW BUSINESS

- Ellen proposed splitting the Government Affairs Committee into 2 Committees; one for the Fly-In and then a “real” GA Committee; [this was voted on and approved \(](#)
- Discussion on CWEA Annual Reception
 - Hold at Mustang Alley – holds 140
 - Decision to invite everyone; only active members will come anyway
 - Maybe a small fee
- Discussion on possibility of trying to get involved with Utility Conference

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