

Draft Meeting Minutes May 4, 2012
Nebraska Section American Water Works Association

Board Chair Rob Pierce called the meeting to order @ 0910 hours. The meeting was held at the Terracon office conference room located at 15080 A Circle in Omaha, Nebraska.

Board Members, Committee Chairs and Visitors present:

Board Chair: Rob Pierce

Director: Tony Bilek - Absent

Chair Elect: Eric Lee

Vice Chair: David Lathrop - Absent

Secretary: Doug Woodbeck

Treasurer: Ben Day

Trustee: Milo Rust - Absent

Trustee: Chad Roberts

Trustee: Eric "Rick" Melcher

Trustee: Mary Poe

Past Chair: Teresa Konda

Committee Chairs: John Keith, Rich Koenig, Christian New, Kevin Tobin, Dr. Xu Li

Call-in participants: None. Phone did not work correctly.

Other attendees: None

The **March 19, 2012 Draft Meeting Minutes** were reviewed. Brian Gongol provided some corrections that need to be made. Teresa Konda motioned to approve the minutes as amended, second by Chad Roberts. Unanimous approval.

Treasurers Report: See attached report from Ben Day. A CD has been renewed at a higher rate of return. There are concerns about overspending the approved budget. There is currently approximately \$36,000.00 in the checking account and we have around \$111,000.00 in assets. Because of the good turn out for the Asset Management workshop held on April 3rd and 4th, we will be adding some money to the Pipe Workshop savings account. In order to not have deficit spending from our current approved budget, we need to somehow increase revenue and cut spending. All board members and committee chairs are encouraged to study the budget and present ideas about where we may be able to cut. Ben projects we will have around a \$12,000.00 deficit at years end. Eric Lee motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Rick Melcher seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Director's Report: See attached.

Committee Reports:

Archive & History: Kevin would like to have the Archive & History activities as a Section Retreat subject. All agreed this would be a good idea. There are 5 or 6 boxes of archival stuff at the League of Nebraska Municipalities office.

Audit: No report.

Awards: Chad Roberts affirmed the new award descriptions (Longevity Service Award, Outstanding Supervisory Operator Award, Water Treatment Plant Operator Award and Cross Connection Control Program of the Year Award) had been sent out for board member consideration and approval. It was reiterated that no new awards should duplicate what is already in place on a National level. These awards should also reflect the nominees worthiness above and beyond just doing ones job. We also need to continue to promote and seek nominations for the already existing National awards. In the new awards descriptions, the words "certified" or "certificate" with regard to water operators needs to be changed to "licensed" or "license" to reflect current regulatory language in that respect. The award nomination criteria needs to be clear regarding whether or not a nominee must be or does not have to be a NSAWWA member in order to be nominated or receive the award. Because the Cross Connection Program awards are to be awarded to a public water system and not an individual, the criteria needs to require full regulatory compliance in order to receive the award. There were some suggestions provided for wording changes to the award descriptions. These changes need to be submitted for board consideration no later than by the next board meeting.

Budget: Ben Day indicated one big item for the budget this year is the Directory that will be published and distributed to members. Wise Water Words will be a big consideration beginning next year when National will no longer be offering this contract service. Historically, advertising cost has been around \$200.00 for a business card size ad in the Directory. The budget shows the income from the last Fall Conference, but we still show a deficit. Advertising income is not yet shown in the budget. The anticipated cost for printing Wise Water Words is around \$5,000.00. In the spirit of curtailing spending, Rick Melcher said the Small Systems Committee could likely cut \$500.00 from their budget. The Directory is available and will remain on our web page if anyone wants to view it or get information from it. The thought was forwarded of charging for a hard copy of the Directory. Once he gleans the necessary information and looks at historical costs of printing, Ben will send out Wise Water Words and Directory printing cost information to the board. He will work with Brian Gongol to get that information. Ben will also solicit input from committee chairs as to where/what they can cut from their budgets. The possibility of producing a joint Directory (NSAWWA/NWEA) was discussed. It was discussed that small system operators may not have the capability or initiative to look at the Directory or Wise Water Words in an electronic format. Getting more participation/memberships from small systems was discussed as a way to increase revenue. Three members attended the Washington Fly-in, one from each Congressional District. Not all of the money earmarked for this event was utilized, so the remainder may be cut from the budget to help our shortfall. A question was asked, "What is the benefit [sic to the Section] for sending Top Ops winners to ACE?" Fall Conference costs have been raised to cover the increased cost of moving to the Younes Conference Center in Kearney. Can the Poster contest budget be cut? Will we be continuing this endeavor? Some other areas we can look at for cutting costs are the Stockholm Scholarship, the Liesen Scholarship and the amount of prize money expended for the Ultimate Backflow Challenge. Potential budget cuts and how to generate more revenue will be discussed at

the Section Retreat. Advertising has not yet been figured into the budget. We also need to start planning/thinking about funding the Regional Meeting of Section Officers (RMSO) in 2016.

Rick Melcher and Rich Koenig discussed having a recent conference call with USEPA and the scheduling of a Tabletop Exercise in Norfolk, Nebraska on August 21, 2012. They made a request for NSAWWA to help fund a speaker (from the Orsley Witten Group - USEPA Contractor) from Joplin, Missouri to speak at the exercise. He will be speaking about the tornado that hit Joplin recently. There is \$170.00 left in the NeWARN budget line and some of the revenues created from the Asset Management workshop could be used to help out. The thought was also forwarded to try and get this speaker to the Fall Conference as well. Ben Day made a motion to allow up to \$500.00 for getting the speaker here for the August 12, 2012 exercise. Motion was seconded by Eric Lee. Motion carried.

Cross-Connection Control: Rich Koenig indicated the committee is finalizing the agenda for the four planned workshops to be held this year. The venue for the Ultimate Backflow Challenge may be changing to another conference (American Backflow Prevention Association, ABPA?). There will be a meeting at ACE to discuss the direction/relationship of AWWA and ABPA.

Education: John Keith said there were 96 attendees at the Asset Management Workshop held on April 3rd and 4th. From \$750.00 to \$1,000.00 profit may be realized from this workshop. See attached report.

Fall Conference: Eric Lee said he is looking for help in planning the conference. A pre-conference meeting has been held to discuss some of the issues surrounding the conference. The biggest hurdle will be lining up speakers. We need to put out a Call-for-Papers to find interested speakers. Eric will coordinate with Brian Gongol on the Call-for-Papers. Small systems are encouraged to submit papers regarding their recent projects. A notice will be sent to Engineering firms encouraging them to encourage their clients (public water systems) to submit and partake in presentations at the conference. The American Public Works Association (APWA) is the lead for this years conference. The conference will be held at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska on November 8th and 9th. Audio/visual equipment will need to be coordinated. Some years, this has been provided by various member businesses. Other years by the conference center. The Department of Health will provide computers and scanners for registering operators attendance at each training session for which continuing education hours are allowed. Chad Roberts indicated people have approached him expressing a need for more backflow training sessions. Eric will need to coordiante with Tony Bilek regarding the new conference center set-up (when and where training rooms are available, etc.). The dignitary for this years conference is Reid Campbell, AWWA Vice President (2012-2014) from Halifax, Nova Scotia. Doug will coordinate with Tony Bilek regarding Reid's arrangements for arrival.

Fuller Award: An award will be given.

MAC: Tony's report (see attached) indicates the Younes Conference Center is much bigger than what we have had in the past and will allow the display of much bigger equipment. Training sessions can be offered demonstrating and instructing on the operation of equipment.

Membership: No report.

Nominations: Teresa Konda indicated discussions have been held but no decisions have been made yet.

Public Information: Mary Poe said May 6-12, 2012 is National Drinking Water Week. A notice was not provided to the Governor early enough to get him to sign a proclamation this year. Notices were sent to the Mayors of 1st and 2nd Class cities regarding Drinking Water Week, encouraging them to sign proclamations in their communities. The theme this year is, "Water - Celebrate the Essential." The notice is to be provided to radio stations for air-play. The Young Professionals (YP) will be attending the Children's Groundwater Festival in Grand Island on May 8th to promote safe drinking water. A copy of the proclamation will be e-mailed to the City of Aurora. Next year we will try to get the proclamation put in the League of Nebraska Municipalities newsletter. The YP is planning to hold a poker tournament again this year at the Fall Conference on the first night, November 8th.

Publications: See attached.

Safety: No report.

Scholarship: No report.

Small Systems: No report.

Student Activities: See attached. Dr. Li will be writing an article for the next issue of Wise Water Words.

Water For People: See attached.

Water Utility Council: See attached.

Young Professionals: See attached.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Nitrate: No report.

Top Ops: No report.

SOP's: No report.

ACE: Rob Pierce, Mike Wentink, Dr. Dvorak, Chuck Siefert and Larry Andreasen all plan to attend ACE this year. Mike and Dr. Dvorak will both be making presentations at the conference; Mike regarding the member survey and the backflow demonstration models that are a joint project with UNL and Dr. Dvorak to assist with the backflow model presentation. Larry will be taking City of Fremont water to the Best Tasting Water Contest.

Summer Workshop: The Summer Workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn Lakewood, 7390 W. Hampden Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80227, on July 25-27, 2012.

Section/Committee Mailings: No report.

New Domain Registration: No report.

Section Retreat: Tentatively, the Section Retreat date is set for August 10, 2012 at UNL Hardin Center (Hardin Hall), 1600 North 33rd Street, on UNL East Campus in Lincoln, Nebraska. Plans will be firmed up and notice sent out following the July board meeting. Archive and History Committee issues will be on the agenda for the Retreat, in addition to further budget discussions about cutting costs and increasing revenue.

Old Business: None.

New Business: There are a number of upcoming AWWA webinars that should be of interest to many members.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2012 at 0930 hours to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska at the Lincoln Water System offices, located in the Northwest quadrant of the intersection of 27th and Fair Streets, 2021 North 27th Street.

Adjournment: Rick Melcher motioned to adjourn, Chad Roberts second. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 1131 hours.

Awards Committee Report: 5-2012

At the March AWWA meeting it was stated that the Awards committee would send the AWWA board members criteria for proposed new awards. The board said they would review awards and criteria and approve or disapprove proposed awards. Attached are the three proposed awards. We would like the AWWA board to make a decision on the proposed awards so we can get an email out to members about possibly these awards and also WISA and other awards. The Awards committee is planning on meeting in June to review Awards that are submitted.

Dennis Watts
Water Director
300 South 49th Norfolk Ne 68701
402-844-2210
Fax 402-644-2588

- o Cross-Connection Control Program of the Year (System)
- o Cross-Connection Specialist of the Year (Grade VI)

- Recommended a plaque for these awards.

- Create a simple application and put it in the Water Spout.

- Created draft criteria:

System

- o Primarily in compliance with State regulations
- o Have an active CC program
- o Have a certified tester
- o Input from NHHS field staff
- o AWWA Member ?

Individual

- o Certified tester
- o Input from PWS
- o PWS can submit
- o Application must come from PWS
- o AWWA Member ?

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

The Water Treatment Plant Operator Award is to recognize an outstanding water treatment plant operator within the Nebraska Section of American Water Works Association. It is awarded annually to recognize a water treatment plant operator for exceptional performance, dedication and teamwork.

INSTRUCTIONS: All blanks must be completed for Award eligibility. A copy of the application must be submitted by August 31st of each calendar year to the Awards Committee Chair, Dennis Watts who can be reached at (402) 844-2210. Applications may be submitted electronically to dwatts@ci.norfolk.ne.us or by hard copy to Dennis Watts, City of Norfolk, 300 S 49th Street, Norfolk, NE 68701. Applications including supporting documentation will not be returned.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Operator Name: _____

Operator's Employer: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Source of Supply: Wells [] Surface []

Plant Capacity (Design): _____ MGD Clearwell Capacity (Design) _____ MG

Average Daily Flow: _____ MGD Maximum Daily Flow: _____ MGD

Treatment Process Description: _____

II. REASON FOR NOMINATION:

- a) Describe exceptional performance this operator has done to be considered for this award.
- b) What makes this outstanding?

Examples of exceptional performance, dedication and teamwork may include but are not limited to:

- a) How did this individual assist plant in cutting costs, improving safety, customer service, adapting processes, mentoring other staff members or students, adapting green options.
- b) How does this individual contribute to the teamwork of the operations and/or maintenance staff?
- c) Dedication to treatment plant and industry

III. PERSONAL

- a) Years of Experience _____
- b) Operators Certification number: _____ Classification: _____
- c) Volunteer/Public Outreach Activities During Past 12 Months: _____

IV. PROFESSIONALISM

- a) AWWA Membership No. _____ Number of Years as a Member _____
- b) Other Professional Associations: _____

Submitted by: (Signature) _____ Printed Name : _____

Company/Employer: _____ Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____ E-Mail Address _____

Work Telephone: _____ Date: _____

Longevity Service Nomination Form

April 3, 2009

The Longevity Service Award is designed to recognize workers serving the Water Industry past the normal retirement age. Submitted nominations must include information about the nominee and must meet the following criteria:

1. Recipient does not have to be an AWWA member.
2. Awardees shall have served the water works industry for a minimum of 20 years.
3. Recipient must be at least 75 of age and currently working with a water system.
4. Current state water certified operator.
5. Nominations shall be submitted each year by the membership. Such nominations shall be sent to the Chairperson of the Honors and Awards Committee of the Section for consideration.
6. No more than one award will be made annually from each utility or company.
7. The Section's Honors and Awards Committee shall determine the final annual awardees from the nominees.
8. The names shall remain secret until presentation of the awards at the awards banquet at the annual Section meeting.

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominees Employer: _____

Years and Type of AWWA Membership: _____
Utility____ Individual____ Associate____ NA____

Years of Service in the Water Industry: _____

Outstanding Accomplishments / Reason for Nomination: _____

Nominated by: _____ Date: _____

Send completed form to Dennis Watts, City of Norfolk Water Department, 300 S. 49 St., Norfolk, NE 68701-4101 by June 1.

**Outstanding Supervisory Operator Award
APPLICATION FORM**

Nebraska Section Award

An award to recognize special Operator performance working in a supervisory position by dedication toward compliance with public health standards, plant maintenance, development of new ideas, training, and outstanding achievement beyond normal operating responsibilities.

INSTRUCTIONS: All blanks must be completed for Award eligibility. A copy of the application must be submitted by August 31st of each calendar year to the Awards Committee Chair, Dennis Watts who can be reached at (402) 844-2210. Applications may be submitted electronically to dwatts@ci.norfolk.ne.us or by hard copy to Dennis Watts, City of Norfolk, 300 S 49th Street, Norfolk, NE 68701. Applications including supporting documentation will not be returned.

AWARD PRESENTED AT SECTION FALL CONFERENCE

Nominee Information

Full Name:

Title:

Mailing Address:

Phone (daytime):

Phone (alternate):

Email:

Years in Field:

Nominee's Utility/Agency Name:

Justification for the award:

**Outstanding Supervisory Operator Award
APPLICATION FORM**

Nebraska Section Award

Nominating Party Information

Submitted by Name:

Date:

Position:

Nominating Party's Utility/Agency:

Department/Division:

Mailing Address:

Phone (daytime):

Phone (alternate):

Email:

Outstanding Supervisory Operator Award

NOMINEE/OPERATOR NAME:

UTILITY NAME:

Eligibility Criteria:

- A.) Current state water certified operator (treatment or distribution)
- B.) Operator working in the capacity of supervisor or superintendent
- C.) Recognition deserved for special performance

Rating Category: Please provide information outlining how the nominee's performance deserves recognition in the following areas.
(Each field below is limited to 250 characters; please attach additional pages as necessary)

Compliance with public health standards:

Contribution to plant maintenance:

Training of Operators:

Special acts which demonstrated commitment and dedication to the public
(not directly related to water treatment):

Other comments in support of this nomination (attach additional pages as needed):

April 29, 2012

To: Nebraska Section AWWA Executive Board

From: Section Director – Tony Bilek

Subject: May 2012 **Directors Report**

I will be “off-the-grid” this week from Tuesday through Saturday and unavailable to attend or call in to the Board Meeting.

Preparations are coming to together for the AWWA annual conference and exhibition (ACE). This year’s conference is being held in Dallas, TX, June 10-14. I will be attending the conference and the Board of Directors meeting on Saturday June 9th. I will look forward to reporting on the Board Meeting and conference at the next Nebraska board meeting.

The Executive Committee travel schedule will be announced at the Board Meeting in June. I will let everyone know who from National will be attending our annual conference in Kearney. Please do not hesitate to call me with any items or issues that need to be discussed at the national level.

Short report this month. Hope all is well with everyone.

Tony Bilek – NSAWWA Director

To: NSAWWA Board
From: John Keith, Chair
Education Committee
Date: May 4, 2012

Education Committee Report

Committee Members

John Keith, Chair	Nick McElvain	Brian Gongol
Rob Pierce	Steve Kelley	Mike Wentink

Happenings

1. Asset Management Workshop took place April 3-4, 2012 at Mahoney State Park near Ashland.
 - a. Ninety-six (96) people attended the workshop
 - b. Not all registration fees have been received but preliminary #s

	Registration Fees Deposited as
\$5,245.00	of 4/27/12
\$550.00	checks not deposited
\$600.00	Sponsors (incl in deposits
	4/27/12)
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\$6,395.00	SubTotal
\$900.00	12 regist. Outstanding
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\$7,295.00	Total
\$6,288.88	Actual Costs
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\$1,006.12	Net funds

- c. Overall good response, lots of information for two days
 - d. Thanks to Mike Wentink, Nick McElvain for organizing, Brian Gongol for emailing info, Dennis Watts and Todd Boling for helping rearrange seating on first day.
2. Rob indicates there have been 14 training events including 267 operators so far this year. Five (5) more training sessions are scheduled this year.

April 30, 2012

To: Nebraska Section AWWA

From: Tony Bilek – **MAC** Chair

Subject: May 2012 committee report

Things are coming together for the annual conference and the new Younes venue. I will be attempting to get the exhibitor invitations and contracts mailed somewhat earlier this year. Specifics regarding the exhibit area have been communicated and arranged through Craig and Penny at the Younes Center.

I need everyone's help in soliciting vendors and especially those who would be interested in exhibiting large equipment. Please have anyone call me with any questions.

I'm pretty sure we don't need a motion to approve an increase in the exhibitor fee. I'd like to suggest the fee be increased to \$500.00. If there are no objections, I will include the increased fee in the invitation and contract documents.

I have been in touch with Badger Meter personnel regarding the Meter Madness competition we'd like to try out this year. We're hopeful to conduct the Meter Madness, Top Ops and Water Tasting contest in the exhibit hall this year.

Will continue the Best of Show Award this year.

NE Section AWWA **Public Information Committee** Report
May 4, 2012

The committee met on April 5 in Lincoln.

Invitations sent to about 45 mayors to issue a proclamation declaring May 6-12 as Drinking Water Week in their community. Have already heard from a couple that they will issue the proclamation (Columbus, Gering, York).

Facebook page has 119 fans.

Will post the DWW PSAs on our website and then notify the radio stations to download them from there.

Possibly give a presentation at fall conference (topic idea: How to Engage Kids in Drinking Water Interests/Issues).

Publications Committee Report

May 3, 2012

Brian Gongol, chair - brian@gongol.net

Wise Water Words - publication details

As discussed at the last meeting, we are scrambling to line up alternatives for publication next year due to national's decision to shut down their publication program at the end of 2012 (meaning that all issues in 2013 and beyond will need to be printed by us). Based upon the input from the board at the last meeting, I am operating under the assumption that we will still be publishing three printed issues per year.

There are three major factors that determine our publication costs:

- print quality (full-color, which we currently use, is more expensive than black-and-white)
- length (we are currently producing issues with 16 pages)
- distribution (we are currently printing and distributing about 500 copies)

If we do not cut back on any of the above, the information I have suggests that we should assume that printing and mailing will cost about \$5.00 per recipient per issue, or about \$2,500 per issue in total -- or about \$7,500 per year.

I have started a complete report on the proposed advertising prices, but it is not ready yet. I will try to distribute it to the board within a couple of days.

Wise Water Words - editorial calendar

The editorial calendar for the year looks like this:

- Spring 2012 Wise Water Words: Currently being edited. Publication May 2012. (Please note: It is entirely my fault that publication on this issue is behind schedule.)
- Summer 2012 Wise Water Words: Articles due by June 1. Publication July 2012.
- Fall 2012 Wise Water Words: Articles due by October 1. Publication November 2012.
- Membership directory: Publication October/November 2012.

Website

We have received several submissions to the website since the last report, including details about the Water for People golf outing, YP activities, and several job postings. All new items are posted to our front page, and are archived to our news page when they are no longer new.

I have not received any new feedback about the two mass-mail lists (board@awwaneb.org and committees@awwaneb.org) that forward to the board and committee chairs, respectively. If anyone has questions or comments about these, please let me know.

Multimedia

Our YouTube channel has been viewed 668 times since its inception on September 7th.

- If you have ideas for videos or need assistance with anything that might help with our educational or public-informational outreach, please let me know.

E-mail distribution list

The e-mail distribution list currently has 228 members.

We sent four updates in March, six in April, and have sent two so far in May. One item of note: I received a large number of "bounce" notices from MUD after the notice Chris New sent on Monday about the Water for People golf event. I do not know whether this was because the

MUD servers flagged it as spam or if it was for some other reason. If anyone at MUD has further information, I'd like to know.

Also, I'm trying to copy most major announcements from our e-mail distribution list onto the Facebook page, to ensure that we get the maximum amount of outreach. The Facebook page currently has 119 "likes" (most of whom receive our updates).

■ 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.

Hello Doug,

Below is the committee report from the **Research and Student Activities committee**.

1. The UNL AWWA/NWEA student chapter held a career panel for graduate and undergraduate students on Tuesday 4/17. Craig Reinsch of Olson Associates, Steve Goans of NDEQ, and myself served as panelists. The panelists discussed with ~15 UNL students about various career options in the water and wastewater fields.
2. The UNL AWWA/NWEA student chapter held a water taste contest during the UNL E-week on Friday 4/13. The student chapter collected drinking water samples from 5 nearby water facilities and from Ben Day's home treatment system. Craig Reinsch facilitated the water sample collection and participated the water taste contest. More than 100 high school students attended the contest.
3. The student chapter will hold an election in the next couple of weeks to elect student officers for the next academic year.

Thanks,
Xu

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Attached is the **Treasures Report** for tomorrow meeting. Please distribute.

We've had some recent activity with the Asset Management Workshop income and expenses and the AWWA WFP Golf Tournament. I did renew a CD, the rate increased from 0.15% to 0.9%.

I do have concerns with the balance of the budget, we are projecting a deficit this year of approximately \$12,000 and next year will have more expenses with the publication of Wise Water Words. A big portion of the deficit will be due to publishing the directory which is budgeted at \$8,000. We will start to deplete our checking account budget this year and if the budget for next year remains on the current trend, we'll further deplete our checking account balance next year as well. The Board needs to consider tightening budgets moving forward in planning for next year. Something the Board should consider is to minimize funding to areas that are not revenue neutral and activities that may benefit non-members such as the Ultimate Backflow or have other organizations help fund these activities. Top Ops and the Washington Fly In are also big expenses for the section. May want to consider offsetting expenses by increasing conference registration rates, the Board should discuss other options to cut expenses and increase revenue.

Thanks,

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Nebraska AWWA Section Young Professionals Committee Section Board Meeting Committee Report – May 2012

The following is a list of summary of the primary activity within the Young Professionals Committee (submitted by Craig Reinsch and Justin Stine):

- The YP Committee met on April 9 via conference call to discuss the past and future activities.

- Past Events/Activities
 - March 9 – Water storage tank seminar at the Upstream Brewery in Omaha, NE. Approximately 15-20 people of mixed ages and backgrounds were in attendance. The seminar was presented by Maguire Iron and assistance from SGA Coating Consultants.
 - April 13 – E-week support for student chapter at their water tasting event.
 - April 20 – Tour of the Flowserve pumps foundry in Hastings, NE. Approximately 18 people were in attendance. A greater number of people from locations west of Lincoln were in attendance, which is one area we try to stay conscious of.

- Upcoming Events/Activities:
 - Children’s Groundwater Festival in Grand Island to be held on May 8, 2012, with representatives from the YP committee staffing a booth at the event, using the groundwater model. Approximately 4 or 5 YP people will be manning the booth.
 - We are working on a June/July WTP tour, as well as another tour in September/October.
 - We are working on the early stages of organizations of another poker tournament at the Fall Conference this year. The event may likely be an equal partnership with the NWEA YP committee as we move forward though many details need to be resolved.

- Other Items:
 - Gina Rust will be leaving the YP committee because of job relocation. We don’t have immediate plans to replace her, but we will continue to try and engage YPs as we find them.

Committee Members: Rory Sudbeck, Brittany Travers, Justin Stine, Craig Reinsch, Andrew Synhorst, Billy Kaufold, Gina Rust, Jeff Hubby, Teresa Konda, Chad Roberts, Xu Li

Jerry Obrist, Lincoln Water System
Jim Shields, Omaha Metropolitan Utilities District
Milo Rust, City of Chadron

2012 AWWA Washington “Fly-In” Meetings

Wednesday, March 7th

- 1:30pm AT Johnston
Office of Rep. Lee Terry
2331 Rayburn House Office Building
(202) 225-4155
at.johnston@mail.house.gov
- 2:00pm Alan Feyerherm, Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of Rep. Jeff Fortenberry
1514 Longworth House Office Building
(202) 225-4806
alan.feyerherm@mail.house.gov
- 3:30pm Ansley Mick, Legislative Assistant
Office of Rep. Adrian Smith
503 Cannon House Office Building
(202) 225-6435
ansley.mick@mail.house.gov
- 4:00pm Erick Lutt, Legislative Assistant
Office of Senator Ben Nelson
720 Hart Senate Office Building
(202) 224-6551
erick_lutt@bennelson.senate.gov
- 4:30pm Patrick Lehman, Legislative Assistant
Office of Senator Mike Johanns
404 Russell Senate Office Building
(202) 224-4224
patrick_lehman@johanns.senate.gov

**AWWA/WEF Fly-In—NE--#1
Congressional Visit Evaluations**

Office visited: __Congressman Lee Terry

With whom did you meet (name & title): __A T Johnston

What was his/her reception of our issue?

- Will cosponsor the WIFIA bill
- X Will support the WIFIA bill
- Wants to study it more before committing
- Declined to support WIFIA bill

- Has additional questions for AWWA/WEF staff

Your overall impression of the meeting: __Very receptive to loan concept and rate payers paying back the loan_____

Fly-In delegate(s): __Jim Shields

Office visited: __Congressman Jeff Fortenberry

With whom did you meet (name & title): __Alan Feyerherm, Deputy Chief of Staff

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- Wants to study it more before committing
- Declined to support WIFIA bill

X Has additional questions for AWWA/WEF staff

Your overall impression of the meeting: __Supportive of concept --- Question: Asked if this will be a stand alone Bill or attached to another Bill?

_Fly-In delegate(s): ____Jerry Obrist

Office visited: ___ Congressman Adrian Smith

With whom did you meet (name & title): ___ Ansley Mick, Legislative Assistant

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- X Will support the WIFIA bill
- Wants to study it more before committing
- Declined to support WIFIA bill
- X Has additional questions for AWWA/WEF staff

Your overall impression of the meeting: ___ Very supportive of loan concept ---Questions: Is there a loan size or limit? Is there an amount for 'seed' money?

Fly-In delegate(s): ___ Milo Rust

Office visited: ___ Senator E. Ben Nelson

With whom did you meet (name & title): ___ Erick Lutt , Legislative Assistant ___

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- Wants to study it more before committing
- Declined to support WIFIA bill

- Has additional questions for AWWA/WEF staff

Your overall impression of the meeting: ___ Concerned whether Bill can go forward since it needs front end Federal money---Bill has good concept

Fly-In delegate(s): ___ Jerry Obrist, Jim Shields, and Milo Rust

Office visited: ___ Senator Mike Johanns

With whom did you meet (name & title): ___ Patrick Lehman, Legislative Assistant

What was his/her reception of our issue?

- Will cosponsor the WIFIA bill
- Will support the WIFIA bill
- Wants to study it more before committing
- Declined to support WIFIA bill

Has additional questions for AWWA/WEF staff

Your overall impression of the meeting: ___Supportive of concept--- Questions: What will be the funding start amount? Is there an upper limit that can be lent?

___Asked to be plugged into supporting any comments that we or AWWA have on the Cyber Bill(s) that may come forward.

Fly-In delegate(s): _ Jerry Obrist, Jim Shields, and Milo Rust

Nebraska AWWA Section Water For People Committee

Section Board Meeting Committee Report – May 2012

Here is a list of highlights/plans/requests for the Water for People Committee – Nebraska Section (submitted by Chris New):

- WFP Committee Retreat:
 - Budget request of \$750 for the Committee Chair (Chris New) to attend.
 - July 12, 13 in Denver (AWWA/WFP offices)

- Golf Event – Today with 12:30 Shotgun Start
 - 76 golfers and 20 hole sponsors registered for the Pacific Springs Golf Course event.
 - Pacific Springs has donated 2 rounds of golf for two foursomes to be auctioned

- Sporting Clay Event (Trap Shoot) is set for Friday, September 7 at Oak Creek Sporting Club in Brainard, Nebraska. (Reviewed existing calendars and cleared with Justin Stine of Young Professionals who had an event last year around the same time.)

- Fall Conference
 - Respectfully requesting an opportunity to present at a lunch to discuss Water For People Activity and benefits.
 - Given by WFP staff or myself
 - Presentation Objective:
 - What makes WFP different?
 - Organization’s progress (i.e. FLOW system which is a Google map-based database that tracks operational status of Start
 - Philanthropedia award in 2011

- Other Items:
 - Water for People was awarded top 2011 non-profit by Guidestar’s Philanthropedia! Philanthropedia is an organization that, “rates verified, financially responsible charities according to how much great work they’re doing.”
 - Water For People quarterly conference calls (to increase communication between the Sections). I attended one in February: It was a good way to connect with other committee chairs.