

Draft Meeting Minutes November 8,2012
Nebraska Section American Water Works Association

Board Chair Rob Pierce called the meeting to order @ 1515 hours. The meeting was held at NSAWWA Fall Conference in the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska.

Board Members, Committee Chairs and Visitors present:

Board Chair: Rob Pierce

Chair Elect: Eric Lee

Vice Chair: David Lathrop

Secretary: Doug Woodbeck

Treasurer: Ben Day

Trustee: Milo Rust

Trustee: Chad Roberts

Trustee: Eric "Rick" Melcher (absent)

Trustee: Mary Poe

Past Chair: Teresa Konda

Director: Tony Bilek (absent)

Committee Chairs: Kevin Tobin, Craig Reinsch, Jerry Obrist, Christian New, John Keith.

Other attendees: Mike Wentink, Reid Campbell, Bob Montoya, John Olsson, John Miriovsky, Jim Shields, Jack Daniel, Dale Jacobson, Roger Protzman, Dave Plank, Larry Andreasen.

The **September 14, 2012 Draft Meeting Minutes** were reviewed. No revisions were made. Milo Rust motioned to approve the minutes, second by Ben Day. Unanimous approval.

Treasurers Report: The current Treasurer's Report was covered at teh Business meeting.

Director's Report: See Business Meeting minutes.

Committee Reports:

Archive & History: See Business Meeting minutes.

Audit: See Business Meeting minutes.

Awards: See Business Meeting minutes.

Budget: See Business Meeting minutes.

Cross-Connection Control: See Business Meeting minutes.

Education: See Business Meeting minutes.

Fall Conference: See Business Meeting minutes.

Fuller Award: See Business Meeting minutes.

MAC: See Business Meeting minutes.

Membership: See Business Meeting minutes.

Nominations: See Business Meeting minutes.

Public Information: See Business Meeting minutes.

Publications: See Business Meeting minutes.

Safety: See Business Meeting minutes.

Scholarship: See Business Meeting minutes.

Small Systems: See Business Meeting minutes.

Student Activities: See Business Meeting minutes.

Water For People: See Business Meeting minutes.

Water Utility Council: See Business Meeting minutes.

Young Professionals: See Business Meeting minutes.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Member Survey: See Business Meeting minutes.

Nitrate: See Business Meeting minutes.

Top Ops: See Business Meeting minutes.

SOP's: See Business Meeting minutes.

ACE: See Business Meeting minutes.

Summer Workshop: See Business Meeting minutes.

Section/Committee Mailings: See Business Meeting minutes.

New Domain Registration: See Business Meeting minutes.

Section Retreat: See Business Meeting minutes.

Old Business: At the Leadership webinar earlier this year, insurance for activities was discussed. Any activities involving firearms are not covered by our insurance through National (Bob Montoya). If we wanted to purchase insurance for this type of activity we could as a rider, on our own.

New Business: The RMSO for 2013 will be held at San Padre Island on April 25 to 27, 2013. We need to have money budgeted for this event if anyone wishes to go and be reimbursed by the Section. Due to Rich Robinson stepping down as membership Committee Chair, we will need to try and find a new Chair by the January 2013 Board Meeting. Any suggestions should be sent to Eric Lee, David Lathrop or Rob Pierce. We should also check on the Ad-Hoc committees to see if we want to keep them or can they be dropped. The 2013 BOD meeting dates are January 10, 2013, at the May WFP Golf outing (date TBD), and the remainder of dates TBD. The Summer Retreat date will be set for sometime in August. The Fall Conference planning meeting is to be held at the Great Palins Conference on April 18 & 19, 2013. The Washington (D. C.) Fly-in is on April 16-18, 2013. Reid Campbell thanked the Section for the invitation to attend our conference. The SP2 (Special Presidential Panel, a 2 year project) is to look at inter-relationships between the Sections and national AWWA. We need to let AWWA know how they may help us in accomplishing the Section's/AWWA's goals. A "Collaborative Business Model", between AWWA/WEF, was briefly discussed. AWWA has a new website design that will hopefully be launched by Christmas. The old site was not very user friendly for someone who is not really enamored with computers. The thought was put forward of holding a "Utility Managers Breakfast" at the Fall Conference to allow the visiting dignitary to visit with those in charge of their respective systems to discuss pertinent issues relating to the water industry and to solicit their feedback regarding where and how they think AWWA and the Section should be moving. The question was also asked, "What do student members want from AWWA; better jobs, networking, etc.?" Lastly, Teresa Konda thanked Rob Pierce for his service as Chair of the Section over the past year.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2013 at 0930 hours to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska at the League of Nebraska Municipalities office, 1335 "L" Street.

Adjournment: Eric Lee motioned to adjourn, Chad Roberts second. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 1548 hours.