



Chesapeake WEA Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 20, 2025

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Attendance: Gary Moore, David Wildasin, Clarence Beverhoudt, Yvette Judge, Laura Oakes, Jegnow Essatu, Chaka Kamran, Kraig Moodie, Alan Will, Travis Gold, Islam Khallaf, Peter Garvey, Brian Persing, Kurtis Drummond, Beth Forbes, Liz Colletti, Justin Bell, Alexis Wingfield, Clark Howells, Hahns Hairston, George Pearson

Call to Order by President Gary Moore – Meeting called to order at 9:34 am.

SECRETARY REPORT – Kraig Moodie - present

- January 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
 - **Motion to approve by Kraig, seconded by Clarence. Motion carried.**
- Event/Webinar planning
 - Kraig reviewed the event planning procedures, reminded everyone that they can be found on the website, and asked that everyone give at least 60 days' notice of any event planning to Traci. Traci will send out the SOP and links for event planning.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Danielle Sheahan – not present

- Current Financial Status of CWEA – Traci reviewed the financials.
 - **Motion to approve by Laura, seconded by Yvette. Motion carried.**

DELEGATE'S REPORT(S) - Ellen Frketic, Laura Jo Oakes – not present, present

- Laura reported on WEFMAXs.
- Stated that there have been a lot of changes at WEF and if anyone has any questions, to please reach out.
- Reported on the WEF MA Member Spotlights and they are open to any MA wanting to give a presentation. The topic for the upcoming spotlight is the MA Grant program. Committees are welcome to attend.

CTA'S REPORT – Gian Cossa – not present, no report

NEW BUSINESS

- Asset Management Budget
 - Laura – a vote is not needed. The committee needs to reach out to the Membership Committee to plan events to increase membership.
 - Through discussion, it was reviewed that Chesapeake doesn't typically fund free events unless it's a community service event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- Upcoming events –
 - PWE Happy Hour for March 26th
 - Oklahoma WEFMAX – April 2nd-4th – Traci will be attending
 - Collection Systems Seminar – April 8, 2025
 - National Fly-In – April 8th & 9th
 - Stormwater Webinar – April 17th - A Storm for All Seasons/Kim Grove
 - PCOC Earth Day Clean Up – April 19th – Gwinns Falls Leakin Park
 - Massachusetts WEFMAX – April 30th – May 2nd – Laura and Ellen attending
 - Friends of Biosolids & ITT Social Event – May 6th – Engineer's Club

- **Requesting Sponsors** – Registration is open
- National WEF RBITT Conference – May 6th-9th – Baltimore Convention Center
- Public Works Experience Big Truck Day – May 10th
- Spring Meeting – May 15th
- Ed Norton/Gary Wyatt Memorial Golf Tournament – May 21st
- Stormwater Seminar – June 12th
- Rescheduled Brewery Tour – June 26th

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Gary Moore – present

- Gary reported on the increased CWEA activity and the progress with the Bylaws Revision process.

COMMITTEES

Maryland Trustee – David Wildasin - present

- Laboratory Practices – Tralonda Kelly-Redondo – not present, Kurtis Drummond – present
 - Kurtis gave a report and a report was submitted.
- Student Activities
 - Hiring Event – Alexis Wingfield – present
 - Alexis reported on the recent event – very successful.
 - Student Activities – Agam Singh - not present.
 - Student Chapters – Chike Monwuba – not present
 - Beth reported on Morgan State prospect and that they will not seek a student chapter at this time. Laura suggested joining AWWA on their student chapter.
 - Design Competition – Megan Livak – not present – report submitted.
- YP’s – Carlos Mejia, Stephen Greiling – neither present
 - Travis Gold reported for the committee and promoted the Top Golf event.
 - Top Golf – March 24th, 5:30-7:30pm

DC Trustee – Jessica Shiao – not present

- Public Outreach – Emma Danz, Brandon Friedland – neither present
 - Water Palooza – researching options – Traci reported on the possibility of not having Water Palooza this spring.
 - PWE events – Big Truck Day, May 10, 10am – 2pm
 - Volunteers NEEDED – Chaka (tentatively volunteered)
- Residual and Biosolids Management – Hahns Hairston – present
 - Hahns encouraged sponsorship of the RBITT social event
- Stormwater – Justin Bell, Beth Forbes – both present
 - Beth reported on the Webinar, Seminar, and October Webinar.
 - MDE is going to collaborate on the seminar.
 - Seminar planning will start today.

Delaware Trustee – Chaka Kamran - present

- Awards – Eric Held – not present
 - Traci reported that there are a lot of WEF MA Award opportunities, and the deadline to nominate is March 31st.
- By-laws – Alan Will – present
 - Subcommittee reports: Gary reported on the Committee Chair policy. Yvette reported on the Duties of Officers process. Position descriptions will be separate from the bylaws.
- Collection Systems – Charles Poskas – not present, George Pearson - present

- George reported on the April 8th Collection Systems Seminar and plans for a fall seminar.
- Ed Norton/Gary Wyatt Memorial Golf Tournament – May 21, 2025
- DE&I – Eric McFarland – not present
 - Chaka asked what we should do with an inactive committee.
 - Laura stated that WEF hasn't changed their stance. Brian Persing suggested that we might have to change the name but it's still in the process.
 - Chaka may suggest a new chair. She asked Laura to share the WEF DEI events with her.
- Publications – Chaka Kamran – present
 - Reported on the Ecoletter.
- Water Reuse – Andrew Kreider – not present
 - Chaka reported that they're planning to have a webinar and seminar.
 - Andrew is looking for new ideas and a new chair.

Utility Member Representative – Yvette Judge - present

- MDE W/WW Board Liaison – Clark Howells – was on and submitted report.
- Plant O&M and Safety – Tyrus Hunter – not present, no report
- Short Course – Clark Howells – present but needed to leave, submitted report.
 - Two scholarships available – will open 3/24, close 4/28, announced 4/29.
 - Short Course Registration opens April 1st.
- Training, Review and Evaluation (TRE) – Clark Howells – report submitted.
- Utility Management Conference – Gian Cossa - not present
- YH2O/Mentorship – Dennis Hasson/Moalie Jose – neither present
 - Kraig reported and requested Career Coach volunteers.

President-Elect – Alana Gildner – not present

- Asset Management – Dennis Lopez – not present
- Audit – Kraig Moodie – present – no update.
- Government Affairs – Liz Colletti – present
 - Liz reported on the Fly-In preparations with CSAWWA.
 - We have Delaware representation for the Fly-In.
 - Introduced the new Vice-Chair – Peter Garvey.
- Nominations – Alana Gildner (Closed until April) – not present
 - Will open in April.
- Sponsorship – Andrew Kreider – not present
 - Traci reported on total committed so far.
- Technical Education – Matt Zelin – not present
 - Stormwater Webinar planned for April and October.

Vice-President – Jegnaw Essatu – was present, had to leave early

- Budget/Finance – Ellen Frketic – not present – nothing to report
- Business Practices – Gary Moore – reported with the Bylaws revision report.
- Leadership Retreat – Jegnaw Essatu (Closed until July 2025) –
 - Laura wanted to remind Jegnaw that a venue needs to be reserved.
- Membership – Laura Jo Oakes - present
 - Laura reported on the membership numbers.
 - She reviewed the dropped members list.
 - Reported on the WEF free memberships and asked for suggestions on how to use them.

- Reported on an idea from North Carolina for a new member contact.
- Spring Meeting Co-Chairs – Chrissie Swan/Bethel Abate – neither present
 - Venue reserved for May 15th – Smoketown Brewing, Brunswick, MD.
 - Laura reported on the planning process.
- Strategic Planning – Yvette Judge – present
 - Yvette reported that the implementation portion is in progress in working closely with the Bylaws revisions.

BOARD MEETING DATES 2024-2025 – Location (virtual or in-person, to be determined)

- Need to decide on a date – the following are the Thursdays in May
 - May 1, 2025, is an option
 - Laura suggested holding it on May 6th at the Engineer's Club, offering a hybrid version. Traci will poll the board.
 - May 8, 2025, is during the WEF RBITT
 - May 15, 2025, is the date of Spring Meeting
 - May 22, 2025, is the day after the Ed Norton/Gary Wyatt Golf Tournament
 - May 29, 2025, is the week of Memorial Day

ECOLETTER EDITORIAL DEADLINES FOR 2025 SPRING ISSUE

Refer to the Chesapeake WEA Reference Guide for submission guidelines.

2025 Spring issue

1. Deadline to Editors	Friday, March 14, 2025
2. Editors submit to CK (editorial deadline & advertising sales close)	Friday, March 28, 2025
3. Page proofs to Chesapeake WEA & WWOA for review	Tuesday, April 8, 2025
4. Edited proofs returned to CK	Wednesday, April 16, 2025
5. Final art to print	Friday, April 25, 2025
6. Finish printing	Monday, May 5, 2025

ADJOURN – meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

- **Motion to adjourn Kraig, seconded by Yvette. Motion carried.**