

Draft Meeting Minutes 9/8/2011
Nebraska Section American Water Works Association

Board Chairwoman Teresa Konda called the meeting to order @ 0930 hours at the Offices of Olsson Associates in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Teresa Konda, David Lathrop, Milo Rust, John Olsson, Eric Lee, Chad Roberts, John Keith, Mary Poe and Doug Woodbeck were present.

Call-in conferencing was used for Rich Koenig, Brian Gongol and Tony Bilek.

The **July 14, 2011 Draft Meeting Minutes** were reviewed. No changes were recommended. John Olsson moved to approve the minutes, second by Chad Roberts. Unanimous approval.

Treasurers Report (see attached): The Treasurer's Report was discussed as well as the Budget Report. Milo Rust moved to approve, Tony Bilek second. Unanimous approval. David reports no one has requested reimbursement for attendance at ACE (Top Ops or Poster Contest winners).

Director's Report (see attached): Tony Bilek discussed that the National AWWA Board of Directors has changed the criteria for Life Membership (see report). Tony is coordinating with the National dignitary (Dennis Kelleher, Vice-President New York Section) for the Fall Conference. Dennis should arrive on Tuesday, November 1st, for the usual evening Dinner at Alley Rose. Activities for Dennis are still being decided, although the usual ½ hour presentation at one of the luncheons will be on the itinerary. He will also likely be asked to participate in the Water Tasting contest. Eric Lee moved to approve the Director's report, David Lathrop second. Unanimous approval.

Committee Reports:

Archive & History: No report.

Audit: No report.

Awards: Rich Koenig suggested creating a Longevity (Lifetime) Service Award for those operators that have basically worked their entire career in the water field. Steve Kelley and the other Awards Committee members like the idea, but think there should be some minimum criteria; e.g., at least 20 years in the water industry and at least 75 years of age. While the 75 years of age may be a little long, there should be some criteria to go by. The basic premise of the award is a good one; to honor those that have essentially given their whole working career to the water field.

Budget: See attached Budget and dialog above in the Treasurer's Report.

Cross-Connection Control: Rich Koenig reported that the first backflow workshop was held on September 6, 2011.

Education: See attached. John Keith talked about holding an Asset Management workshop in 2012 in lieu of the usual Pipe workshop, which is held every other year. The Asset Management workshop is sponsored by USEPA and costs approximately \$6,000.00 to hold. \$2,000.00 goes to the presenters and the remainder is for the rental of a hall/venue in which to hold the workshop and other related expenses (food/lunch, etc.). USEPA has offered this workshop for the past five years. Attendance fees are estimated at \$60.00 per person assuming an attendance of 60 people. The Section would have to cover any expenses not covered by the attendance fee. This topic should be discussed further at the annual meeting in November.

Fall Conference: The Fall Conference brochure is finished and has been mailed out. Milo brought up a conflict between the Fall Conference dates and the Responsible Charge (RC) training that is required by the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR). Many of the Fall Conference attendees also have to attend the RC training, and the NDOR has been scheduling their RC training to conflict with the Fall Conference dates (likely not on purpose). It was suggested that NSAWWA, NWEA and APWA write a joint letter to NDOR to request they set an alternate date for their required training. Milo volunteered to draft the letter. Confirmation letters are being mailed to all conference speakers. See AWWA Dignitary comments in Director's Report above.

Fuller Award: A Fuller Award recipient has been chosen.

MAC: Invitations to vendors have been sent out for their participation at the Fall Conference. A tour of the new Venue display area will be arranged for the vendors so they can see where they will be setting up next year. The tour will be during the conference. Discussion is needed on how to better market the new display space. The display booth fee will likely increase. It is currently \$450.00. This will be a topic of discussion with the vendors.

Membership: Rich Robinson has been investigating acquisition of giveaway items for door prizes to be given to conference attendees by drawing. See attached Membership Report. It was discussed that all Committee activities should have a membership selling component. Encouraging membership in the Section is the only way to make it grow and we can't grow if we don't sell the product. Membership forms and other promotional materials should be made available at all Section functions. All active Section members, especially BOD and Committee members, should be ready to tell anyone why they should join and how the Sections activities can benefit them in their work and career. For instance, how do the various training topics at the Fall Conference relate and apply to their system. As a show of member appreciation, Doug forwarded the idea of purchasing lapel pins to give to every member who attends the Fall Conference and to provide to other members who let us know they want one. The pins that were researched cost \$1.80 each. They are a one inch square pin. A concern was brought up that a one inch pin may be too big; look gaudy. Other pin sizes will be researched and possibilities conveyed to BOD members for input prior to purchasing the pins. Doug moved to purchase 250 lapel pins at no more than \$1.80 each, Milo Rust second, unanimous approval.

Nominations: Nominations for officers have been finalized and the slate of proposed candidates are on the ballot, to be elected at the annual membership meeting in Kearney on November 2, 2011 at the Fall Conference.

Public information: See attached report.

Publications: Send pictures of interest, along with a story, to Brian Gongol for inclusion in the next Wise Water Words. The deadline for submission to be included in the next edition is September 14, 2011. The Section will be responsible for taking any pictures at the Fall Conference for inclusion in Wise Water Words.

Safety: See attached report.

Scholarship: No report. Teresa will get with John to insure he will be present to hand out the Scholarship Awards at the Fall Conference.

Small Systems: See attached report.

Student Activities: No report.

Water For People: See attached report.

Water Utility Council: No report.

Young Professionals: The Auburn WTP tour went well. There is a dinner planned to be held at Parker's Smokehouse near Ashland, Nebraska for anyone interested.

Ad Hoc Committees:

SRF: This item should be deleted from the agenda, until such time that more funding becomes available through the Department of Health and Human Services.

Member Survey: No report.

Nitrate: The Section will have a booth at the upcoming Groundwater Foundation's National Conference to be held at the Omaha Marriott in Omaha, Nebraska on October 4 to 6, 2011. Anyone wishing to help out at the booth should contact Ben Day. The Section will receive one registration so a person may attend the workshop sessions. Please contact Ben if you wish to do this. There will also be a Nebraska Wellhead Protection Network (NWPN) meeting held in conjunction with the Groundwater Foundation conference. The NWPN meeting is scheduled for 2:30 to 5:30 PM at the Omaha Marriott, 10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, Nebraska. If you have any pictures you'd like to have displayed at our booth during the Groundwater Foundation's conference, send them to Ben Day.

Top Ops: Brian is ready and excited about running the Top Ops competition this year. Automatic Systems will be contacted to see if the Section may use their buzzer system, as in years past.

SOP's: Teresa has finished the revision of the SOP's and put them all into a new uniform format. These have been reviewed by the BOD and presented for adoption. Tony Bilek moved to approve the SOP changes, Eric Lee second, unanimous approval. All of the revised SOP's will be made available on the Section's webpage. The SOPs will be reviewed annually and any necessary updates will be made as deemed appropriate by the BOD.

ACE: No report.

Summer Workshop: Both Teresa and Chad attended the workshop on July 27 to 29 in Denver. Both reported it was a very worthwhile event to attend. Chad said this summer workshop was the second in a series of three "program" workshops. Next years Summer Workshop will be the third and last in this program series. The basic theme of the program is to put yourself in the other persons shoes. Figure out what makes them who they are and play to that end, to entice them to get involved. New/upcoming regulatory changes were discussed by Tom Curtis; specifically those regulations dealing with carcinogens, nitrates, etc. Ideas on how to promote the "water" field as a desired working field were tossed around. Articles in newspapers and other such venues should be pursued. Basically, we as water professionals need to sell ourselves and our profession. Water use, specifically bottled water, was discussed. A focus aimed at changing the culture and promoting water conservation and protecting water quality and quantity is needed. Chad talked about how a public recreation area sold reusable steel water bottles to its customers, versus selling bottled water in plastic bottles, with the idea that it is education that will move people from wasteful purchases into conserving all of our resources, including the water we drink. It also lets users know that the water obtained from a public water system is safe.

Section/Committee Mailings: Mary Poe discussed the purchase of Section envelopes. These would cost approximately \$200.00 for 2,000 envelopes. The board decided to purchase envelopes with preprinted return addresses on them for use by Committees in mailing material to members and to buy return address stamps for larger envelope mailings. Milo Rust moved to approve the purchase, Eric Lee second, unanimous approval.

New Domain Registration: The new website is up and running. So far people like what they are seeing.

Section Retreat: The retreat was held on August 12, 2011 at Hardin Hall on UNL East Campus. See report from Eric. Many topics were discussed; the Sections Strategic Plan among them. Following the retreat, John Olsson provided a draft of some proposed changes to the plan for review. One item specifically discussed was on revised item #6, where the term professional is followed by operator, "... professionals and operators have different expectations ...". Some concern was voiced over the use of these two terms, and it is felt by some that separating professionals and operators may make some operators feel that they are not viewed as professionals in their field. It was decided to change the wording to say "... various professionals

have different expectations ...”, thereby eliminating this concern. The Board approved this change in wording.

Old Business: See Teresa’s and Chad’s comments in the Summer Workshop narrative, Eric Lee comments in Section Retreat narrative, Mary Poe comments in Section/Committee Mailings, and comments in Nitrate subcommittee regarding Groundwater Foundation Conference.

New Business: See comments in Education committee narrative about Asset Management workshop, SOP comments, Section Retreat “Strategic Plan” comments, and Membership comments regarding Committee activities having a membership component.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2011 at 1330 hours at the Annual Fall Conference to be held in Kearney, Nebraska at the Holiday Inn.

Adjournment: Tony Bilek motioned to adjourn, Eric Lee second. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 1128 hours.

AWARDS COMMITTEE 9-2011

Steve Kelley suggested the following.

" I guess I would see how long he has been working in the water industry first. But it is amazing someone that age is still able to do the things necessary for any system. I think your idea is great and would support this type of award with at least 20 years of service to the industry also".

I agree with Steve. Maybe we look at having a minimum of 20 years of service and be at least 75 years old.

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----- Original Message -----

From: [Dennis Watts](#)

To: [Woodbeck, Doug](#) ; robp@lonm.org ; jsatur@scottsbluff.org ; [Chad Roberts](#) ; [Steve Kelley](#)

Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2011 9:22 AM

Subject: Re: Revised Awards Committee SOP

I was contacted by Rich Koenig about a water operator from Verdel, Ne who is 91 years old and still working. He is looking at some type of award for this gentleman. Also, Steve Kelly talked about Glen Hawks who has 61 years of service.

I'm wondering if we want to give out an award and call it the Longevity Service Award and this could go to anybody 75 or 80 years old and still actively working in the water industry. What I'm thinking we could do is give out a clock with an engraving. I found some clocks that cost about \$45.00. I'm not aware of any national awards.

Please give me your thoughts.

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To: NSAWWA Board
From: John Keith, Chair
Education Committee
Date: September 8, 2011

Education Committee Report

Committee Members

John Keith, Chair

Nick McElvain Brian Gongol

Rob Pierce Steve Kelley

Chuck Thomerson Mike Wentink

Happenings

1. A couple of committee members (Chuck Thomerson and I) assisted Teresa with the Section booth at World O! Water Festival August 20th.
2. Nick McElvain has been in contact with Steve Albee from EPA to do an Asset Management Workshop. This would take place instead of the Pipe Design Workshop. The committee has been discussing this via email for a few days. I will provide additional information during the September meeting.

E-mail from Nick McElvain:

I have made tentative arrangements with Steve Albee from EPA to do his Asset Management Workshop for NSAWWA in Nebraska next spring.

My proposal would be to host this workshop in lieu of a Pipe Design Workshop that we have done in 2006, 2008, and 2010.

He is penciling us in on his calendar for the weeks of March 26 or April 2, 2012.

I would propose Mahoney State Park again, as this is a nice venue, away from the office, if it is available. Steve will not know for sure if his training efforts will be funded until Congress approves their budget in October, or later depending on politics.

This workshop is a 2 day workshop, but there will be a definite benefit for anyone who can attend only one day, so we will need to provide for either a one day or a two day registration.

I understand that NSAWWA was willing to provide some budget for this activity in 2011, and I would like to request that the funding be carried over to 2012.

We should be able to put together a budget before the Fall Conference so that it carried forward to next year.

Mike Wentink, John Miriovsky, and I have all attended this workshop in past years. I was definitely worth the time and effort to go. Anyone interested can get a preview by viewing EPA's website at - http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/sustain/am_training.cfm

Thanks,
Nick McElvain

Nitrate Committee:

It's looking like I'm going to be out of town this week and won't be able to make the meeting. In lieu of a committee report, I am sending out an example of the vertical panels for the new AWWA booth display. Also, the stands have been ordered, received, and David Lathrop has reimbursed me for the expense.

Take a look at the panel artwork. Several Board members had some ideas for some photos to go on the panels (they would go in the gray boxes), please get me those ideas, high resolution photos, and any comments on the panel layout by September 14th so we have time to finish the design and get the panels ordered and printed in time for the National Groundwater Conference.

Thank you,

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Publications Committee Report
September 7, 2011
Brian Gongol, chair - brian@gongol.net

Wise Water Words

The summer edition of Wise Water Words was mailed a few weeks ago. I was made aware of two missing copies and have coordinated with the national office to have make-good copies sent to the people who didn't receive theirs. I am also working now to get additional copies sent to Rich Robinson so that they can be sent to new members; the national office apparently forgot to send them.

This is our second edition under the new printing scheme. I'm still looking for feedback about the content and what features we should add or subtract. As we discussed at the section retreat, I think we're doing a good job of maximizing the amount of local content in the newsletter, especially when compared with what I've seen in other section newsletters. However, I would like to know if there are any other features that might make the publication more interesting and useful.

We now have a relatively short window within which to prepare the fall edition of Wise Water Words, so I hope to receive committee reports, columns, and articles as soon as possible.

Please let me know:

- If you are aware of any **missing copies**
- If you have suggestions for **features to add or subtract** in future editions
- If you would like to **volunteer** to write for Wise Water Words
- If you would be willing to be **interviewed** for the facility spotlight or the mentoring Q&A
- If you have submissions for the **fall edition** that you can't send before a **deadline of Sept. 23**

Website

The website has been updated regularly since the last board meeting with information on the Fall Conference, the latest edition of Wise Water Words, the draft minutes of the section retreat, the upcoming Water For People benefit shooting event, and the YP mixer in Ashland. The RSS feed has been updated as these new items have been added.

Please let me know:

- If you would like to add or update a committee page on the website

E-mail distribution list

The e-mail distribution list currently has 170 members. We sent four updates in July, two updates in August, and two so far in September.

- If you have anything you want to issue via the e-mail distribution list, please send it directly to awwaneb@gongol.net. That places it in the "waiting room", where I can approve it to go out to the entire list.

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Safety Report

One workshop was held in Gering with six in attendance. Another is planned in Lincoln on October 27th in which a good turnout is expected again.

Plaques have been purchased for the safety awards but no frames for certificates yet. David I will wait on submitting any invoice/income until after the last workshop. We will have about half as many awards to present this year compared to last year.

Fall Conference Report

Brochure to be or has been mail.

Speaker to get a confirmation letter. All committees need to submit a list of their committees for the conference brochure.

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Hello Doug,

At this time the Small Water System Committee has no report for the NSAWWA Meeting on Thursday.

Thanks,

Eric Melcher

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9-2011 Treasurer's Report:

David Lathrop asked that the latest treasurer's report be forwarded to everyone.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Treasurer Report

From: "David Lathrop" <David.Lathrop@cityofsewardne.com>

Date: Tue, September 6, 2011 1:32 pm

A new column has been added. Estimate at End of Budget.

Some rows are highlighted green, yellow/orange & red. I expect no more expenses in these columns this fiscal year.

Green = under budget

Yellow/orange = budget & cost equal

Red = over budget

At this point in time, net income for year of 2011 shows \$1292.43 less revenue than costs

At beginning of year, net income was \$2530 less than costs.

Regards,

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Nebraska AWWA Section – Water For People Committee

Section Board Meeting Committee Report – September 2011

Here is a list of highlights/plans/requests for the Water for People Committee – Nebraska Section AWWA:

- Activities Reports:
 - Our next committee meeting will be at the fall conference (bi-monthly).
 - A trap shooting event is being planned for October 7 at the Oak Creek Sporting Club near Brainard, NE. Details are forthcoming.
 - The raffle tickets have been procured and will be distributed to the Board Members and committee chairs. The raffle will be held at the NWEA banquet on Nov. 3rd, as discussed previously.
- Current Committee Members
 - Ben Day, Glenn Dostal, Jimmy Harding, Teresa Konda, Christian New, Arnie Radloff, Dorian Roffe-Hammond, Craig Reinsch

Respectfully submitted by: Craig Reinsch

9-2011 WFP Shotgun Event

You are invited to a Sporting Clay Shotgun Event to benefit Water for People at the Oak Creek Sporting Club near Brainard, NE on Friday, 10/7/2011.

Please see the attached flyer for details and registration by September 30.

Hope to see you there!

Chris

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NEBRASKA SECTION AWWA BUDGET 2011				
	2011 Actual	Y End Est	2011 Budget	
INCOME				
Section Allotment	12153.00	12153.00	11,050.00	
Association Allotment	2847.00	2847.00	3,950.00	
Multi-section Allotment	581.00	650.00	650	
Annual Fall Conference	11671.17	41671.17	43,000	Fall Conference; Assumes \$13,000 above expenses
Interest on Accounts	629.84	900.00	900	
Advertising Income	0.00	0.00	0	No advertizing income 2011
Water for People				
Raffle - Fall Conference	0.00	1,500.00	1,500	Revenue Neutral
Golf Event	9,565.91	9,565.91	8000	Revenue Neutral
Trap Event	0.00	2,000.00	2,000	Revenue Neutral
Safety Committee	0.00	1,300.00	1300	2 wrkshops
Special Project Funding	0.00		0	
WARN	0.00		0	
Small Systems	0.00	250.00	250	
Education Committee	0.00	0.00	0	
Pipe Workshop (Biannual '10, '12, '14)	0.00	0.00	0	
Preconference (Biannual '11, '13, '15)	0.00	1,800.00	1800	Revenue Neutral
SRF	0.00	0.00	15000	May be funded in 2011 how much??? Revenue neutral
Miscellaneous	0.00		0	
TOTAL INCOME	37,447.92	74,637.08	89,400.00	
EXPENSES				
Safety Committee	0.00	1,525.00	1525	2 workshops & handouts; \$100 Safety Awards, application mailing & congrats \$200
Cross Connection Workshop	0.00	2,470.00	2470	(Ultimate backflow challenge \$770 plus \$200 for qualifying round, \$1500 for LoNM contract)
Education				
Education Committee	0.00	750.00	750	Hi Tech operator series of 3; \$600 per 2 day class or \$1500 for all three 2 day classes; plus presenter expenes including per diem
LONM/NSAWWA Seminars	0.00	5,000.00	5,000	
Pipe Workshop (Biannual '10, '12, '14)	0.00	0.00	0	
Preconference (Biannual '11, '13, '15)	0.00	1,800.00	1,800	Revenue neutral
Public Info Comm.	30.00	750.00	750	
Small Systems Committee	0.00	1,000.00	1,000	
Director's Spouse (Meeting Expense)	274.30	274.30	300	
Publications				
Wise Water Words	0.00	0.00	0	No expenses 2011
Membership Directory	0.00	0.00	0	\$4200 needed 2012

Advertising	0.00	0.00	0	
Student Activity	0.00	350.00	350	
Membership	0.00	350.00	300	
Awards	428.65	600.00	600	Fuller Award \$50 plaque & \$26.50 for pin, WISA & Meritorious award mailing \$400
Research Foundation	0.00	1,000.00	1,000	
Regional Officer's Meeting/Officer Training				
Summer Leadership Workshop	1,150.58	1,150.58	1,500	
Membership Summit	0.00		0	
WFP Workshop	500.64	500.64	750	
Regional Officer Meetings	488.05	488.05	1,500	
Annual Meeting at Fall Conference	0.00	1,500.00	1,500	
Annual Fall conference ('11, '14, '17,...)	0.00	30,000.00	30,000	\$13,000 more revenue than expenses
Water for People - Event Expenses				
Raffle - Fall Conference	123.72	700.00	700	Revenue neutral
Golf Event	4,680.58	4,680.58	4,000	Revenue neutral
Trap Event	0.00	200.00	200	Revenue neutral
Water for People - Payment to WFP				
Raffle - Fall Conference	0.00	800.00	800	Revenue neutral
Golf Event	4,865.33	4,865.33	4,000	Revenue neutral
Trap Event	0.00	1,800.00	1,800	Revenue neutral
MAC Council	0.00		0	
Scholarships				
Abel Wolman	0.00	1,000.00	1,000	Tony Bilek for Winter Mtg or ACE
Stockholm Water Prize	0.00	500.00	500	
Top Ops	0.00	3,000.00	3,000	2 to 3 people; \$3000/# of people up to expenses
Poster Board Competition	0.00	1,000.00	1,000	1 person (registration is free)
Conference	0.00		0	
Leisen	0.00	3,000.00	3,000	
SRF	0.00	0.00	15,000	May be funded in 2011; Revenue neutral
Young Professionals	0.00		50	
Water Utility Council (Registration at ACE, etc.)	750.00	750.00	750	
Nitrate Ad Hoc Committee	450	450	0	Ground water Guardian Exhibition fee for annual conference
WARN	0.00	750.00	750	For liability coverage for WARN committee members
Washington Fly-In	1,094.69	1,094.69	2,250	\$1500 fly in plus \$750 for ACE registration
Business				
Board Conference Calls	141.17	500.00	500	
Web Site Hosting	0.00		0	Web site hosting by Network Solutions; \$5.99 per month or \$718.80 with a 10 year contract
Web Site Registration	0.00	100.00	100	Renews in 7/30/11; \$10 per year; assumes 10 year contract
PO Box	44.00	44.00	50	
Bonds for treasurers (2)	100.00	100.00	150	
Retreat (Annual)	118.34	118.34	250	In 2011, \$118.34 was spent for lunches & donuts & pop for 11 people

Tax Prep (Annual)	545.00	545.00	550	
Secretary of State (\$35 Bi-annual non-profit)	23.00	23.00	35	
Audit (Every 3 years 2010,2013, 2016 etc)	0.00		0	In 2010, \$2500 was spent
Miscellaneous (pens, postage, envelopes)	241.36	400.00	400	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 16,049.41	\$ 75,929.51	\$ 91,930.00	
NET INCOME	\$ 21,398.51	\$ (1,292.43)	\$ (2,530.00)	
				All accounts accurate as of 8/6/11
Preconference Savings Acct	\$ 3,226.53			XXXXXX9140
Pipe Workshop Savings Acct	\$ 1,586.48			XXXXXX6735
Savings Acct Balance	\$ 3,886.34			XXXXXX8714
Checking Acct Balance	\$ 24,687.27			XXXXXX9562
CD Reserves			Interest Rate	
082612 CD	11912.84		1.40%	TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXX1283
032613 CD	11932.37		1.90%	TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXX1300
080814 CD	8142.38		1.64%	TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXX5435
040815 CD	8142.38		1.04%	TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXX5443
Total	40129.97			
Reserve Goal \$40,000				
			Interest Rate	
092911 Leisen Scholarship CD	8333.00		0.90%	TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXX5682
032912 Leisen Scholarship CD	8333.00		1.39%	TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXX5690
112912 Leisen Scholarship CD	8334.00		1.88%	TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXX5674
Total	25000.00			



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September 6, 2011

To: Nebraska Section AWWA
From: Tony Bilek
Subject: September 2011 Directors Report

Not too much to report on since the July Board Meeting.

We do have a special Board Meeting/WebCast scheduled on Wednesday September 7th. The special session is to vote for approval on changes to lifetime membership that was brought to floor at the Board Meeting in June.

The bylaw changes include retaining the Life Members as a member category, however they will now be required to be 65 years of age and have had 30 years of AWWA membership. This new criteria will also include dues for the Life Members. The initial Life Member dues will be \$85.00. Current Life members who are not yet 65 will be grandfathered in as well as all other current Life Members.

I will be coordinating arrangements for our National dignitary, Vice-President, Dennis Kelleher of the New York Section. I'm sure Dennis will be in town and available for the Board supper on Tuesday if we are planning on continuing that tradition.

Both on Directors note and the MAC committee perspective, I will be approaching exhibitors to to join me for a tour of the new venue for next year's conference. I'd like to get discussions and involvement started on the logistics of the exhibition space.

That's all for now folks.

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To: **AWWA Board of Directors'**
From: David B. LaFrance, Executive Director
Re: **Board of Directors' meeting – September 7, 2011**

The purpose of this memo is to provide additional context to the Executive Summary for the single item on the September agenda. This meeting of the Board will occur on the same day as the Executive Committee meeting at AWWA HQ. Earlier in the day the EC will discuss and vote on the changes to the bylaws in regards to Life Membership. If approved by the EC, the Board will be asked to vote on this item.

As a reminder, this meeting of the Board will be conducted via conference call and webinar.

ACTION ITEMS

Item 3(a) AWWA Bylaw Revision, Section 2.05(c) Life Member(s), to Reflect June 2011 Board Approved Changes to the Life Member Category

The Board approved changes to the Life Member category in June at ACE'11. This change necessitates revisions to the wording of the Bylaws regarding Life members. This item accomplishes the needed changes in the Bylaws.

The proposed Bylaws changes will retain Life Members as a member category. However, they will now require Life Members to be at least 65 years of age, have membership in AWWA for at least 30 years, and pay dues. Current Life Members who are not yet 65 years of age will continue to be classified as Life Members.

In order to change the Bylaws a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors is necessary.

Section Envelope Proposal

Approximately 1,730 regular sized envelopes are used each year for Section business.

Mostly for: Awards, Membership, Safety, and Small Systems committees.

The Publications committee would use about 400 larger mailers every other year to mail the Section Directory (and about 40/year for the Membership committee).

- could order a return address stamp for that purpose for around \$25

Envelope costs: \$48.29 per box of 500.

- annual envelope costs: about \$200 for 2,000 envelopes

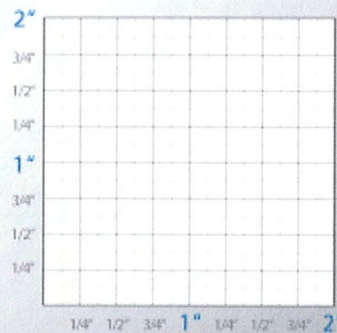
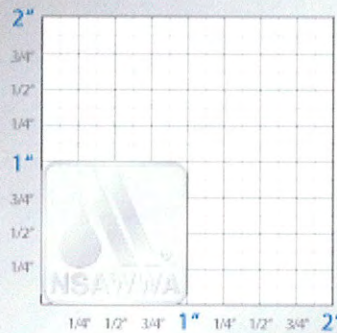
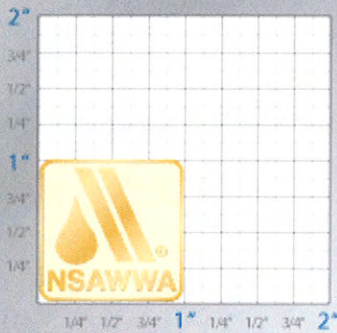
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 Recessed & Sandblasted Metal

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Start Date: 8.31.11

Rev. Date: 9.1.11

Job Name: NSAWWA

Sales Person: Ann

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Ann Morrow
Pincrafters
45 Kilburn St
Burlington VT 05401
ann@pincrafters.com

Woodbeck, Doug

From: Ann Morrow [ann@pincrafters.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 10:02 AM
To: Woodbeck, Doug
Subject: Re: lapel pins

Hi Doug

Thanks for letting me know. Here's the layout in silver. Let me know what you think

Ann

888-388-4288
f 802-383-0331

On Sep 1, 2011, at 9:01 AM, Woodbeck, Doug wrote:

Good Morning Ann,

I believe silver finish would be acceptable. At this time I am only collecting information to see how much these would cost. I am not ready to order any pins. I will be back in touch with you in the near future.

Doug Woodbeck
Nebraska Section AWWA Secretary
P. O. Box 94791
Lincoln, Ne. 68509-4791

From: Ann Morrow [<mailto:ann@pincrafters.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2011 12:32 PM
To: Woodbeck, Doug
Subject: lapel pins

Hi Doug

Thanks for your email. I'll get the layout together for you. Would you prefer these in gold or silver metal?
Pricing for the 1 inch die struck pins is as follows

1 inch die struck lapel pins, military clutch
350 pcs \$1.80 ea

Production time is approx 3 weeks

Best

Ann

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On Aug 31, 2011, at 1:09 PM, PinCrafters Sales wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

From: Doug Woodbeck <doug.woodbeck@nebraska.gov>
Date: August 31, 2011 11:59:38 AM EDT
To: info@pincrafters.com
Subject: Request a Quote

First Name: Doug
Last Name: Woodbeck
Company:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Country:
Email: doug.woodbeck@nebraska.gov
Phone:
Fax:
How Did You Hear About Us?

What product are you interested in receiving a quote on? Custom Lapel Pins

Custom Lapel Pins
Pin Style: Die Struck [+pin_style_metal+]
Pin Size: 1 Inch
Number of Pins: 350
Do You Have Your Own Design?: yes
Deadline:
Comments:
What I am thinking about is the logo from this letterhead and the initials NSAWWA underneath.

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Memorandum

To: Teresa Konda, Eric Lee
Subject: AWWA Member Appreciation 2011
Job Number: 42

From: Rich Robinson
Date: September 6, 2011

In accordance with the Nebraska Section AWWA's Board recent request, the Membership Committee recommends the following activities to celebrate AWWA Membership Annual Appreciation.

- 1) Provide a "Thank-You" letter to all Nebraska Section Members (364). Letter will be drafted and mailed prior to October 19, 2011 (2 weeks prior to Fall Conference). Last year's letter is attached.
- 2) Construct a Nebraska Map Board for the Fall Meeting displaying all Utility Members and providing associated listing of Utility Members.
- 3) AWWA door prizes to members attending banquet (present to win). Suggest following:
 - 3 each Leather Padfolio (approximately \$80.00 total).
 - 5 each "Do you know how often you turn me on? T-Shirt (approximately \$60.00 total).
 - 5 each Baseball Caps (approximately \$70.00 total).(Total Cost Approximately \$210.00)

Certainly, if we have similar door prizes on hand, or in stock, we could utilize those.

Please review this plan and discuss at Board Meeting, and provide any comments or questions to me. I will not be able to attend September Board Meeting. Please let me know how you wish to proceed.

Thanks Teresa and Eric

Yours truly,

KIRKHAM MICHAEL



Rich L. Robinson, P.E.
Membership Chairman



Nebraska Section American Water Works Association

October 28, 2010

RE: AWWA Member Appreciation

«First Name» «Last Name»
«Company»
«Address 1»
«Address 2»
«City», «State» «Postal Code»

Dear «First Name»,

In grateful recognition of the contributions you make to safe water, AWWA is acknowledging your achievements. The Nebraska Section AWWA would like to extend a well-earned thank you for your dedication to your profession and your community. Your efforts help sustain the health and well-being in the community, and because of your dedication as a member, our section can better support the water profession in our region. More than 60,000 AWWA members bring new ideas and energy to their sections and the association.

We're especially glad to have you as a part of the Nebraska Section AWWA. Because of the contributions of members like you, our section has been able to accomplish important goals benefiting our drinking water community. We have many active committees and sponsor numerous education and professional development training activities and provide many beneficial publications.

The timing of the AWWA Member Appreciation is concurrent to the Annual Nebraska AWWA Fall Conference scheduled for November 4-5, 2010 in Kearney. The Section will be providing door prizes to Nebraska Section Members in attendance. Highlights of the Fall Conference will be technical presentations, a guest speaker from AWWA, vendor displays, an annual awards banquet and much more. Please plan to attend. A separate Fall Conference Program has been previously mailed.

Nebraska Section AWWA recognizes your significant efforts toward advancing public health through your work in the drinking water profession. Thank you again for your membership in our section, and our association. If I can assist you in any way, please call me at (402) 255-3840, or visit our Nebraska AWWA Section Web site at www.awwaneb.org for more information.

Sincerely,

Rich L. Robinson, P.E.
Nebraska Section AWWA
Membership Chair

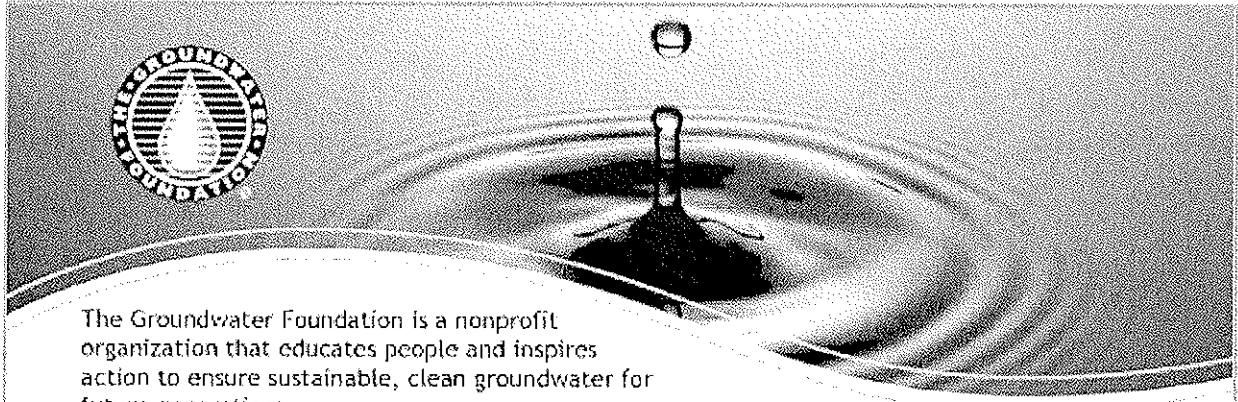
Woodbeck, Doug

From: Jamie Oltman [joltman@groundwater.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2011 4:30 PM
To: Woodbeck, Doug
Subject: Nebraska Wellhead Protection Network

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The Groundwater Foundation is a nonprofit organization that educates people and inspires action to ensure sustainable, clean groundwater for future generations.

The Nebraska Wellhead Protection Network Meeting Announcement

The next Nebraska Wellhead Protection Network meeting will be Tuesday, **October 4** from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Omaha Marriott, 10220 Regency Circle - Omaha, Nebraska in conjunction with The Groundwater Foundation's National Conference.

The Network meeting will include the traditional Wellhead Protection field updates and a presentation on Michigan's Wellhead Protection Program Successes and Challenges from Christine Spitzley, Environmental Programs Planner, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Lansing, Michigan. Download the detailed meeting [agenda](#).

Please let me know by Friday, September 30th if you plan on attending. I can be reached at 402-434-2740 ext. 105 or joltman@groundwater.org.

In addition, The Groundwater Foundation's 2011 National Conference will include many sessions related to Wellhead Protection. View a detailed list of highlighted sessions [here](#). The theme for the 2011 conference is *Let's Keep it Clean: Exploring a Collaborative Approach to Groundwater Protection*. [Registration](#) for the Conference is open through September 23rd. To learn more about the conference visit <http://www.groundwater.org/pe/conference.html>.

Sincerely,

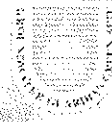
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Jamie Oltman

The Groundwater Foundation

2011 Groundwater Foundation National Conference & Groundwater Guardian & Green Site Designation

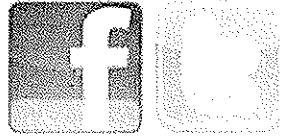
October 4-5-6,
2011



Omaha,
Nebraska

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This email was sent to doug.woodbeck@nebraska.gov by joltman@groundwater.org
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The Groundwater Foundation | 5561 S. 48th Street | Suite 215 | Lincoln | NE | 68516

Public Information Committee

Will meet in a couple weeks to finalize plans for the fall conference/water-tasting contest.

Plan to send out a news release about the fall conference.

Original Adoption: November 6, 2002

Revised: November XX, 2011

STRATEGIC PLAN

- Strategic Plan
- Goals and Objectives

Mission Statement

The Nebraska Section of the AWWA is dedicated to promoting quality drinking water in sufficient quantity for all Nebraskans. The Nebraska Section membership is a leader in the drinking water industry through efforts in education, public awareness and other activities.

Goals

1.3. Nebraska Section AWWA promotes activities to retain current members and recruit new members.

- New membership growth of two percent per year.
- Develop research regarding barriers to small system/operator's membership.
- ~~Develop two new activities focused on membership involvement (e.g., golf outings).~~
- Utilize existing activities to include a membership retention and recruitment element.
- Update and implement the Nebraska AWWA membership development plan.

2.6. Nebraska Section AWWA promotes opportunities for participation and career development for young industry members.

- ~~Review committee organization.~~
- ~~Create and implement a development plan.~~
- Continue implementation of Young Professionals committee, recognizing that professionals and operators have different expectations and the Section needs to have offerings for each.

3.7. Nebraska Section AWWA promotes knowledge and awareness of opportunities within the water industry.

- Review target student base.
- Review committee organization.
- Develop plan for approaching technical schools, community colleges and high schools.
- Continue and expand student activities at universities.

4. Provide small system support through a continuous outreach program.

- Effectively communicate the benefits of AWWA membership to a small system by using committee members to contact 10 percent of small systems.
- Expand the mentoring program to include retired members.
- Increase by five percent the number of hits to the mentoring page. Publish one annually in Wise Water Words and The Water Spout about the mentoring information.
- Expand the AWWA teleconference accessibility for small systems by increasing the number of downlink sites for applicable topics.

- Partner with Training Coalition members to add 10 new publications to the NSAWWA library annually.
- Assist 10 small systems in the application process for water operator's reimbursements annually.
- Ensure that five on-site visitations for the mentoring program occur per year.

5. Increase Nebraska Section AWWA impact on legislative, regulatory and policy issues at all levels of government.

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- Serve as a legislative/regulatory resource to section membership and others.
- Provide effective and timely information on pending regulatory issues.
- Build coalitions with other organizations at regional state and section levels.

6.2. Promote confidence and understanding to the public about public water supply systems.

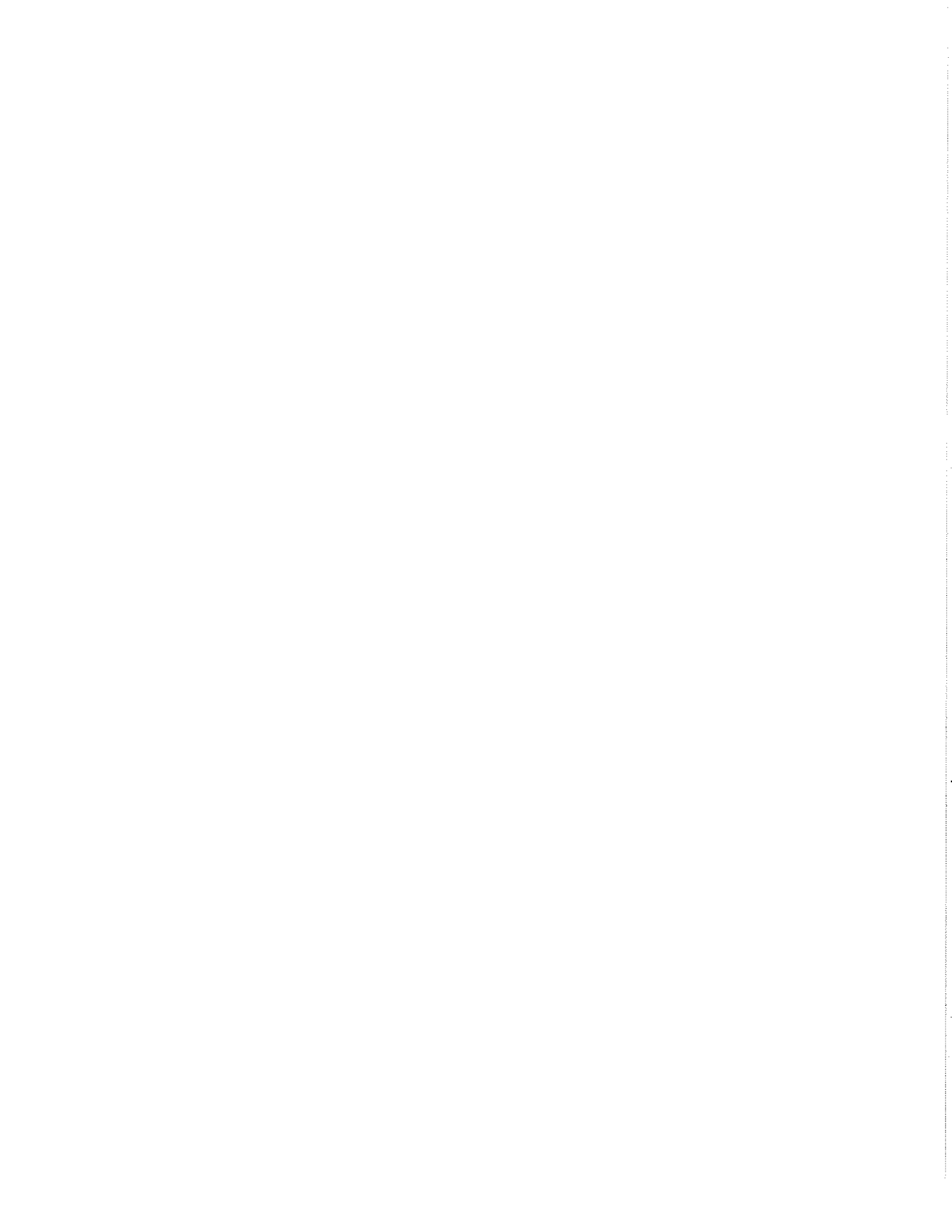
- Provide public service announcements and news releases to the membership.
- Provide educational information at special events.
- Promote the Nebraska Section AWWA and public water supply systems statewide through various media.

7.1. Provide a continuing education training program and assist Nebraska public water systems to improve all facets of public water system operations.

- Make conference technical sessions available through different media.
- Increase system assistance in Capacity Development by five percent each year.
- Investigate and implement new training opportunities one per year.
- Continue partnership in training coalition with League of Nebraska Municipalities, Nebraska Rural Water Association, NETC and Nebraska Health and Human Services.

8. Partner with other relevant State organizations such as NE Rural Water and NE Water Environment Association to understand their goals and objectives and endeavor to provide complimentary service when beneficial to AWWA membership.

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2011 Summer Retreat Summary Report

- Review of last year's retreat main topics given by Teresa Konda.
- 1. **Public confidence and awareness in Public Water Systems:** this seems to be moving in a positive direction on both a local and national level as evidenced by a) A reduced number of negative, inflammatory press and media stories, b) The bottled water craze is peaking due to plastic waste issues and in part to local/national ads such as Quality On Tap and Tap Water Delivers. The fluoride issue is still out there, but I thought the industry should have had this behind us by now. The Nitrate issue raises awareness but doesn't inspire confidence in Public Water Systems.
- 2. **Retention and Recruitment**
Nationwide the trend is a loss in membership numbers, most likely due to the economy, but we have gained in Nebraska and seem on track with retention goals. Great work everyone, but keep the pressure on!
- 3. **Small Systems**
We generally gave ourselves a good grade here. Participants would like to see more and are willing to partner more with NeRWA. Small systems are the majority in Nebraska and NeRWA already does a great job with this. NSAWWA wants to figure out how to partner more with NeRWA, but not compete or duplicate efforts. The Board would welcome any ideas for discussion, such as attending NeRWA and NWEA Board meetings.
Some feel the Small Systems Committee needs to be re-energized and the Mentoring Program could be improved and the Education Committee could coordinate the advertising and sharing of available resources to members.
- **Standard Operating Procedures**
These are on track at this time and final follow-up will be a topic at the September 8 board meeting.
- **Strategic Plan Update**
Plan was discussed and John Olsson has sent revisions out. Board needs to remember that the Strategic Plan document needs periodic review (at least annually) and that it should be viewed as a dynamic document with pertinent revisions and changes being incorporated in updates to the plan.
- **John Keith and Mike Wentink gave a valuable update on operator license status as it relates to the new 2 year renewal cycles, and through the Uniform Credentialing Act structure, changes and details. This was followed by information by John Keith on how to improve access and availability of training for water operator license renewal.**

- David Lathrop attended the RMSO in Custer, South Dakota and emphasized how worthwhile attendance at this meeting is. It was reported as invaluable the chance to observe how other sections are structured, how they accomplish tasks and objectives as well as an incredible networking opportunity. David has previously provided a detailed report on his attendance at the Custer RMSO and encouraged every section officer to make an effort to attend at least one of these meetings.
- A new format for the Section's Website and Wise Water Words newsletter was detailed by Brian Gongol. He got online and demonstrated the new website and asked for any input from members on suggested improvements. He showed new layouts, functions and tools to help visitors (and regulars) on the website. Brian also outlined the first publication of Wise Water Words done by National. Brian stated that while it has been a learning curve, he feels the final product is great. He also wanted to remind officers and members to submit photos and stories to be used as "local content: for the publication.
- Ben Day from the Nitrate Ad-hoc Committee recently attended Ground Water Foundation meeting as part of a strategy to learn what other water related organizations are doing to address the increase in nitrate contamination of Public Water Supplies. This keeps in line with the ad-hoc committee direction of not duplicating others efforts in this area. Ben also introduced the advertising panels and stands that the NSAWWA will be utilizing for the NSAWWA booth at the Ground Water Foundation annual conference October 4-6. Ben asked for any volunteers to help staff the booth.
- Using a dot matrix survey method, retreat members listed areas of focus and growth for the section. Listed below are the topics retreat participants came up with.

Focus Areas for NSAWWA:

Training opportunities for small system water system operators
 Recruiting younger operators
 Continued work on nitrates
 Collaborating with other organizations: WEF, Groundwater Guardian, LoNM, NeRWA
 Keystone Pipeline
 Succession plans for communities
 Small system committee re-energized
 Industry recruitment
 Second career transition
 Work force development
 Maintenance training & education (add more curriculum)
 Leadership training
 Energy Efficiency initiatives
 High Tech Operator training
 Operator Mentoring
 Organizational education/outreach (promote water profession)
 Emergency Response



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Registration Form

2011 Nebraska Shotgun Benefit

Individual Entry @ \$60

Name: _____ Email: _____

Team Entry: 4 @ \$240

Name: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

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Name: _____ Email: _____

Station Sponsorship: \$100

A 12 x 18 inch sign with your company logo will be placed at one of the shooting stations.

Prizes

If you are interested in donating prizes, such as polo shirts, T-shirts, etc., please check this box and we will call you about the items you plan to donate.

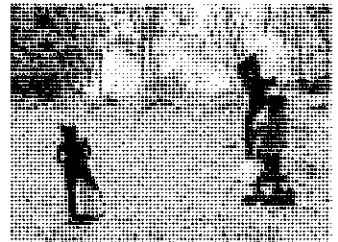
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Tax Deductible Donation

While any donation is appreciated, your donation of \$50 or more will place your company logo on the Sponsor Board displayed at lunch.

Fill out and send this form to Chris New @ cwnew@terracon.com
Fax: 402-330-7606

Fill out and mail with your payment (payable to Nebr. AWWA) to Chris New @
Terracon Consultants, Inc.
15080 A Circle
Omaha, NE 68144



Nebraska Section American
Water Works Association



Nebraska Water
Environment Association





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Nebraska Shotgun Benefit

2011 Invitation

You are invited to the 2011 Water for People benefit sporting clay shoot at Oak Creek Sporting Club near Brainard , NE

Date: Friday October 7th, at 12 noon.

Cost: \$60/person which includes 100 sporting clay targets and lunch. Sign up individually or as a team of 4.

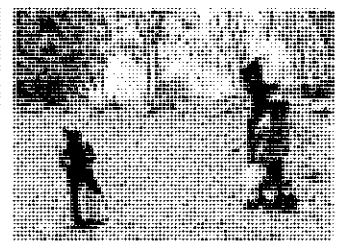
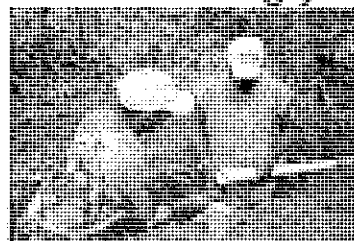
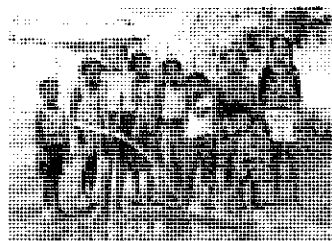
Please fill out and email the attached form. Either bring your check (payable to Nebraska AWWA) to the event or mail to Chris New at Terracon, 15080 A Circle Omaha, NE 68144.

Bring your own gun and shells (shells may be purchased at the range). (Shot must be 7.5 or smaller.)

Directions: 2890 W Road, Brainard, NE. Please see www.oak-creek-club.com .

Questions on the Event? Contact Tim Mundorf 402-670-0047 or tmundorf@midwestlabs.com

This will be a lot of fun—we look forward to seeing you there!



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Water Works Association



Nebraska Water
Environment Association

