

Nebraska Section AWWA Annual Section Business Meeting November 6, 2008 Minutes

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:32. p.m. by Kevin Tobin. The attendees were:

1. Teresa Konda	15. Mike Leonard
2. Mary Poe	16. John Olsson
3. Bruce Dvorak	17. Lynn Wegehaupt
4. Mari Matulka	18. Joel Christensen
5. Eric Lee	19. Doug Woodbeck
6. Roger Coffey	20. Brian Gongol
7. Scott Sprague	21. David Lathrop
8. Doug Pollack	22. Chad Roberts
9. Dennis Watts	23. Eric Melcher
10. Chip Haas	24. Craig Reinsch
11. Susan Franceschi	25. Chris Koenig
12. Michael Wentink	26. Rob Pierce
13. Justin Stine	27. Tony Bilek
14. Eric Obert	28. Kevin Tobin

Approval of Minutes: November 7, 2007 Business Meeting

- Bruce Dvorak made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2007 Business Meeting. Roger Coffey seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report – Rob Pierce

- Rob Pierce provided a record of expenses and income for the year so far. The balance in the Section checking account was \$7,652.62. The ending balance in the Section savings account was \$6,577.60. The Section has three CDs with balances of \$16,284.76; \$21,971.49; and \$25,000.
- Rob asked that, when people submit expenses or income, they identify to which budget category the transaction should be assigned. Rob will develop a form for people to complete when submitting financial information.
- Bruce Dvorak made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. John Miriovsky seconded the motion.

Director's Report – Chris Koenig

- Chris Koenig provided the Director's Report.
- The Association is active on several fronts in their efforts to go from Good to Great.
- Membership Value Survey – A membership survey was initiated for individual members, utility and service providers, and non-members. A total of 6,414 AWWA members responded to the individual survey for a response rate of 21.8 percent. The purpose of the survey is to find out what the membership thinks about the Association, what we do well, and areas we need to improve. Work is proceeding on the international questionnaire.
- Association / Section Relations – Past president Nilaksh Kothari implemented a major initiative to improve the relationship between the Association and the individual sections. One of the off-shoots was the town hall meeting like the one hosted by Mike Leonard this morning. The purpose of the meetings is for the executives of the Association to hear directly from actual individuals who make up the organization. The second component of this effort is the work on the affiliation agreements. The sections function under AWWA and receive several benefits from this relationship, including the tax-exempt status and indemnification. However, the roles of the sections and Association have not been clearly defined. There have been duplicate efforts in some areas and lack of effort in other areas. An ad hoc committee is working to clarify the role definitions and improve the language of the agreements. The intent is to improve the relationship by better communication of who is responsible for what actions. The Board further discussed the Nebraska Section's insurance and National AWWA insurance. Susan Franceschi clarified questions from the Section membership.
- Summer Workshop – The summer workshop is scheduled July 23-24, 2009. Always a great chance for Section volunteers to meet with Association staff and learn more about the organization. The Nebraska Section does encourage committee chairs and new board members to attend and learn more about the organization.
- Association Health – The net income for the Association is running ahead of projections. Income is less than expected due to fewer registrations at the conferences and less than stellar performance of investments. However, expenses are less than anticipated. The new executive director, Gary Zimmerman, continues to streamline the organization and make it more responsive. AWWA continues to develop partnerships with other associations and countries in our efforts to be the authoritative voice of drinking water.

Old Business:

- NeWARN Update – provided by Eric Melcher
 - The NE WARN Steering Committee conducted several meetings.
 - The NE WARN Steering Committee includes 28 members.
 - Currently, the WARN website information is housed on the Nebraska Rural Water website. A link to the Nebraska WARN site will be placed on the Nebraska Section AWWA website. The WARN Steering Committee would like to pursue a website of their own. They are working on getting a grant to fund the website. The group is open to comments and suggestions for website content.
 - The Small Systems Committee is recruiting new members for NE WARN.
 - Rob Pierce noted that they've mailed WARN information to League of Nebraska Municipalities members to recruit new WARN members.
 - A subcommittee is working moving from a steering committee to a Board.
 - Eric noted that utilities have a lot of questions about the requirements to respond if another community needs help.
 - Rob reminded the Section that discussions with legal and insurance personnel have made the start-up process slow. We should be able to expect the response to speed up soon.
 - Rob noted that another issue that has to be addressed yet is crossing state lines to help neighboring communities.
 - Kevin Tobin reminded WARN to review their budget request to be submitted at the January Board meeting.

New Business:

- Nominations Committee Report – Mike Wentink
 - Positions Filled Automatically:
 - Chair – Bruce Dvorak
 - Past Chair/Trustee – Kevin Tobin
 - Slate of Candidates:

Chair Elect – John Olsson	Vice-Chair – Teresa Konda
Secretary – Eric Lee	Treasurer – Rob Pierce
Trustee – David Lathrop	Trustee – Doug Woodbeck
- Election of Officers
 - Kevin Tobin asked for a motion to approve by acclamation the Chair Elect, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer positions. Chris Koenig made the motion. Bruce Dvorak seconded the motion.
 - A nomination from the floor was received for Chad Roberts to be added to the slate of candidates for Trustee. The membership voted for any two of: Dave Lathrop, Doug Woodbeck, or Chad Roberts. Votes were collected and counted. The results of the vote for 2009 Trustees were Dave Lathrop and Doug Woodbeck.
- Facebook Presentation – Brian Gongol
 - Mary Poe reported the Public Information Committee is considering establishing a Facebook page to recruit new young members to AWWA.
 - Brian Gongol was available to provide a demonstration of Facebook to show the Section how it works before asking the Board for permission to proceed.
 - Facebook is being used by others in AWWA. The National Association has a Facebook page. The Rocky Mountain Section has a Facebook page.
 - Kevin Tobin stated that the Board will be entertaining motions to use Facebook.
- By-Laws Modification
 - Bruce Dvorak led a discussion on possibly changing the Section By-laws to include more trustees. This would require the creation of an ad hoc committee.
 - Jerry Obrist recommended adding two trustee positions. Under this scenario, the Section could elect two trustees every year.
 - If the Section would choose to modify the By-laws, the ad-hoc committee should discuss whether the trustee candidates should be nominated from different regions of the state.
 - The conference call ability allows people to meet over a wide geographical area.
 - Adding Trustee positions to the Board would allow more people to get involved with the Section. Not everyone would have to or be able to go through the chairs.
 - The Board will organize an ad hoc committee to develop a plan to change the By-laws to add two trustees.

Committee Reports:

Audit – Kevin Tobin: See the attached report.

Awards – Steve Kelley: See the attached report.

Budget – Rob Pierce: Rob Pierce provided a preliminary 2009 budget. Committees will be submitting their budget requests for 2009.

Cross Connections – Rich Koenig: See the attached report.

Education – Mike Wentink: See the attached report.

Fall Conference – Bruce Dvorak

Fuller Award – Joel Christensen: See the attached report.

MAC – Tony Bilek: See the attached report.

Membership – Rich Robinson: See the attached report.

Nominations – Mike Wentink: See the attached report.

Publications – Mari Matulka: See the attached report.

Public Information – Mary Poe: See the attached report.

Research/Student Activities – Bruce Dvorak: See the attached report.

Safety – Rob Pierce: See the attached report.

Scholarship – Jon Zellars: See the attached report.

Small System – Rick Melcher: See the attached report.

SRF – Rich Koenig

Water For People – Craig Reinsch: See the attached report.

Water Utility Council – Jerry Obrist: See the attached report.

Young Professionals – Justin Stine: See the attached report.

Meeting Adjourned:

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2008 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Audit
Date: October 22, 2008

Chair: Kevin Tobin

Total Members: 2 Active Members: Kevin Tobin, Rob Pierce
Executive Board Liaison: Kevin Tobin

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls):

Proposed changes in committee membership:

No changes proposed

Deliverables/Activities:

Financial Statement Review at each Board Meeting

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work?

Continue with active participation of review of financial statements at Board Meetings

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:

None

Budget Expenditures for 2008:

\$0

Budget Request for 2009 (include a short justification)

N/A

Other Items

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2008 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Awards
Date: October 23, 2008

Chair: Steve Kelley; Vice Chair: Rob Pierce

Total Members: 3 Active Members: 3

Executive Board Liaison: Bruce Dvorak

List of Active Members: Steve Kelley, Rob Pierce, Doug Woodbeck

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls):
March 24, 2008- June 16, 2008 Meetings were held in Beatrice

Proposed changes in committee membership:
None, but would like a couple of new members

Deliverables/Activities:
We have three Lifetime Awards for the conference and six WISA awards to present at banquet.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work?
Get nominations for the various awards

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:

Send request to membership in March for nominations for WISA and national awards.
Review nominations for WISA in June and make selections.

Budget Expenditures for 2008:
\$500

Budget Request for 2009 (include a short justification):
\$500 to purchase awards and for mailings

Other Items

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2008 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Cross Connection Committee
Date: November 6, 2008

Chair: Rich Koenig
Chair: Leroy Kramer

Total Members: 5 Active Members: 5

Executive Board Liaison: Tony Bilek

List of Active Members: Rich Koenig, Leroy Kramer, Chad Roberts, Rob Pierce and Terry Vail.

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls):
July

Proposed changes in committee membership:
None, but would like a couple of new members

Deliverables/Activities:
4 – 1 day workshops co-sponsored with LNM and assist with the “Ultimate Backflow Challenge”
Attendance at the 1 day workshops were: Beatrice – 39, Wayne – 33, Grand Island – 48 and Ogallala – 23
for a total attendance of 143

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work?
Working OK

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:
4 – 1 day workshops co-sponsored with LNM and assist with the “Ultimate Backflow Challenge”

Anticipated Budget Expenditures for 2009:
\$1,000

Budget Request for 2009 (include a short justification)
\$1,000 to help fund the “Ultimate Backflow Challenge” session and various other expenses

Other Items

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2008 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Education
Date: November 6, 2008

Chair: Michael Wentink
Vice Chair: None assigned

Total Members: 6 Active Members: 6

Executive Board Liaison: N/A

List of Active Members:
Michael Wentink
Chuck Thomerson
Mari Matulka
Nick McElvain
Steve Kelley
Rob Pierce

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls):

Has not met face-to-face as a committee, but has corresponded via e-mail, individually by phone, and at NSAWWA Board meetings, pipe seminar development and other education functions.

Proposed changes in committee membership:

None proposed at this time but will likely work toward succession planning by selection of a Vice Chair.

Deliverables/Activities:

LoNM/AWWA Joint seminars — Since January 2008 we have had 210 participants (280 counting speakers and state representatives) at 18 workshops. An average of 11.6 operators per workshop is down from about 14 or 15 last year. This drop may be due to several factors such as the workshop sites, the number of workshops out there, the topics and the amount of hours needed by the operators. There still are three remaining for this year, North Platte, Lincoln and Lyons.

Other — Pipe seminar, assisted with small system committee seminars, review of AWWA/LoNM agreement for lump sum payment for water and backflow seminars. Purchase of requested educational materials from AWWA bookstore, provided representation on development of the Nebraska Coalition Training Calendar and Committee representative provided notifications on the Section Website on upcoming water operator training events.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work?

Nothing to request at this time. The Executive Board has been very supportive in all existing and proposed activities and that support is very much appreciated.

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:

The committee always is open to suggestions and ideas from membership. This upcoming year the committee will likely focus on ideas for new and innovative agenda topics.

Budget Expenditures for 2008.

Unknown at this time. Will await budget report.

Budget Request for 2009 (include a short justification)

\$5,000 – LoNM agreement
\$1,500 – AWWA bookstore purchases and misc.

Other Items

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2008 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Fuller Award
Date: October 23, 2008

Chair: Joel Christensen
Vice Chair: None

Total Members: 5 Active Members: 5

Executive Board Liaison: Chris Koenig

List of Active Members: Tony Bilek, Mari Matulka, Chip Haas, Chris Koenig, Joel Christensen

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls):
Several e-mail communications beginning in February.

Proposed changes in committee membership:
The committee consists of the last five awardees with the one longest ago being the chair. The chair then drops off and the last awardee joins the committee.

Deliverables/Activities:
We named an awardee, decided on the plaque wording, obtained the Fuller Award pin from the Association, are developing a biography to be read at the Section Conference, will provide details for the Wise Water Words publication, and will formally enter the awardee's name to the Association for recognition at the June, 2009 Annual Conference and Exposition.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work?
N/A

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:
Consider making another award in 2009. N/A

Budget Expenditures for 2008:
About \$70.

Budget Request for 2009 (include a short justification):
\$100. It is difficult to estimate the cost of the plaque, normally the only expenditure.

Other Items

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2008 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: MAC
Date: October 27, 2008

Chair: Tony Bilek
Vice Chair:

Total Members: 1 Active Members: 1

Executive Board Liaison:

List of Active Members:

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls):

Proposed changes in committee membership:

Get members

Deliverables/Activities:

Fall Conference planning, Exhibitor coordination, Conference hotel coordination. Solicitation, receipt and distribution of exhibitor contracts and funds, coordinate with NWEA and APWA on Fall Conference coordination. Coordinate exhibit booths with AAA Rental in Kearney. Coordinate set up and tear down times with AAA, Hotel and exhibitors. Set up Best of Show” judging. Secure Best of Show plaque.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work?

Perhaps the treasurer could be the responsible person for Fall Conference vendor receipts. Have awards committee arrange for the Best of Show award and Outstanding volunteer award plaques.

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:

Same

Budget Expenditures for 2008:

\$70 – Best of Show award.

Budget Request for 2009 (include a short justification):

\$500. Best of Show award. Hoping to have a formal exhibitor profile booklet printed for participating vendors at the Fall Conference.

Other Items:

Sold out exhibit hall (52 booths at \$450 each) opened up the registration area for additional booths. Sold 6 additional. 58 total at \$450 and 14 social hour sponsors at \$100 each.
Total exhibitor proceeds: \$27,500.

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2008 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Nominations
Date: November 6, 2008

Chair: Michael Wentink
Vice Chair: NA

Total Members: 3 Active Members: 3

Executive Board Liaison: Kevin Tobin

List of Active Members:
Michael Wentink
Dave Lathrop
Bruce Dvorak

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls):
March and April, 2008 – telephone and e-mail

Proposed changes in committee membership:
NA – membership mandated through bylaws

Deliverables/Activities:
Selected nominees for next term's Section Officers.

These positions require election. Nominations also will be open at the Fall Conference Business Meeting.

Chair-Elect: John S. Olsson, Olsson Associates
Vice Chair: Teresa Konda, HDR Inc.
Secretary: Eric Lee, Lincoln Water System
Treasurer: Rob Pierce, League of Nebraska Municipalities
Trustee: David Lathrop, City of Seward
Trustee: Doug Woodbeck, Nebraska Health & Human Services

These positions are not open for nominations and will be filled automatically by the following officers:

Chair: Dr. Bruce I. Dvorak, UNL Civil Engineering
Director: Chris Koenig, HDR Inc.
Trustee & Past Chair: Kevin Tobin, Metropolitan Utilities District

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work?
No suggestions at this time.

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:
NA

Budget Expenditures for 2008:
N/A

Budget Request for 2009 (include a short justification):
N/A

Other Items

As per bylaws – Committee's nominations were forwarded to the Secretary April 24, 2008. Nominations committee report of nominees' selection was published in summer issue (May) of Wise Water Words.

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2008 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Publications
Date: October 28, 2008

Chair: Mari Matulka
Vice Chair:

Total Members: 3 Active Members: 3

Executive Board Liaison: Kevin Tobin

List of Active Members: Mari Matulka, Mary Poe, Mike Wentink

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls):

One or two phone calls before each issue of Wise Water Words, published three times a year, plus e-mails.

Proposed changes in committee membership:

N/A

Deliverables/Activities:

Wise Water Words: Published three issues (spring, summer, fall)
Take photos at the annual fall conference
Directory: Continuous updates posted on the website.
Website: Continuous updates.

From January 1-October 28, 2008, the website had 7,134 visitors, an average of 713 per month. Below is a list of what visitors were viewing. The number of visitors for each page is in parentheses.

January — jobs page (216), Pipe Workshop information (111), PE license story (74), 2008 directory (70) and 2007 conference photos (62).

February — jobs page (212), library (92), Wise Water Words (85), 2008 directory (65) and PE license story (36).

March — jobs page (219), library (98) Pipe Workshop (83), Water for People Golf Tournament (50), training (45) and officers (43).

April — the jobs page (197), library (72), 2006 directory (55), Water Meter, Fire Hydrant Maintenance Seminar, sponsored by the Small Systems Committee (47) and vendor list from the 2004 fall conference (35).

May — jobs page (75), library (62), Water for People golf tournament results (60), the sterilization of liquid loads story (40), officers (34) and summer issue of Wise Water Words (33).

June — jobs page (141), sterilization of liquid loads story (76), 2008 directory (75), ACE report (62), library (59) and 2002 directory (42).

July — jobs page (193), sterilization of liquid loads story (102), 2008 directory (101), 2008 fall conference program (95), Water for People Trap Shoot (64) and library (48).

August — 2008 directory (196), jobs (140), sterilization of liquids story (87), 2008 fall conference program (58), officers (41) and library (36)

September — 2008 directory (199), fall conference program (170), jobs (116), sterilizing liquid loads (52), 2004 directory (46) and officers (40).

October 1-27 — 2008 directory (118), fall conference program (99), jobs (75), library (49), vendor invite for fall conference (42) and contents (41).

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work?

Continue to provide columns on deadline for Wise Water Words.

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:

Wise Water Words: Published three issues (spring, summer, fall)
Take photos at the annual fall conference
Directory: Continuous updates posted on the website; publish paper edition in December 2009 for 2010-2011
Website: Continuous updates.

Budget Expenditures for 2008

Expenses for Wise Water Words: \$11,328.76
Income from Wise Water Words advertising: (\$6,625.00)
Net Wise Water Words cost: \$4,703.76

Expense for 800 directories; sent to members in December 2007: \$8,304.28
Income from 2008-2009 directory advertising: (\$900.00)
Net directory cost: \$7,404.28

Website: 0

We moved the website to Network Solutions in October 2007. Cost = \$6.23 a month. At that time, we pre-paid a five-year contract so the web hosting service is paid until October 12, 2012. The domain (www.awwaneb.org) is registered until July 20, 2011.

2008 expenses: \$19,633.04
2008 income: (\$7,525.00)
2008 net expenses: \$12,108.04

Budget Request for 2009 (include a short justification)

Wise Water Words (three issues): \$11,400
2010-2011 Directory in December, 2009: \$8,400
Website: 0
Anticipated advertising income: (\$7,000)

Total budget request for 2009: \$12,800

Other Items

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2008 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Public Information
Date: November 6, 2008

Chair: Mary Poe
Vice Chair: Marc Rosso

Total Members: 3 Active Members: 3

Executive Board Liaison: Teresa Konda

List of Active Members: Mary Poe, Marc Rosso, Brian Gongol

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls):

November 30, 2007 — Lincoln

December 20, 2007 — Lincoln

September 3, 2008 — Conference call

E-mail correspondence as needed

Proposed changes in committee membership:

None

Deliverables/Activities:

Updated the committee goals.

Public Service Announcements distributed to 69 radio groups in April for Drinking Water Week.

Public Service Announcements distributed to 69 radio groups in October (Only Tap Water Delivers).

Fall Conference News Release sent to media outlets in the state.

Working on setting up a Facebook fan page for the Nebraska Section.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work?

Share ideas and feedback with the PI Committee.

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:

Develop and manage a Facebook Fan page and explore other networking options

News releases for awards, fall conference, and other events as needed

PSAs

Informational mailing to mayors/councils

Work with the education committee on some student outreach efforts

Budget Expenditures for 2008

T-shirts: \$319

PSAs: \$185 (supplies and mailing)

News Release to Nebraska Press Association for distribution: \$215

Total: \$719

Budget Request for 2009 (include a short justification)

The committee, with all new members, was just getting started with activities in 2008. We plan to do more PSAs, even more news releases and possibly develop some pamphlets/brochures in 2009. Budget request

— \$3,000

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2008 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Student Activities and Research
Date: November 3, 2008

Chair: Bruce Dvorak
Vice Chair: None

Total Members: 3 Active Members: 3

Executive Board Liaison: Bruce Dvorak

List of Active Members: Dvorak, Zhang, Dahab

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls):
None

Proposed changes in committee membership:
None

Deliverables/Activities:

The AWWA/WEF student organization at UNL held half a dozen meetings during the past year, sent representatives to two young professional events, and sent twelve students to the annual state conferences, and two members to ACE. The highlights include:

- September 2008: A panel discussion with three engineers from government and small and large consulting firms discussing what to expect during the first years on the job as an engineer. (40 people)
- March 2008: Joint meeting with ASCE with speaker P. Dingman of Engineering Design Consultants talking about the Plat Process (13 AWWA members, 19 guests)
- March 2008: Presentation on the Water For People foundation given by Craig Reinsch of Olsson Associates (10 people)
- April 2008: Attended the Great Plains Waste Management Conference in Council Bluffs, IA. (3 people)
- May 2008: Assisted at Water For People Benefit at Quail Run Golf Course in Columbus (4 people)
- November 2007: Attended NS-AWWA and NWEA Conference in Kearney (8 people)

Also of interest, Dr. Dvorak obtained information from AWWA national related to students that have joined AWWA during the past decade. Of the total 38 students who have become AWWA student members, a third (13) of those students are still AWWA members (October 2008) and a quarter (9) are members of the Nebraska Section AWWA. Of the students that joined and have been out of the University for more than a year, 28% (10 of 36) are still members and 20% (7 or 36) are members of the Nebraska Section.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work?
None

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:
None

Budget Expenditures for 2008-9
Approximately \$180

Budget Request for 2009 (include a short justification):
\$200 for food reimbursement for students and for student memberships.

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2008 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Safety
Date: November 3, 2008

Chair: Rob Pierce
Vice Chair:

Total Members: 12 Active Members: 12

Executive Board Liaison: Rob Pierce

List of Active Members: Rob Pierce, Jack Satur, Steve Kelley, Pat Heath, Milo Rust, Anthony L. Martinez, Roger L. Coffey, Eric Melcher, Dale Kaliff, Gerardo E. Martinez, Pete H. Neddo, Doug Pollack.

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls):

Committee met in Scottsbluff on September 8, 2008 and at Lincoln on September 12 to determine safety award recipients. The Utilities Section of the League of Nebraska Municipalities provided lunch. Also the committee communicates via email due to the distance the members would have to travel for meetings.

Proposed changes in committee membership:

Add Doug Pollack

Deliverables/Activities:

1. Will have 13 safety awards to be given at the Annual AWWA Banquet.
2. Discussing safety article for newsletter and possible safety brochures.
3. Cover and provide safety information for 1 hour of each of the Water Workshops co-sponsored with the League of Nebraska Municipalities.
4. Planning at least two safety workshops for 2009.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work?

Provide information via AWWA national that concerns safety.

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:

Two Safety Workshops for 2009
Safety Article for magazine
Add a safety DVD or VHS tape to Library

Budget Expenditures for 2008:

Safety survey mailing, certificates & plaques = \$286.70 of the \$300 budgeted.

Budget Request for 2009 (include a short justification):

We would like to budget \$1,000 for mailing, brochures, handouts, and related office expenses for the two safety workshops. Possible speaker expense.
Purchase AWWA Library material, either a safety VHS/DVD or book or both.
Allot about \$300 for year 2008 Safety Survey mailing and related safety awards.

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2008 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Scholarship
Date: November 4, 2008

Chair: Jon Zellars
Vice Chair: None

Total Members: 6 Active Members: 6

Executive Board Liaison: Kevin Tobin

List of Active Members:

Larry Andreasen
Chip Hass
Chris Koenig
John Miriovsky
Lynn Wegehaupt
Jon Zellars

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls):

October 2008 – through e-mail

Proposed changes in committee membership:

None

Deliverables/Activities:

Committee members reviewed eight applications for the Colonel Theodore A. Liesen Scholarship. Six of the students attend UNL and the other two attend UNO. All of the students are seeking post graduate degrees with the exception of one that is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree. While all of the applicants were worthy to receive a scholarship, the committee decided to award scholarships to three of the applicants. The recipients of the 2008 Theodore A. Liesen Scholarships are as follows:

William Alms (\$1,400): William is a graduate student at UNL majoring in Environmental Engineering. William has a Bachelor of Science in Bio-Systems Engineering from UNL. William is the recipient of many scholarships including the Nebraska Legacy Scholarship, Pershing Scholarship and Graduate Fellowship. William has been actively involved in many student organizations and clubs including the AWWA student chapter in which he served as President. William plans to serve his country through the Army National Guard as a pilot and to pursue a career in Environmental Engineering.

Jennifer Gitt (\$800): Jennifer is a graduate student at the University of Nebraska majoring in Environmental Engineering. Jennifer has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from UNO. Jennifer is the recipient of many scholarships including the Kiewit Engineering Scholarship, UNO Honors Scholarship and Chancellor's Scholarship. Jennifer also received an athletic scholarship from UNO for cross country and track. Jennifer has been actively involved in many student organizations and clubs where she has held leadership roles up through President. Jennifer plans to pursue a career in engineering where she can join other professional engineers to take on challenges facing the public works industry in promoting environmental consciousness without inhibiting positive economic growth.

Rui Ma (\$800): Rui is a PhD student at the University of Nebraska majoring in Environmental Engineering. Rui has a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. Rui is the recipient of the Dupont Scholarship for Comprehensive Excellence and the Freshman Scholarship for Academic Excellence. Rui's academic research involves reducing the amount of hormones that leach into the water supply from cattle feedlots. He hopes to further his research to the fate and transportation of nano materials, pharmaceutically-active and endocrine disrupting chemicals in the water supply and removal technologies for them. Rui plans to pursue a career in the water treatment and supply industry.

The Scholarship Committee would like to once again thank Dr. Bruce Dvorak for his help in publicizing the availability of the scholarship, encouraging applications and collecting them for the committee.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work?

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:

Awarding the 2009 Theodore Liesen Memorial Scholarship

Budget Expenditures for 2008:

Able Wolman — \$1,000
Stockholm Water Prize — \$0
Top Ops — \$2,425.40

Conference — \$0
Student Scholarships — \$3,000

Budget Request for 2009 (include a short justification):

Able Wolman — \$1,000
Stockholm Water Prize — \$500
Tops Ops — \$3,000
Conference — \$500
Student Scholarships — \$3,000

Other Items:

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2008 COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee: Small Water System
Date: November 3, 2009

Chair: Eric Melcher
Vice Chair: David Jundt

Total Members: 10 Active Members: 9

Executive Board Liaison: David Lathrop

List of Active Members: Eric Melcher, Chair; Dave Jundt, Jim Green, Ken Ekeler, Jim Kruse, Steve Boeselager, Milo Rust, Doug Allen, Marty Norton, Steve Kelley

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls):

NeRWA Annual Conference and we plan to conduct a short meeting at the Annual AWWA Meeting as well.

Proposed changes in committee membership:

Steve Boeselager has taken another job and is no longer active in the small water system committee, therefore we'll be looking for a replacement. Once we find a replacement we'll forward the Operators name to David Lathrop to obtain the AWWA Board Members approval.

Deliverables/Activities:

The Small Water System Committee Members held a workshop in Beatrice on June 26, 2008 which was a big success, over 40 attending.

Another workshop was held in Burwell October 15, 2008 with 18 attending at which time the web-cast was a part of the meeting, all of the attendees felt the information was very interesting and stated it was nice to receive it first hand.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work?

The Executive Board has done an outstanding job in supporting the Small Water System Committee with our needs while offering the workshops.

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:

We would like to hold one additional workshop during 2008 perhaps December 10, 2008 and include the web-cast on Water Storage Tanks Maintenance and Repair provided we can get notification out in time to water operators.

Anticipated Budget Expenditures for 2008:

3 Seminars
10 individual scholarships

Budget Request for 2008 (include a short justification):

\$900 to be used to provide seminars to water operators including web-casts, plus the cost of 10 AWWA Annual Scholarships for a one year individual AWWA membership, provided the AWWA Board Members have considered and approved the recommendation. The scholarships have been suggested to be awarded to small water systems to encourage their membership.

Other Items:

The Small Water System appreciates the support of the Executive Board, Thanks.

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2008 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Water For People
Date: October 31, 2008

Chair: Craig Reinsch
Vice Chair: NA

Total Members: 6 Active Members: 5

Executive Board Liaison: Teresa Konda

List of Active Members:

Ben Day
Glenn Dostal
Jimmy Harding
Teresa Konda
Christian New
Craig Reinsch

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls):

- Conference Call: 1/29/08
- Golf Outing: 5/9/08
- Conference Call: 8/19/08
- Ken Miller Award Meeting: 9/22/08
- Fall Conference: 11/08 (pending)

Proposed changes in committee membership:

None

Deliverables/Activities:

- Educational Outreach – Teresa Konda attended a Girl Scout activity to promote WFP involvement.
- Continue with annual raffle (November), golf outing (May), and trap shoot (July, in conjunction with NWEA Operators Conference in Kearney).
- Working on combining activities with YP and Student Chapter.
- Ken Miller Award recipient will be presented at the Fall Conference at the AWWA banquet.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work?

- Continue to support planned activities and new activities as they develop.
- Provide additional funding to send new committee members to the WFP Leadership Conferences.
- Develop support for Country Tours and/or World Water Corps so that local members are aware of additional volunteer opportunities in country.
- Provide column space in 'Wise Water Words' for WFP articles.
- Support work with the NWEA section to promote Water For People activities within both organizations to reach the maximum number of people possible.

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:

- Committee and activity development, in addition to educating section members of WFP projects.
- Include WFP articles in quarterly publications.
- Work with larger municipalities to help develop more awareness of WFP (not just in water/wastewater utility portions).
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Budget Expenditures for 2008

- Golf Outing (May): \$3,175
- Trap Shoot (June): \$1,180 (split with IA Section)
- Raffle (November): In progress, BUY YOUR TICKETS!!
- Misc. Expenses: <\$100

Budget Request for 2009 (include a short justification):

- Committee Operating Expenses: \$300 (for copies, mailing, conference calls, etc.).
- Water for People Leadership Seminar (training budget): \$1,000 for one person to attend in July/Aug.

Other Items:

Thank you for the Section's support of Water For People!

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2008 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Water Utility Council
Date: November 3, 2008

Chair: Jerry Obrist
Vice Chair: TBA

Total Members: 6 Active Members: 6

Executive Board Liaison: Chris Koenig

List of Active Members: Jerry Obrist, Dale Kaliff, Dennis Hirschbrunner, Glenn Dostal, Jim Shields, Marc Rosso

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls):

Three members attended the AWWA Fly-In in D.C. on April 17, 2008. Numerous e-mails of water issues were transmitted throughout. (Detailed summary below)

Proposed changes in committee membership:

Deliverables/Activities:

- Annual AWWA Fly-In on Water Issues
- E-mail update on Washington Report regarding Water Issue status

SUMMARY REPORT

The Nebraska Section, Water Utility Council actively monitors a number of pertinent bills in the Nebraska Legislature. We are also involved in providing input and monitoring the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act, Water Security, and monitoring the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) with respect to Wireless Radio Spectrum.

1. A detailed listing of the legislative bills that affected the water industry in Nebraska was published in the Summer 2008, Wise Water Words.

LB 135, which was killed, provided for confidentiality of certain municipal records. This legislation was killed by the Media Attorney. This bill will not be written and reintroduced.

2. On a national scale, several items were accomplished:
 - In April 2008, AWWA sponsored a “Water Issued Fly-In” to Washington D.C. to review water issues currently before Congress. Visits were made to the Nebraska delegation to ask for their support on:
 - a. Investing in Water Infrastructure
 - b. Drinking Water Appropriations
 - c. Chemical Security
 - d. Pharmaceuticals
 - e. Climate Change

A summary report of the Fly-In was published in the summer 2008, Wise Water Words.

- New issues are as follows:
 - a. New Administration may seek Chemical Security Authority over Water.
 - b. A ‘Water Tax’ via a National Trust Fund may be an upcoming issue.
 - c. A possible Economic Stimulus Bill for Infrastructure Replacement is possible.
3. Major SDWA issues under review are changes in The Distribution Rule, MCL revisions for triazines, and continued implementation of LT2SWTR. The Total Coliform Rule framework has been tentatively approved. The rule making process will continue.
 4. We are working with the AWWA Telecommunications TAW, through the Critical Infrastructures Industry Coalition (CIIC) on the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) “Spectrum Study”, to identify radio spectrum needs of Critical Infrastructure Industries (CII) such as water, gas, electric, etc., for private internal communications – SCADA. Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) utilizes 900 MHz and 150 MHz spectrum for operation control and monitoring. Narrowbanding, changing from 25 KHz to 12.5 KHz in the 150 MHz and 450 MHz frequency band, is scheduled to occur in the next several years.
 5. Nextel was successful in having the FCC completely revamp to 800 MHz Radio Communications Frequencies. Re-banding of the 800 MHz continues through a phased implementation process.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work?

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:

- Annual AWWA Fly-In in March 2009
- Continued e-mails and discussion on current Water Issues and Legislation/Regulations

Budget Expenditures for 2008:

Budget Request for 2009 (include a short justification):

- \$1,500 – Cover cost of AWWA Fly-In
- My costs are covered by AWWA; one attendee covered by AWWA; third attendee covered by Section.

Other Items:

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2008 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Young Professionals
Date: October 24, 2008

Chair: Justin Stine
Vice Chair: Ben Day

Total Members: 9 Active Members: 7+/-

Executive Board Liaison: Teresa Konda

List of Active Members:

Justin Stine
Ben Day
Theresa Konda
Craig Reinsch
Chad Roberts
Gina Rust
Rory Sudbeck

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls):

Primarily have met through email conversations and partial informal meetings at events.

Proposed changes in committee membership:

Gina Rust — New Vice Chair

Deliverables/Activities:

WP Mixer at Annual Conference
Earth Wellness Festival in Lincoln
Children's Groundwater Festival in Grand Island
Diamond Plastics Tour in Grand Island
Zoo and Brewery Tour in Omaha

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work?

Continued support
Forward contacts as they are encountered
Forwarding on YP announcements to any known YP contacts you may have.

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:

Looking to have about four events per year with a little distribution through the state
Griffen Pipe Tour in Council Bluffs
Snyder Tanks Tour in Lincoln
Corrosion Control Presentation
WTF Tour in Louisville?
WTF Tour in Norfolk?

Budget Expenditures for 2008:

Budget Request for 2009 (include a short justification):

\$200 for presenting supplies and purchasing refreshments for tours

Other Items: