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Kevin Tobin * 402-504-7560

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Ben Day * 402-458-5693

Cross Connections

Rich Koenig * 402-370-3114

Education

John Keith * 402-441-1622

Fall Conference

David Lathrop * 402-641-4760

Fuller Award

Mike Wentink * 308-535-8135

Manufacturers/Associates Council

Tony Bilek * 402-333-9660

Membership

Marc Rosso * 402-435-3080

Nominations

Rob Pierce * 402-474-2829

Publications

Brian Gongol * 515-223-4144

Public Information

Mary Poe * 402-471-1003

Research and Student Activities

Dr. Xu Li * 402-472-6042

Safety

Milo Rust * 308-432-0506

Scholarship

Jon Zellars * 402-504-7913

Small Systems

Eric Melcher * 402-694-6992

Water for People

Christian New * 402-330-2202

Water Utility Council

Jim Shields * 402-504-7457

Jerry Obrist * 402-441-7571

Young Professionals

Justin Stine * 402-435-3080

Craig Reinsch * 402-458-5671



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Nebraska Section AWWA

2013 Annual Section Business Meeting

November 6, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

Kearney, NE

- Roll Call – Chad Roberts
- Approval of Minutes – November 8, 2012 – Chad Roberts
- Treasurers Report – Ben Day
- Directors Report – John Olsson

Old Business:

Committee Updates – Eric

New Business:

Recognize membership efforts and updates – Eric, Marc

Audit Procedures – Eric

Nominations and Slate of Candidates – Eric

Committee Reports:

Next Meeting:

Adjournment:

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

Board Chair Rob Pierce called the meeting to order @ 1340 hours. The meeting was held at the NSAWWA Annual 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

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 November 2, 2011 Business Meeting Minutes were reviewed. No revisions were made. Tony Bilek motioned to approve the minutes, second by Chad Roberts. Unanimous approval.

Treasurers Report: See attached report from Ben Day. The IRS penalty for filing late has been abated, thanks to Ben's hard work. The SOP for the Treasurer position needs to be updated to help prevent this situation from happening again. Eric Lee motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, second by Kevin Tobin. Unanimous approval.

Director's Report: See attached. This will be Tony's last year as Director for the Section. John Olsson has agreed to serve as Director, beginning at the ACE conference in 2013. In the mean time, Tony will show John what he does as director. Personal comments on the new conference venue have been mostly good. The Fall Conference Committee has added two more years of contracts for this venue (2013 through 2019). We thank Reid Campbell and Bob Montoya for attending our conference. Events like hurricane Sandy support the need for the development and implementation of programs like NeWARN. The AWWA/NWEA Joint Resolution continues in place. There will be only one candidate for AWWA President at the Winter Board Meeting. NSAWWA supports the presidential candidate. Both Tony and John will be attending the Winter Board meeting. Funds need to be approved for John's attendance. All NSAWWA members are encouraged to attend ACE, if at all possible. ACE will be in Denver this year. Tony thanked Rob and Doug for their services to the Section. Milo Rust motioned to approve the Director's report, second by John Miriovsky. Unanimous approval.

Committee Reports:

Archive & History: Kevin indicated he is struggling a bit and is seeking help and input from past Section officers for direction. The Archive and History SOP needs to be revised.

Audit: Rob Pierce reports that all is in order with our financial situation.

Awards: Chad Roberts reports there have been several new awards developed this past year. No other changes have taken place. The Awards Committee is seeking better input from members to find deserving award nominees. We will likely have several Utility Longevity Membership awards to be presented at next years' conference.

Budget: See attached. For the current year, Ben projects we will be about -\$1,028.00 for an ending balance. This budget projection does include Advertising income for Wise Water Words. WE are currently working on developing the 2013 budget using budget requests from the various committees. The proposed budget needs to be finished for proposal at the January 2013 Board of Directors meeting.

Cross-Connection Control: Four workshops were held in September 2012. There are two new awards for Cross-Connection Control activities; one for a utility and one for a licensed operator.

Education: Sixteen workshops were held in 2012, with 294 persons participating. There are three more workshops scheduled for December, which will bring the participation total up a bit. There were 96 participants at the Asset Management workshop held in April at Mahoney State Park. There was \$593.00 spent from our annual bookstore allotment. A number of items were purchased for giving and providing educational information to school children. \$1,000.00 is being requested to hold a Construction Inspection workshop. This would be very useful to all licensed operators who have or will have projects going on with their systems, in addition to being useful to Engineers and contractors. We purchased a 24" TV/DVD that we will use to display videos and give presentations at workshops and conferences (currently playing on our display table at the conference).

Fall Conference: The Fall Conference is underway. The new venue is very nice and the contracts have been extended another two years (until 2019). Paul Younes contacted us about extending the contracts and we agreed it would be a good idea. There are many other groups that would like to have our spot, so it was a good move to reserve the space now. It is suggested that an announcement be made at the beginning of each session for all in attendance to at least turn off the ringers on cell phones. All have a silent notification mode and should be used when in a meeting/training session. A penalty (\$25.00 fee) was proposed for anyone whose phone rings aloud during a training session/meeting. The suggestion didn't go far. Attendance numbers for this year have yet to be determined. A suggestion was made to offer training/technical sessions adjacent to the business/board meetings so more continuing education hours would be available for license holders. We also need to make sure for the following years that better signs are available to direct people to the Ruby rooms upstairs at the conference center. Many people could not find their way to the rooms. Effort needs to be made to better funnel foot traffic through the vendor area. The vendor area accommodates up to 70 vendors, depending upon what they have to display. Loper hall would hold about 50. The current charge for the vendor area is \$2,500.00 plus \$0.25/sq. ft. of floor area. The vendor fee increased this year from \$450.00 to \$550.00. About \$36,000.00 of income is realized from vendor fees; a substantial amount of our total budget. Generic award plaques, provided by National AWWA, may be displayed at traveling shows.

Fuller Award: The Fuller Award pin has been ordered and received. A recipient has been selected. John S. Olsson was presented with the Fuller Award at the banquet this evening. Last years' awardee was Dennis Watts.

MAC: No report. See Fall Conference Committee report.

Membership: Rich Robinson is stepping down as Membership Committee Chair. An announcement will be made at the banquet about this open seat. This past year we have seen a drop of 10% in membership (365 last year - 331 this year). The Life Member fee issue may be impacting that number as former Life Members who didn't have to pay anything now have to pay an \$85.00 annual fee. The aging population may also be an impact point. More people retiring and dropping memberships. Subsequently, our mailing lists need to be updated and cleaned up. We shouldn't be mailing material to non-members, especially deceased persons.

Nominations: The Nominations Committee submitted the required report earlier this year at the July Board meeting. The list of seat nominees was read by Teresa Konda. Nominations from the floor were called for. No nominations from the floor were proposed. Tony Bilek made a motion to approve the list of nominees, second by Jerry Obrist. Rob Pierce called for a vote to confirm the nominations. All were in favor and the seats are filled by the proposed nominees. The persons filling the various positions for calendar year 2013 are:

Chair - Eric Lee

Chair Elect - David Lathrop

Vice Chair - Doug Woodbeck

Treasurer - Ben Day

Secretary - Chad Roberts

Trustee - Eric "Rick" Melcher

Trustee - Mary Poe

Trustee - Milo Rust

Trustee - Jim Shields

Director - John Miriovsky

Past Chair - Rob Pierce

Public Information: See attached. Wise Water Words should be in everyone's mailbox at home.

Publications: See attached. In 2012, invitations to proclaim Drinking Water Week were sent to the Mayors of communities and news releases for the same were sent to multiple media outlets across the state. The Drinking Water Taste Contest will be conducted today (11/8/2012). There is a display board to honor Fremont for winning the best tasting water contest at ACE this year; a National honor. Currently, we have about 130 Facebook fans. The committee is anticipating more of the same types of activities next year. If anyone needs section envelopes for mailing, see Mary Poe. A list of persons receiving awards will be sent to the local newspapers where the recipients live.

Safety: See attached. E-mails were sent to PWS soliciting nominations for Safety awards. The response was pretty poor; six were received via USPS. Six Safety awards will be presented at the banquet this evening.

Scholarship: See attached. There were three scholarship awards presented at the luncheon today. A suggestion was made to re-evaluate the type of student(s) to whom scholarships are given.

Small Systems: No report.

Student Activities: See attached.

Water For People: See attached. Chris wants to send at least one person to ACE this year.

Water Utility Council: See report. Jerry Obrist said with the results of the Presidential election this year, we face a battle of common sense. Jim Shields agreed to co-chair the WUC with Jerry until 2014, when Jim will take over as chair. Jerry will stay on as a committee member until we have a new President of the US.

Young Professionals: See attached. The YP Poker Tournament was held last evening (11/7/2012). The proceeds will go to support "Engineers Without Borders". More tours are planned for next year.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Member Survey: No report.

Nitrate: No report.

Top Ops: For those who win the competition today, we need to get their information before June 2013 to plan to send them to ACE to compete on the National level. We really need to have at least three persons to go to form a team. We should consider some type of uniform (t-shirts, etc.) for the team to wear during the competition (purchased by the Section).

SOP's: No report.

ACE: No report.

Summer Workshop: No one attended the Summer Workshop.

Section/Committee Mailings: NA

New Domain Registration: NA

Section Retreat: No report.

Old Business: No report.

New Business: There are concurrent sessions running in competition with the Business and Board meetings. The competitions (Top Ops, Backflow Challenge, Water Tasting) should be run in the vendor display area (they are). Possibly in different areas of the vendor area, each to provide attendee access to all vendor areas. Maybe a Vendor Break should be scheduled between the Business and Board meetings to allow attendees to visit the vendor area. We might also consider scheduling presentations in the vendor area; vendors giving the presentations. Any other suggestions to provide more/better vendor access/attendance by conference attendees would be appreciated by the vendors. Forward any suggestions to David Lathrop.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2013 at 1330 hours to be held in Kearney, Nebraska at the Younes Conference Center during the NSAWWA Annual Fall Conference.

Adjournment: John Olsson motioned to adjourn, Jim Shields second. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 1504 hours.

NSAWWA Board of Directors - 2013

Position	Name	Phone
Chair	Eric Lee	402-944-3306
Chair-Elect	David Lathrop	402-641-4760
Vice-Chair	Doug Woodbeck	402-471-0521
Treasurer	Ben Day	402-458-5693
Secretary	Chad Roberts	402-844-2210
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Trustee (11-2012 to 11-2014)	Jim Shields	402-449-8182

NSAWWA Committees

Committee Name	Committee Chair	Chair Phone	Committee Liaison
Archive & History	Kevin Tobin	402-504-7560	Doug Woodbeck
Audit	Eric Lee	402-476-2829	Ben Day
Awards	Dennis Watts	402-844-2210	Doug Woodbeck
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Manufacturers/Associates Council (MAC)	Tony Bilek	402-333-9660	Rob Pierce
Membership		402-255-3840	Eric Lee
Nominations	Rob Pierce	402-926-7063	NA
Publications	Brian Gongol	515-223-4144	Mary Poe
Public Information	Mary Poe	402-471-1003	Mary Poe
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Young Professionals	Justin Stine/Craig Reinsch	402-435-3080/402-458-5671	Ben Day
Ad-hoc Committees			
Membership Survey	Mike Wentink	308-535-8135	Marc Rosso
Nitrate/Source Water Protection	Ben Day	402-458-5693	NA
State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF)	Dennis Watts	402-844-2210	Chad Roberts
Top Ops	David Lathrop	402-641-4760	NA

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2012 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee: AWARDS_____ Date: 10/29/2012_____

Chair: Dennis Watts_____ Vice Chair: NONE_____

Total Members: 6_____ Active Members: 6_____

Executive Board Liaison: Chad Roberts_____

List of Active Members:

Steve Kelly, Chad Roberts, Rob Pierce, Doug Woodbeck, Jack Satur, Dennis Watts

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)? August 14, 2012

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership: NONE

Deliverables/Activities:

New awards are as follows:

Water Treatment Plant Operator Award

Cross Connection Control Program of the Year Award

Cross Connection Specialist of the Year Award

Longevity nomination

Outstanding Supervisory Operator Award

In 2012 we are giving out:

4 WISA Award

1 Cross Connection Specialist of the Year Award

2 Longevity Awards

1 Volunteer Award

1 Fuller Award

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

Continue to assist committee as needed and encourage systems to nominate deserving applicants for awards.

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year: Same as 2012.

Budget Expenditures for 2012: \$240.

Budget Request for 2013 (include a short justification):

\$400. The money budgeted will be spent on awards such as plaques etc. We will hopefully be able to hand out additional awards this year.

Other Items:

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2012 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee: ___Water for People_____ Date: _11/12/2012_____

Chair: ___Christian New_____ Vice Chair: _____

Total Members: __11__ Active Members: __10__

Executive Board Liaison: _Mary Poe_____

List of Active Members: Ben Day, Brittany Travers, Craig Reinsch, Dorian Roff-Hammond, Glenn Dostal, Patrick Harlan, Tim Mundorf, Teresa Konda, John Frecker-Meng.

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

Conference Calls: 1/19/2012; 8/24/2012, Annual Planning Meeting at Fall Conference.

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership: None. Three members have been added this year, including a representative from Young Professionals.

Deliverables/Activities: Golf Outing (raised \$5,300), Sporting Clay Event (raised \$956 plus matching gift), Raffle Ticket Sales at the Fall Conference (2012); \$1,764.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

Continued support, attendance at activities and selling raffle tickets.

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:

Begin utilizing committee members more to manage events/expand fund raising horizon.

Develop Nebraska Water for People Website

Explore ways to expand revenue outside of AWWA and NWEA

Golf Outing Goal: \$5,500.

Sporting Clay Event Goal \$3,500.

Raffle Goal \$2,000.

Total: 11,000.

Budget Expenditures for 2012:

Annual Water for People Conference, Denver, CO (July 2012). \$621.22 (Budget was \$800)

Budget Request for 2013 (include a short justification):

\$950 for Annual Water for People Conference, Denver, CO (July 2013). This is approximate cost to travel from Omaha. Prior expenditures were lower due to combining trip with vacation which reduced mileage in 2012.

Other Items: None.

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2012 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee: AWWA Safety Committee Date: 11-2-2012

Chair: Milo Rust Vice Chair: Rob Pierce

Total Members: 13 Active Members: 13

Executive Board Liaison: _____

List of Active Members: Rodger Coffey, Pat Heath, Dale Kaliff, Steve Kelly, Anthony Martinez, Gerardo E Martinez, Pete Neddo, Doug Pollak, Eric Melcher, Rob Pierce, Jack Satur, Tom Menke.

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

Two Email sessions

Fall conference

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:

Add Tom Menke

Deliverables/Activities:

Safety award participation

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year: Promote safety award participation

Hold a safety Seminar

Budget Expenditures for 2011:

60.53 Mailings for AWWA community's

80.00 Awards

Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification):

Safety Awards 150.00

Safety Training 150.00

Other Items:

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2012 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee: Public Information Date: November 5, 2012

Chair: Mary Poe Vice Chair: Marc Rosso

Total Members: 5 Active Members: 5 Executive Board Liaison: David Lathrop

List of Active Members:

Mary Poe, Marc Rosso, Brian Gongol, Eric Obert, Jami Cerone

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

April 5, 2012 – Lincoln

September 21, 2012 - Lincoln

E-mail correspondence as needed

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership: None, but new members are welcome.

Deliverables/Activities:

Materials sent to Mayors of the 30 class I cities and 15 Class II cities inviting them to issue a Mayor's Proclamation for Drinking Water Week. We know for sure that proclamations were issued in Columbus, Gering, Scottsbluff, and York. all Conference news release sent to all newspaper and radio media outlets in the state

Water tasting contest and award at the fall conference Display board congratulating Fremont as national taste test winner Fall Conference presentation "Kids Today, Customers Tomorrow: How to Give Classroom Talks & Host

Field Trips for Schools" Nebraska Section Facebook page: 129 fans

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:

Gather and add materials to website on Public Resources page

Manage Facebook page and explore other networking options

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

Activities prior to or during Drinking Water Week

Work with the education committee on student outreach efforts

Water tasting contest

Budget Expenditures for 2012:

Approximately \$300 (\$215 news release; door prizes \$25; printing costs??)

Budget Request for 2013 (include a short justification):

May spend more money on DWW activities.

Budget request = \$500

Other Items:

To NSAWWA Members and Board of Directors:

On June 18, 2012, a conference call was held by the Nebraska Section AWWA Nominating Committee (Teresa Konda, Tony Bilek and Doug Woodbeck) to determine nominees for the various seats that need to be filled for the upcoming year, 2013. The Chairperson seat will automatically be filled by the 2012 Chair-Elect, Eric Lee. The Past-Chair seat will be automatically filled by the 2012 Chair, Rob Pierce. The Nominating Committees recommended nominees for the remaining seats are as follows:

Chair-Elect: David Lathrop (11-2012 to 11-2013)

Vice Chair: Doug Woodbeck (11-2012 to 11-2013)

Treasurer: Ben Day (11-2012 to 11-2013)

Secretary: Chad Roberts (11-2012 to 11-2014)

Trustee: Eric "Rick" Melcher (11-2012 to 11-2014)

Trustee: Jim Shields (11-2012 to 11-2014)

Director: John S. Olsson (the new Director will assume this seat at ACE 2013 until ACE 2016)

Those with time remaining in their current positions are:

Trustee: Milo Rust (11-2013)

Trustee: Mary Poe (11-2013)

Election of Officers will take place at the Annual Meeting in Kearney, Nebraska at the Younes Conference Center on November 8, 2012 at 1:30 PM. During the election, nominations may be made by the members from the floor for any elected seat, excluding the Chairperson and the Past-Chair.

As per the requirements of the NSAWWA By-laws, this report is respectfully submitted for your review and consideration.

Submitted this 12th day of July, 2012.

Sincerely,

Doug Woodbeck

Secretary

Nebraska Section AWWA Board of Directors

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2011 COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee: Cross Connection Committee

Date: November 5, 2012

Chair: Rich Koenig

Vice Chair: Leroy Kramer

Total Members: 6 Active Members: 6

Executive Board Liaison: Chad Roberts

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

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls): March 7, 2012

Proposed changes in committee membership: None

Deliverables/Activities: 4 – 1 day workshops co-sponsored with LNM and assist with the “Ultimate Backflow Challenge”

Develop criteria for two awards in conjunction with the Awards Committee

“Cross Connection Control Program of the Year” - Completed

“Cross Connection specialist of the Year” - Completed

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

Provide CCC Training at the Annual Conference with the “Backflow Challenge” and “Ultimate Backflow Challenge”

Anticipated Budget Expenditures for 2012: \$1000.00 - LofNM cost share (?)

\$ 770.00 – Ultimate Backflow Challenge

\$ 230.00 – Misc.

Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification) \$2000.00

Help fund the “Ultimate Backflow Challenge” session and various other expenses as described above

Other Items

Attendance at the 1 day co-sponsored workshops was

September 4, 2012, Ogallala – 21 attendees

September 25, 2012, Grand Island – 55 attendees

September 26, 2012, Wayne – 31 attendees

September 27, 2012, Beatrice – 40 attendees

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2011 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee: __Student Activities and Research__ Date: __11/04/2012__

Chair: _____ Xu Li _____ Vice Chair: _____

Total Members: __~15__ Active Members: __4__

Executive Board Liaison: __Ben Day_____

List of Active Members:

Xu Li

Dorian Roffe-Hammond (president of the UNL AWWA/NWEA student chapter)

Brandon Gardels (vice president)

Kristen Cope (Treasurer)

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

The committee chair and the president of the student chapter met in November 2011, January, April, and August 2012.

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:

The student chapter will hold its annual election in April 2013. As the current officers graduate next year, it is expected that a class of new officers will be elected.

Deliverables/Activities:

- On November 3rd 2011, about 15 AWWA/NWEA student members attended the Fall Conference in Kearney, NE. Three made oral presentations.
- In April 2012, about 10 UNL/UNO student attended and presented at the Great Plain Waste Management Conferences in La Vista, NE.
- In summer 2012, the UNL AWWA/NWEA student chapter held its annual election. Dorian Roffe-Hammond was elected president, and Kristen Cope treasurer. Later, Brandon Gardels was appointed vice president.
- In April 2012, a few of AWWA/NWEA student members and CIVE 425 students attended the tour to the wastewater treatment plant on the 70th St. in Lincoln.
- On April 13th 2012, the UNL AWWA/NWEA student chapter organized a water-tasting contest at UNL E-Week Fair.
- In May 2011, a few members of the UNL student chapter volunteered to help with the fundraiser at the Water for People golf scramble in Omaha, NE.
- In August 2012, five students (Stacey Joy, Kristen Cope, Daran Rudnick, Vivik Sharma, and Zhe Du) volunteered to help with the NWEA Scholarship Golf Outing event.
- On October 19th 2012, several UNL students attended the field trip to Theresa Street Wastewater Treatment Plant in Lincoln.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

The current support is sufficient.

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:

- Student meetings in Spring semester.
- Involvement in the UNL E-Week to advertise the drinking water industry.
- Annual election in April 2013.
- Participation in local conferences.

Budget Expenditures for 2011:

- About \$100 to cover the cost of reserving a university van to provide transportation to student attendees to the Kearney Fall Conference in November 2011.
- About \$100 to cover the cost for presenting at the UNL E-week.
- \$216 to subsidize 12 AWWA student membership applications ($\$18 \times 12 = \216) in October 2012.

Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification):

- ~\$120 to reserve a van to bring students to the Kearney conference in November 2011.
- ~\$100 for holding student meetings at UNL
- ~\$250 for subsidizing AWWA student membership applications.

Other Items:

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2012 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee: Education

Date: November 8, 2012

Chair: John Keith

Vice Chair: Nick McElvain

Total Members: 6 Active Members: 6

Executive Board Liaison: Doug Woodbeck

List of Active Members:

John Keith, Chair

Nick McElvain

Brian Gongol

Rob Pierce

Steve Kelley

Mike Wentink

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

All correspondence has been via email. Committee hopes to meet during the Annual Conference in Kearney this year.

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership: none

Deliverables/Activities:

Sixteen Water Workshops cosponsored with League of Nebraska Municipalities with three more scheduled during December 2012. – 294 participants

Asset Management Workshop held April 2012 - 96 participants.

World O! Water at Wehrspann Lake in Omaha - 3 Section Volunteers

Children's Groundwater Festival in Grand Island - 3 Section Volunteers

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

Continued support and consideration of upcoming education possibilities and recommendations of new educational avenues is always appreciated.

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:

Joint NSAWWA NPWA Construction Inspection Workshop??

Budget Expenditures for 2012:

\$593	AWWA Bookstore
\$5000	LoNM Agreement (Invoice to be submitted at year end)
+\$1132	Net gain from Asset Management Course
\$261	24" DVD/TV Combo for Educational use by Section

Budget Request for 2013 (include a short justification):

\$5,000.00	LoNM Agreement for joint workshop coordination
\$600	AWWA Bookstore Section Funds
\$1000	Joint NSAWWA NPWA Construction Inspection

(It is expected that this would be a revenue neutral event but would like funding there if needed)

Other Items:

FYI \$600 AWWA Bookstore Section Funds are available from National each year to the Section

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2012 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee: ___Water for People_____ Date: _10/31/2012_____

Chair: ___Christian New_____ Vice Chair: _____

Total Members: ___10___ Active Members: ___10___

Executive Board Liaison: _Teresa Konda_____

List of Active Members: Arnold Radloff, Ben Day, Brittany Travers, Craig Reinsch, Dorian Roff-Hammond, Glenn Dostal, Patrick Harlan, Tim Mundorf, Teresa Konda

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

Conference Calls: 1/19/2012; 8/24/2012

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership: None. Three members have been added this year, including a representative from Young Professionals (Brittany Travers).

Deliverables/Activities: Golf Outing, Sporting Clay Event, Raffle Ticket Sales at the Fall Conference

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

Continued support, attendance at activities and selling raffle tickets.

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:

Begin utilizing committee members more to manage events/expand fund raising horizon.
Develop Nebraska Water for People Website
Explore ways to expand revenue outside of AWWA and NWEA

Budget Expenditures for 2012:

Expenditures covered by activity income.

Budget Request for 2013 (include a short justification):

Raffle (Fall Conference): (2011) \$1,629 (donation, to WFP)

Golf (May 2012): \$5,300 (donation, to WFP)

Trap (September 2012): \$956 (donation to WFP plus match. Total donation \$1,912)

Other Items: None.

~~~~~ Meter Madness ~~~~~

Is \$1,000 enough to motivate you?

The Fall Conference next month will feature our first-ever "Meter Madness" competition, open to any operator or utility member willing to give it a try.

You'll be asked to re-assemble a Badger flow meter from a complete set of parts (along with some miscellaneous "extras"), and you'll have two timed attempts to complete the assembly. If the meter leaks, time will be added to your score -- the more it leaks, the more time will be added.

The prize is \$1,000 for the Section winner, to be used towards attending the national competition at ACE-13 in Denver. Register on-site at the conference!

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION  
2012 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee: Water Utility Council \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 11/8/2012

Chair: Jerry Obrist \_\_\_\_\_ Vice Chair: \_\_\_\_ TBA \_\_\_\_\_

Total Members: \_\_8\_\_ Active Members: \_\_8\_\_

Executive Board Liaison: \_Eric Lee \_\_\_\_\_

List of Active Members: Jerry Obrist, Chad Roberts, David Lathrop, John Olsson  
Glenn Dostal, Jim Shields, Marc Rosso, Milo Rust

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 March 7 & 8, 2012.

Numerous e-mails of water issues were transmitted throughout the year. (Detailed summary below).

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:

Added Chad Roberts and David Lathrop

Deliverables/Activities:

- Annual AWWA Fly-In on Water Issues—(see attachments)
- 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 2012, Wise Water Words.
2. On a national scale, several items were accomplished:
  - In March 2012, AWWA/WEF sponsored a “Water Issued Fly-In” to Washington D.C. to review water/wastewater issues currently before Congress. Visits were made to the Nebraska delegation to ask for their support on:  
The Water Infrastructure Finance Innovations Act (WIFIA)

We visited with all of the NE Delegation. I also attended the NE breakfast on Wednesday morning 3/7 and visited with all five of the Delegation two Senators and three Congressman

A summary report of the Fly-In was published in the summer 2012, Wise Water Words. I have also attached the detailed issue papers to this report

New issues are as follows:

- EPA has been ordered by the Administration to regulate new Water MCL's and to set standards via regulation without going through Congress

3. We are currently 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. AWWA and the Utilities Telecom Council have recently commented to the FCC to provide for the inclusion of Utilities in the 700 MHz Public Safety Broadband Network, to deal with interoperability issues. However, Utilities are considered on a secondary basis.

Smart Grid is an emerging technology that may be available to solve some of Water Utility connectivity issues.

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

Work with our committee to sign up Utility Operators/Managers to our committee. We were successful this year in adding two Utility members.

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:

- Annual AWWA Fly-In in April 2013.
- Finance, along with AWWA, the Section's Water Utility Council members to the AWWA Annual Fly-In meeting in Washington, D.C.
- Continued e-mails and discussion on current Water Issues and Legislation/Regulations

Budget Expenditures for 2012:

- See Section budget report

Budget Request for 2013 (include a short justification):

- \$2,000 – Cover cost of AWWA Fly-In

Other Items:

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
- 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

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 --- 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

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: \_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_

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: \_\_\_ 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

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

2012 AWWA Washington "Fly-In" Meetings

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Wednesday, March 7th

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



## A Water Infrastructure Financing Innovation Act (WIFIA) and Other Infrastructure Financing Tools

### Action Requested:

- From House members, contact Congressman Bob Gibbs, chair of the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, and tell him you want to be an original cosponsor of his Water Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act.
- From senators, contact your respective leadership and leadership of the Committee on Environment and Public Works and let them know you would like to see WIFIA legislation introduced and passed in the Senate.
- From both House and Senate, support funding of the drinking water and clean water state revolving loan fund (SRF) program, at least at the previous year's appropriated levels. The SRF is a vital tool in the toolbox of water infrastructure finance, particularly for small to medium-sized systems.

Background: High-quality drinking water and wastewater systems are essential to public health, business, and quality of life in the United States. The American Water Works Association (AWWA), Water Environment Federation (WEF) and others have documented that our water and wastewater infrastructure is aging and that many communities must begin to increase their levels of investment in the repair and rehabilitation of water infrastructure in order to protect public health and safety and to maintain environmental standards.

In addition, having a reliable water supply and a means of treating wastewater before returning it to the environment are necessary to economic development. Rehabilitating and replacing that infrastructure produces jobs. The U.S. Department of Commerce has estimated that every dollar spent on water infrastructure generates \$2.62 in the private economy. For every job added to the water workforce, about 3.68 jobs are added nationally.

In February 2012, AWWA released its latest report on drinking water infrastructure needs, "Buried No Longer: Confronting America's Water Infrastructure Challenge." This report reveals that the country will need to spend \$1 trillion over the next 25 years to maintain our current level of water service. This figure does not count above-ground infrastructure, such as tanks or improvements to water treatment necessary to meet new standards. Nor does it include wastewater infrastructure needs, which have been shown to be as large as drinking water needs.

Financing Water Infrastructure: AWWA and WEF have long believed that Americans are best served by water and wastewater systems that are self-sustaining through rates and other local charges. However, we recognize that at present, some communities need assistance due to hardship or special economic circumstances. In addition, the need to replace or upgrade existing infrastructure may require access to a large amount of capital in a relatively short time frame, placing great stress on local rates and charges.

Although 95 percent of spending on water and wastewater has been from local sources, the federal government can play an important role by lowering the cost of capital for water and wastewater investments. Almost 70 percent of American communities use bonds to finance local infrastructure. They pay billions of dollars in interest costs each year. Lowering the cost of borrowing for water and wastewater infrastructure is an important way to leverage local funding and help America rebuild and rehabilitate our aging water infrastructure.

## A Novel Approach: The Water Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act

Congressman Bob Gibbs, chair of the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, is actively addressing water infrastructure finance issues. He held a hearing on February 28 to look at innovative finance tools, and is now preparing to introduce a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act. The act would create a finance mechanism modeled after the successful Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovations Authority (commonly called TIFIA) and provide access to lower-cost capital for investments in water infrastructure. This mechanism would have no or little long-term effect on the federal budget deficit. As in TIFIA, WIFIA would, under the Federal Credit Reform Act, only require appropriated funding sufficient to cover the subsidy cost, or risk, of loans. Fitch Ratings, a top credit rating agency, calculates that the historical default rate on water bonds is 0.04 percent. Indeed, water service providers are among the most fiscally responsible borrowers in the United States. Moreover, those states that leverage their SRF programs all have AAA or AA bond ratings and no history of defaults, placing them among the strongest credits in the country.

WIFIA would access funds from the U.S. Treasury at Treasury rates and use those funds to support loans and other credit mechanisms for water projects at or near Treasury rates. Although interest fluctuates, such rates are currently significantly better than municipal bond rates. The benefit to local communities of lower interest rates is significant. Lowering the cost of borrowing by 2.5 percent on a 30-year loan reduces the lifetime project cost by almost 26 percent, the same result as a 26-percent grant. WIFIA loans would be repaid to the Authority – and thence to the Treasury – with interest. Consequently, WIFIA – because it would involve loans that are repaid – would involve minimal risks and minimal long-term costs to the federal government.

The Water Infrastructure Finance Innovations Act would create a mechanism to:

- Offer loans, loan guarantees, and other credit support for large water infrastructure projects and those with national or regional importance. These projects often find it difficult or impossible to access loans from the existing SRF program, due in part to inadequate capitalization of the SRFs.
- Reduce the cost of leveraging for SRF programs by lending to them directly. A federal water infrastructure finance authority could lend to those SRFs wishing to leverage their capitalization grants at the lowest possible interest rates. This would allow SRFs to make more loans and would increase their ability to offer special assistance to hardship communities if they chose to do so. Currently, 31 states leverage their SRF programs on the bond markets. WIFIA loans to an SRF would offer an additional option to accomplish the same goal and, by lowering the cost of capital, make such a practice more attractive to additional states.

America faces the need to begin a significant and sustained increase in its investment in water and waste water infrastructure, or risk deteriorating water and waste water services. The tenets outlined in this paper provide a path towards truly sustainable water infrastructure for all Americans. A more detailed description of WIFIA and a copy of AWWA's report, "Buried No Longer" are included in this packet.

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Young Professionals:

November 2012

As a reminder, the NSAWWA/NWEA Young Professionals are hosting the 2nd annual Poker Tournament on Wednesday, November 7th at 9:00 pm. More details can be found on the attached flyer. First place will receive a \$200 cash prize, with proceeds of the event benefiting Water For People. Please email Derek Gardels ([derek.gardels@hdrinc.com](mailto:derek.gardels@hdrinc.com)) or Brittany Travers ([brittany@wtgmidwest.com](mailto:brittany@wtgmidwest.com)) to register. Registration will be limited to the first 80 participants. Thanks!

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION  
2013 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**Committee:** Archives & History Committee      **Date:** October 30, 2013

**Chair:** Kevin Tobin      **Vice Chair:** None Assigned

**Total Members:** 4      **Active Members:** 4

**Executive Board Liaison:** Rob Pierce

**List of Active Members:**

John Miriovsky  
Rob Pierce  
Kevin Tobin  
W. James Wells

**When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?**

E-mail Communication

**Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:**

None

**Deliverables/Activities:**

None this year

**How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?**

Provide ideas on the direction of this Committee.

**Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:**

Discuss how best to compile data/information for storage and how to retrieve it.  
Engage System Operators to research and share history of their Systems.

**Budget Expenditures for 2013:**

\$0

**Budget Request for 2013 (include a short justification):**

\$0

**Other Items:**

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION  
2013 COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee: Audit

Date: 10-22-2013

Chair: Eric Lee

Vice Chair: Rob Pierce

Total Members: 4

Executive Board Liaison: Ben Day

List of Active Members: Eric Lee, Rob Pierce, John Olsson, Ben Day

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

Committee has been involved in numerous phone calls and two meetings with the accounting firm retained to perform the three year external audit.

Proposed changes in committee membership: None at this time. However, see other items listed below

Deliverables/Activities: Audit committee report at Board and Business meeting(s). The committee has delivered the final version of the three year external audit, which was distributed at the Summer Retreat.

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

Continue to fund the required Audit(s) as stated in the By-Laws and SOP's for the committee

Plans/Projects for upcoming year: Yearly Internal Audit by the committee

Anticipated Budget Expenditures for 2013:

\$2,500-\$3,000

Budget Request for 2013 (include a short justification)

No external Audit costs this year, so no planned budget expenditures.

Other Items: Due to rotation of Board members at the Fall Conference, David Lathrop will automatically become chair of committee and Eric Lee will serve on the committee.

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION  
2013 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**Committee:** AWARDS\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 10/15/2013\_\_\_\_\_

**Chair:** Dennis Watts\_\_\_\_\_ **Vice Chair:** NONE\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Members:** 6\_\_\_\_\_ **Active Members:** 6\_\_\_\_\_

**Executive Board Liaison:** Chad Roberts\_\_\_\_\_

**List of Active Members:**

Steve Kelly Chad Roberts Rob Pierce Doug Woodbeck Jack Satur Dennis Watts

**When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?**

August, 2013 – conference call and various emails.

**Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:**

NONE

**Deliverables/Activities:**

**New awards are as follows:**

**Water Treatment Plant Operator Award**  
**Cross Connection Control Program of the Year Award**  
**Cross Connection Specialist of the Year Award**  
**Longevity nomination**  
**Outstanding Supervisory Operator Award**

**In 2013 we are giving out**

**3 WISA Award**  
**1 Cross Connection Specialist of the Year Award**  
**0 Longevity Awards**  
**0 Volunteer Award**  
**1 Fuller Award**

**How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?**

Continue to assist committee as needed and encourage systems to nominate deserving applicants for awards.

**Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:**

Same as 2012.

**Budget Expenditures for 2012:**

\$240.

**Budget Request for 2013 (include a short justification):**

\$400. The money budgeted will be spent on awards such as plaques etc. We will hopefully be able to hand out additional awards this year.

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION  
2013 COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Budget Report**

**2013 Budget**

The current 2013 Budget as of 10/29/13 is attached.

Bookstore Allotment: \$600 has been used for educational publications, videos, and merchandise to give away at the Fall Conference.

**2014 Budget**

I have started to prepare the 2014 Budget. I have received budget requests from most committees but am still waiting on several.

**Submitted By:**

Ben Day, Treasurer





**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION  
2013 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**Committee:** Education

**Date:** November 6, 2013

**Chair:** John Keith

**Vice Chair:** Nick McElvain

**Total Members:** 6    **Active Members:** 6

**Executive Board Liaison:** Doug Woodbeck

**List of Active Members:**

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

**When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?**

All correspondence has been via email. Committee hopes to meet during the Annual Conference in Kearney this year.

**Proposed Changes in Committee Membership: none**

**Deliverables/Activities:**

Sixteen Water Workshops cosponsored with League of Nebraska Municipalities with three more scheduled during December 2013. – 326 participants  
(Participation up 10% or an additional 32 participants so far in 2013)

Children's Groundwater Festival in Grand Island - 3 Section Volunteers

**How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?**

Continued support and consideration of upcoming education possibilities and recommendations of new educational avenues is always appreciated.

**Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:**

Bi-annual Pipe workshop – possible topics include fire hydrants, valves, restraints or construction inspection

**Budget Expenditures for 2013:**

\$600 AWWA Bookstore  
\$5000 LoNM Agreement (Invoice to be submitted at year end)

**Budget Request for 2014 (include a short justification):**

\$5,000.00 LoNM Agreement for joint workshop coordination  
\$600 AWWA Bookstore Section Funds  
\$1500 Bi-annual Pipe Workshop  
(It is expected that this would be a revenue neutral event but would like funding there if needed)

**Other Items:**

FYI \$600 AWWA Bookstore Section Funds are available from National each year to the Section

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION  
2013 COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Committee:** Fuller

**Date:** November 6, 2013

**Chair:** Michael Wentink

**Vice Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Members:** 5                      **Active Members:** 5

**Executive Board Liaison:**

**List of Active Members:**

Michael Wentink  
Glen Dostal  
Larry Andreasen  
Dennis Watts  
John Olsson

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

By Email – May, 2013

**Proposed changes in committee membership:**

Annual progressive change as per Bylaws

**Deliverables/Activities:**

Solicitation of candidates, discussion, voting, and selection of Fuller Award recipient

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

Process is working OK

**Plans/Projects for upcoming year:**

**Anticipated Budget Expenditures for 2013:**

\$130.00 + recipient's family members meals as applicable

**Budget Request for 2014 (include a short justification)**

\$130.00 (varies with inclusion of family member attendance at banquet – meal cost)

|                    |   |                                                                                |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Section Plaque     | - | \$100.00 (cost can be less if using a vendor with the past developed template) |
| Fuller Pin         | - | \$30.00                                                                        |
| Recipient's family | - | cost for banquet meals will vary                                               |

**Other Items**

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION  
2013 COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee: Membership Date: October 1, 2013

Chair: Marc Rosso Vice Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Members: 6 Active Members: 6

Executive Board Liaison: Eric Lee

List of Active Members: Marc Rosso, Rich Robinson, Tony Bilek, Bruce Dvorak, Chris Miller, Rob Pierce

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls): The committee met at the Fall Conference in Kearney in addition to exchanging emails and calls to provide for the membership drive that was held in early Spring. The committee prepared the 2013-2014 membership plan update and submitted to AWWA. The committee sent a welcome packet to each new member and sent late notices to members who were past due. In addition, parts of the committee met with the Board at regularly scheduled meetings. Kent Prior will be recognized at the Fall Conference for his life membership status along with new member recognition.

Proposed changes in committee membership: None.

Deliverables/Activities: 2014 Membership Plan

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work? The Board is doing an excellent job helping membership with activities such as the annual retreat. This is particularly helpful since Rich Robinson has transitioned from the Chair position.

Plans/Projects for upcoming year: An early spring 2014 non-member contact is planned to try to add members. In addition a student membership drive is planned in the Spring. We will update the membership plan with activities that worked and provide comments in the SOP.

Anticipated Budget Expenditures for 2013: \$300

Budget Request for 2014 (include a short justification) Budget request is \$1100 to travel to the membership summit anticipated in Denver, CO and provide for ongoing membership activities. The committee will be using the balance from the total minus membership summit travel for Fall Conference recognition. Membership Summit flight, \$500, room for two nights \$250, meals, \$90, travel/transfers \$50 = total of \$890.

Other Items

**As of 9/23/13 we have 342 active and 351 total members.**

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION  
2013 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**Committee:** Public Information   **Date:** October 30, 2013

**Chair:** Mary Poe      **Vice Chair:**

**Total Members:** 4   **Active Members:** 4   **Executive Board Liaison:**

**List of Active Members:**

Mary Poe, Brian Gongol, Eric Obert, Jami Cerone

**When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?**

April 2, 2013 – Lincoln  
September 24, 2013 - Lincoln  
E-mail correspondence as needed

**Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:** None, but new members are welcome.

**Deliverables/Activities:**

Materials sent to Mayors of about 40 cities inviting them to issue a Mayor's Proclamation for Drinking Water Week. We know for sure that proclamations were issued in Alliance, Gering, La Vista, Nebraska City.  
Water tasting contest, educational presentation, and award at the fall conference  
Children's Poster Contest at fall conference.  
Nebraska Section Facebook page: 140 fans

**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:**

Manage Facebook page and explore other networking options  
News releases for awards, fall conference, and other events as needed  
Activities prior to or during Drinking Water Week  
Work with the education committee on student outreach efforts  
Water tasting contest

**Budget Expenditures for 2013:**

Approximately \$400

**Budget Request for 2014 (include a short justification):**

May spend more money on DWW activities.  
Budget request = \$600

**Other Items:**

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION  
2013 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**Committee:** Student Activities and Research **Date:** 10/15/2013

**Chair:** Xu Li **Vice Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Members:** ~15 **Active Members:** 7

**Executive Board Liaison:** Ben Day

**List of Active Members:**

Xu Li  
Vince Kuppig (president of the UNL AWWA/NWEA student chapter)  
Darshan Baral (vice president)  
Allison Speicher (secretary)  
Yuping Zhang (treasurer)  
Stefan Schaepe (activities chair)  
Garrett Johnson (publicity chair)

**When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?**

The committee chair and the officers of the student chapter met in November 2012, January, April, August, and October 2013.

**Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:**

The student chapter will hold its annual election in April 2014. Some of the current officers will graduate next year. It is expected that some new officers will be elected.

**Deliverables/Activities:**

- In November 2012, about 15 AWWA/NWEA student members attended the Fall Conference in Kearney, NE. Three made oral presentations.
- In the Spring 2013 semester, the student chapter invited Dr. Wayne Woldt of UNL Department of Biological Systems Engineering to give a seminar on water budget. The seminar was open to public.
- In early April 2013, several UNL/UNO students attended and presented at the Great Plain Waste Management Conferences in La Vista, NE.
- On April 12<sup>th</sup> 2013, the UNL AWWA/NWEA student chapter presented a poster at UNL E-Week to showcase the student chapter to high school students.
- In August 2013, four students (Zhe Du, Yuping Zhang, Allison Speicher, and Stefan Schaepe) volunteered to help with the NWEA Scholarship Golf Outing event.
- On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the student chapter organized a career panel to introduce career options for students who are interested in environmental engineering. The four panelists are Marc Russo, Daryl Kottwitz, Steven Groan, and Xu Li. About 20 students attended the event.
- On October 24<sup>th</sup> 2013, several student chapter members will participate in the field trip organized by the Young Professional committee to visit the Florence Potable Water Treatment Plant.

## **How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?**

The current support is sufficient.

### **Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:**

- Student meetings in Spring semester.
- Involvement in the UNL E-Week to advertise the drinking water industry.
- Annual election in April 2014.
- Participation in local conferences.

### **Budget Expenditures for 2013:**

- About \$100 to cover the cost of reserving a university van to provide transportation to student attendees to the Kearney Fall Conference in November 2012.
- About \$200 to cover the costs for student chapter events.

### **Budget Request for 2014 (include a short justification):**

- ~\$100 to reserve a van to bring students to the Kearney conference in November 2013.
- ~\$200 for holding student meetings at UNL
- ~\$250 for subsidizing AWWA student membership applications in 2014 (AWWA offered a discount student membership rate of \$10 in 2013. So, no subsidies were requested this year. However, the discount rate may not be available in 2014).

### **Other Items:**

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION  
2012 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**Committee:** \_Safety Committee\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_October 30, 2013\_\_\_\_\_

**Chair:** \_Milo Rust\_\_\_\_\_ **Vice Chair:** Rob Pierce\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Members:** \_\_ 12\_\_ **Active Members:** \_12\_\_

**Executive Board Liaison:** \_Milo Rust\_\_\_\_\_

**List of Active Members:** Rodger Coffee, Pat Heath, Dale Kelly, Anthony Martinez, Gerardo E Martinez, Pete Neddo, Doug Pollak, Eric Melcher, Rob Pierce, Jack Satur, Tom Menke.

**When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?**

Communicate by Email August 2013

**Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:**

Talk to members on the committee to see if they want to continue to serve on the safety committee.

**Deliverables/Activities:**

Safety award participation.

**How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?**

**Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:** Continue the Safety awards , work with the League of Nebraska Municipalities or Health and human services to sponcer two safety classes.

**Budget Expenditures for 2013:** < \$100.00,

Mailing \$61.18

Frames \$25.68

**Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification): \$1600.00**

**Safety Awards**

**Two Safety Class**

**Other Items:**



**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION  
2013 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**Committee:** Scholarship    **Date:** October 28, 2013

**Chair:** Jon Zellars    **Vice Chair:** None

**Total Members:** 6    **Active Members:** 5

**Executive Board Liaison:** Unknown

**List of Active Members:**

Larry Andreasen  
Chip Haas  
Chris Koenig  
John Miriovsky  
Jon Zellars

**When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?**

October 2013 via e-mail

**Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:**

None

**Deliverables/Activities:**

Committee members reviewed fourteen applications for the Colonel Theodore A. Liesen Scholarship. Two students attend UNO, eleven attend UNL and one attends Florida Gateway College. Two students are pursuing undergraduate degrees and twelve are seeking graduate degrees in Civil, Environmental or Water Resources Engineering. Three students were selected to receive a \$1,000/each scholarship from NSAWWA. The recipients of the 2013 Theodore A. Liesen Scholarships are as follows:

**Garrett Johnson (\$1,000):** Garrett is an undergraduate student at UNL pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering. Garrett is a member of ASCE, WEF, Engineers without Borders and AWWA. He is the Activities Chair for the student chapter of AWWA and is active in the Lincoln Lutheran Youth Group. Garrett is an Environmental Engineer Intern at JEO Consulting. After graduation, Garrett plans to work in the water/wastewater industry where he wishes to assist in bringing clean water to underserved areas of the world. Garrett aspires to be a professional engineer.

**Stefan Schaepe (\$1,000):** Stefan is pursuing a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from UNL. He is the recipient of the Don Wiles Scholarship, Sorkin Scholarship and the James Canfield Scholarship. Stefan is active in the student section of AWWA where he serves as the Publicity Chair. He is also a Group Leader of the Foundations for Faith Bible Study and is a member of the Xtreme Bible Study. Stefan has volunteered his time at the NWEA golf charity event and is a camp counselor at the Manna Resort Christian Camp. Stefan is currently researching modified graphene oxide as a membrane in order to efficiently and effectively filter contaminants such as salts, nitrates and oils from drinking water. He plans to utilize his knowledge and experiences to advance water treatment technologies locally and abroad.

**Ryan Hurst (\$1,000):** Ryan is a Water/Wastewater Plant Operator for the City of Seward where he holds a Class IV wastewater license and a Grade III water license. He is pursuing a degree in Environmental Science and Water Resources Management through Florida Gateway College's online program. Ryan is a member of AWWA where he has been involved with charity events. He Co-chairs the NWEA Young Professionals Committee and will soon be joining the NWOD Operator Certification Committee. Ryan is active in the Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church and is a volunteer coach for many recreational youth sports in Seward. Upon graduation, Ryan plans to utilize his degrees to pursue a leadership role in the water industry. In addition, he aspires to bring a higher level of certification training to the State of Nebraska.

Once again the Scholarship Committee thanks Dr. Xu Li for his assistance in publicizing the availability of the scholarships, 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:**

As a carryover from 2013, the Scholarship Committee plans to review the current application for the Colonel Theodore A. Liesen Scholarship and make revisions as deemed necessary by the committee. The committee would like to reevaluate what type of student the scholarship will target.

Award the 2014 Colonel Theodore A. Liesen Scholarship(s).

**Budget Expenditures for 2013:**

Abel Wolmen - \$1,000 (assumed)  
Poster Board Competition - \$1,000 (assumed)  
Stockholm Water Prize - \$500 (assumed)  
Students - \$3,000  
Top Ops - \$3,300 (assumed)

**Budget Request for 2014 (include a short justification):**

Abel Wolmen - \$1,000  
Poster Board Competition - \$1,000  
Stockholm Water Prize - \$500  
Students - \$3,000  
Top Ops - \$3,000

**Other Items:**

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION  
2012 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**Committee:** Water for People **Date:** 10/31/2013

**Chair:** Christian New **Vice Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Members:** 8 **Active Members:** 8

**Executive Board Liaison:** Ben Day

**List of Active Members:** Ben Day, Brittany Travers, Craig Reinsch, Glenn Dostal, Patrick Harlan, Tim Mundorf, Teresa Konda, John Frecker-Meng.

**When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?**

1 Conference Call in January; Event Coordinator meetings prior to Golf Outing in May and Shotgun Event in Octobers: Annual Planning Meeting at Fall Conference.

**Proposed Changes in Committee Membership: None.**

**Deliverables/Activities:** Golf Outing (raised \$6,167), Sporting Clay Event (raised \$918), Raffle Ticket Sales at the Fall Conference (estimated); \$1,500 for an estimated total of \$8,585.

**How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?**

Continued support, attendance at activities and selling more raffle tickets.

**Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:**

Begin utilizing committee members more to manage events/expand fund raising horizon.  
Develop Nebraska Water for People Website  
Explore ways to expand revenue outside of AWWA and NWEA

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Golf Outing Goal:</b>        | <b>\$6,500.</b> |
| <b>Sporting Clay Event Goal</b> | <b>\$2,000.</b> |
| <b>Raffle Goal</b>              | <b>\$1,500.</b> |
| <b>Total:</b>                   | <b>10,000.</b>  |

**Budget Expenditures for 2013:**

Annual Water for People Conference, Denver, CO (July 2013). Not attended due to scheduling conflicts.

**Budget Request for 2013 (include a short justification):**

\$1,000 for Annual Water for People Conference, Denver, CO (July 2014); \$100 operating budget. Keep abreast of Water for People activities across the nation and progress with water systems across the globe.

**Other Items:** None.

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION  
2012 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**Committee:** Water Utility Council   **Date:** 11/8/2013

**Chair:** Jerry Obrist-Jim Shields   **Vice Chair:** \_\_\_\_TBA\_\_

**Total Members:** \_\_8\_\_   **Active Members:** \_\_8\_\_

**Executive Board Liaison:** \_Eric Lee\_\_\_\_\_

**List of Active Members:** Jerry Obrist, Chad Roberts, David Lathrop, John Olsson  
Glenn Dostal, Jim Shields, Marc Rosso, Milo Rust

**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 March 7 & 8, 2012.

**Proposed Changes in Committee Membership:**

None at this time.

**Deliverables/Activities:**

- Annual AWWA Fly-In on Water Issues—(see attachments)
- 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.

On a national scale, several items were accomplished:

- In April 2013, AWWA/WEF sponsored a “Water Issued Fly-In” to Washington D.C. to review water/wastewater issues currently before Congress. Visits were made to the Nebraska delegation to ask for their support on:

**The Water Infrastructure Finance Innovations Act (WIFIA)**

We visited all five of Nebraska’s congressional offices. All 3 committee members also attended the Nebraska Delegation breakfast on Wednesday morning, 4/17, and visited with members of the Delegation.

**I have also attached the detailed issue papers to this report**

**How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?**

Work with our committee to sign up Utility Operators/Managers to our committee.

**Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:**

- Annual AWWA Fly-In in April 2014.
- Finance, along with AWWA, the Section's Water Utility Council members to the AWWA Annual Fly-In meeting in Washington, D.C.
- Continued e-mails and discussion on current Water Issues and Legislation/Regulations

**Budget Expenditures for 2013:**

- \$2200 for Fly-in

**Budget Request for 2013 (include a short justification):**

- \$2,250 – Cover cost of AWWA Fly-In

**Other Items:**

# Evaluating the Affordability of Federal Water-Related Mandates

## Action Requested:

Raise awareness of the challenges many American communities face in affording federal water-related mandates, and of EPA's well-meaning, but deficient steps toward evaluating affordability challenges.

## Background

Federal water-related mandates can impose significant financial hardships on American communities. Unfortunately, it is generally the least fortunate Americans – those living near or below the poverty level – who are most heavily and adversely affected by these mandates. Because American communities have limited resources, EPA needs to be careful that the investments it requires of American communities address the most important risks to public health and the environment in ways that deliver maximum benefits at the most affordable cost.

To help identify when its mandates might cause undue economic stress, EPA employs affordability criteria to determine when its actions may cause undue economic hardship. For drinking water, EPA assesses the national-level cost of meeting new standards in small communities, while under the Clean Water Act, EPA reviews the cost of agency enforcement actions in particular communities.

If EPA considered more robust affordability criteria, and if the agency could moderate its mandates in response, the economic hardship imposed on lower-income households could be alleviated in many communities. But while EPA should be commended for its openness in attempting to address this important issue, there are several critical limitations to how it defines affordability and applies its criteria. Then too, EPA often lacks flexibility under the law to make adjustments to schedules and mandates that are equal to the affordability challenge facing our communities.

It should be noted that EPA is currently attempting to deal with some affordability concerns through its June 2012 Integrated Municipal Wastewater and Stormwater Planning Approach Framework, which offers the possibility of a longer compliance period. While promising and commendable, this Framework primarily relies upon an inadequate measure – median household income (MHI) – as its main affordability metric, and is limited to Clean Water Act permit and enforcement actions. Under the Integrated Planning Framework, EPA has not committed to considering drinking water investments or investments needed to replace aging water and wastewater infrastructure, which add significantly to the overall cost of water service in many communities.

## EPA's Assessment of Affordability for Drinking Water Regulations

EPA's consideration of affordability in the context of potable water supply is limited to assessing the national-level affordability of regulatory options for small communities. EPA does not consider the affordability of drinking water requirements in any manner that pertains to specific utilities, their regulatory targets, or the timing of compliance. EPA has stated that it would consider a national drinking water regulation to be unaffordable nationwide if it would result in a household drinking water bill in excess of 2.5% of the nationwide average MHI for communities with populations less than 10,000 people. To date, EPA has never made this finding. If it did, the agency would be required to identify feasible technologies that are affordable for small communities. If EPA made an un-affordability finding and identified an alternative technology or control technique, states could grant approval for small systems to use that alternative (called a variance) on a case-by-case basis. Variances are subject to review and approval by EPA. States can also grant a temporary extension of compliance deadlines (called an exemption) on a case-by-case basis. States consider the process for issuing exemptions and variances to be extremely burdensome and they are seldom granted.

## EPA's Affordability Analysis for Clean Water Actions

For Clean Water Act-related enforcement actions, EPA undertakes a two-part analysis to assess whether mandates to a particular community would cause significant and widespread economic hardship. The analysis is divided into two parts:

1. A "preliminary screen" examines affordability in terms of impacts to local households, using a factor called the Residential Indicator (RI). The RI weighs the average per household cost of wastewater bills relative to median household income in the service area. EPA deems that a Residential Indicator of 2% or greater means that the community is likely to experience economic hardship in complying with the Agency mandate.
2. A "secondary screen" examines metrics related to the financial capability of the impacted utility. This screen applies a Financial Capability Indicator (FCI), involving a score that reflects the average of six economic factors. These factors include the community's bond rating, its net debt, its median household income, the local unemployment rate, the service area's property tax burden, and its property tax collection rate. A lower FCI score implies weaker economic conditions and thus an increased likelihood that an enforcement action will cause substantial and widespread economic impact on the community.

The Residential Index and the Financial Capability Indicator are ultimately combined into an overall rating. This overall rating is intended to demonstrate the overall level of financial burden imposed on a community by compliance with water quality mandates.

## **The Limitations of EPA's Approach**

Some of the limitations of EPA's approach to assessing the affordability of drinking water regulations are obvious: first, larger communities are assumed to be able to afford anything. And second, the national average cost to small communities is held low if many small communities aren't affected by the standard in question. This is often the case, because most contaminants don't occur in all small communities. But such a standard can carry a huge cost for those communities that are affected.

With respect to both drinking water and wastewater, a key limitation to EPA's assessment of affordability concerns the use of median household income. MHI can be a highly misleading indicator of a community's ability to pay higher water bills, for many reasons. Among others:

MHI is a poor indicator of economic distress and bears little relationship to poverty or other measures of economic need within a community. For example, analysis of MHI and poverty data for the 100 largest cities in the United States shows that for 21 cities identified as having an MHI within \$3,000 of the 2010 national MHI (\$50,046), there is no discernible relationship between MHI and the incidence of poverty.

MHI does not capture impacts across the entire income distribution. In many cities, income levels are not clustered around the median, but are spread over a wide income range. Many people may be clustered far below the median income – say, in the bottom quintile – so that large numbers of people living nearer the bottom of the income range must struggle with higher water bills that look affordable at the median.

Income distribution can vary widely across different districts and neighborhoods. The economic hardship associated with increasing water and wastewater bills is often concentrated in a few lower-income neighborhoods, a factor missed completely by looking only at community-level MHI.

These limitations are illustrated by a real example: in one city studied, the federal storm water mandate would be judged a mandate to be affordable based on city-wide MHI. But the lowest quintile of the households in that city – people living at or below the poverty level – would be required to pay over 9% of their income for water service. It is virtually certain that many households in that city would face painful and damaging tradeoffs – such as not going to the doctor or not buying medicine – in order to afford a water bill that would be judged to be affordable based on MHI.

EPA's Financial Capability Indicator (FCI) is also flawed:

EPA looks only at property tax revenues as a percentage of full market property value (FMPV) as its measure of local tax effort. This ignores income taxes, sales taxes, business taxes, and user fees typically charged for city services, and leads to a significant understatement of local tax effort in cities that rely on multiple forms of taxation.

The secondary screening analysis includes measures of local MHI and unemployment compared to the national average. By focusing on how these measures compare with the current national levels, EPA fails to acknowledge the absolute value of the indicators. For example, if the national unemployment rate is 9%, a community with an unemployment rate of 10% is considered by EPA as having only a "mid-range" unemployment problem. In fact an unemployment rate of 10% is likely to be a severe stress to any community.

EPA does not consider the longer-term needs facing many municipalities for reinvestment and renewal of water and wastewater infrastructure due to the current system's age and condition. As documented by the American Water Works Association's Buried No Longer report (covering drinking water infrastructure only), these needs are real, pressing, and substantial.

### **Conclusion**

It is important that EPA consider the affordability of implementing Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act mandates, and the agency should be commended for developing a system to do so. However, current EPA practices unreasonably narrow the scope of its affordability analysis. The result is often an inadvertent "environmental justice" issue as real and significant hardship is created for Americans with the lowest incomes.

The American Water Works Association and the Water Environment Federation offer this paper to raise awareness about this important issue. We hope to spark a national conversation that leads to specific changes in current policy.

## **Water Infrastructure Bonds Need Protection**

### **Actions Requested:**

- Protect tax-exempt municipal bonds
- Restore and protect Build America Bond payments to water utilities.
- Remove water infrastructure projects from the annual state volume caps for private activity bonds.

### **Background:**

In 2012, AWWA released a report titled, “Buried No Longer: Confronting America’s Water Infrastructure Challenge,” which revealed that restoring existing water systems as they reach the end of their useful lives and expanding them to serve a transient population will cost at least \$1 trillion over the next 25 years. Please note that this \$1 trillion is only for buried drinking water assets. Need for above-ground facilities, waste water, storm water, and other water-related investments are at least as large, and must be added to reflect the true magnitude of the water investment needs we face.

A challenge this large calls for a variety of tools in the infrastructure finance toolbox. Local rates and charges will always be the backbone of water utility finance. However, when large amounts of capital are needed many communities must seek other financing tools. In some cases, this involves the state revolving loan fund program, and hopefully in the future, a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Authority. Another extremely valuable finance tool is provided by tax exempt municipal bonds.

### **Municipal Bonds**

Tax-exempt municipal bonds have been one of the key finance tools available to water utilities, and at least 70% of U.S. utilities rely on them to some degree. Because the interest on these bonds is exempt from federal taxation, the bonds carry lower interest rates than commercial bonds – thus lowering costs for the utility and for all who pay a water bill in that community. Moreover, municipal bonds provide relatively quick access to capital and are generally unencumbered by red tape. They often provide the core funding for water infrastructure projects.

We know that in the current fiscal climate, many tax issues are on the table in Washington. One of those may be the degree to which higher-income earners can utilize the tax-exempt features of municipal bonds. In the experience of utility managers, a large share of the purchases of tax-exempt municipal bonds are made by those very higher-income earners. If they are denied tax-exempt interest from municipal bonds, the result for utility finance would be devastating. No other financing vehicle is as flexible for utilities as these bonds. We join several groups of state and local elected officials in urging you to protect the current exemption of municipal bond interest from federal taxation.

### **Build America Bonds**

As you know, many utilities issued Build America Bonds (BABs) on the promise of federal payments to the utility designed to make those bonds at least as attractive to the issuer and buyers as traditional tax-exempt debt instruments. Now utilities have been notified by the Treasury that BAB payments must be reduced in order to comply with the sequester. We urge you in the strongest possible terms to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that no reduction in Build America Bond payments to utilities occurs. Reducing such payments to utilities now after bonds have been issued represents a grossly unfair breach of the promise made by the United States when Build America Bonds were first issued. Promised payments should be restored and protected against future cuts.

### **Private Activity Bonds**

Another tool that could help meet our water infrastructure investment needs is greater use of private activity bonds (PABs). Currently, tax-exempt private activity bonds for public water and wastewater infrastructure projects are subject to state-by-state volume caps and must compete against projects in other critical sectors such as housing and education. This severely limits the amount of PABs that can be issued for water and wastewater infrastructure projects, which are usually less visible than other types of infrastructure. To encourage public-private partnerships and reduce financing costs, PABs for community water systems should be taken out from under the state PAB volume cap, in the same way that PABs for solid waste projects were removed in the 1986 Tax Reform Act.

In summary, we urge you to protect the federal tax exemption of municipal bond interest, restore and protect promised payments to the issuers of Build America Bonds, and remove water projects from the state volume cap on Private Activity Bonds.



## **The SRFs and WIFIA -- Valuable, Complementary Finance Tools**

### **Actions Requested:**

- House and Senate: Support funding for drinking water and wastewater state revolving loan fund programs of at least the FY 2012 approved levels of \$1.466 billion and \$917.9 million, respectively;
- Senate: Vote for S. 601, the Water Resources Development Act, which contains a pilot program for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Authority (WIFIA);
- House: Support introduction of legislation authorizing a WIFIA.

### **Background:**

Water infrastructure is vital to our nation's well-being for a variety of reasons. Water infrastructure protects public health and the environment, supports the local and national economies, protects us from fires, creates jobs, and brings us a better quality of life. Moreover, the US Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) estimates that for every dollar spent on water infrastructure, about \$2.62 is generated in the private economy. And for every job added in the water workforce, the BEA estimates 3.68 jobs are added to the national economy.

While communities are best served by water utilities that are self-sustaining through local rates and charges, there are times when an investment in infrastructure is required that is too large to be accommodated affordably in a short time frame using only local rates and charges.

### **State Revolving Loan Funds (SRFs)**

State revolving loan funds (SRFs) have been excellent tools for providing support for water infrastructure. The SRFs provide much-needed support for both drinking water and wastewater utilities, thus assisting in the fundamental protection of public health and the environment, particularly for small to medium-sized communities. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) are the anchors for federal investment in water infrastructure. It is vitally important that these successful programs be maintained and strengthened.

We urge Congress to ensure that funding for the CWSRF and DWSRF is maintained at the FY 2012 levels of \$1.466 billion and \$917.9 million, respectively.

### **A New Approach: The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Authority**

The Drinking Water SRF in particular was authorized to support projects necessary for regulatory compliance and must give highest priority to projects where there is the most immediate threat to public health. This often rules out using SRF funds to replace aging infrastructure unless that is necessary to ensure compliance with drinking water standards. Clean Water Act requirements, including Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO), mandates, can overwhelm the ability of the CWSRFs to offer meaningful support in many cases.

An additional tool is needed that can support large, regional water and wastewater projects at a small long-term cost to the federal government. The new tool must be designed to complement – not replace – the SRFs. That tool is the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Authority (WIFIA). Lowering the cost of borrowing by 2.5 percent on a 30-year loan reduces the lifetime project cost by over 25 percent, the same result as a 25-percent grant. These savings for local borrowers can significantly accelerate needed water infrastructure investment by making it more affordable for utilities and their customers.

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works has addressed the challenge of financing large, regional projects and sent to the full Senate S. 601, the Water Resources Development Act of 2013. Title X of this bill would create a pilot program for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Authority (WIFIA).

WIFIA would assist communities in meeting the nation's water infrastructure needs in a manner that minimizes the cost to the federal government while complementing the SRFs and other financing mechanisms, maintaining the current federal role, leveraging private capital, and creating vital manufacturing and construction jobs. WIFIA would access funds from the U.S. Treasury at long-term Treasury rates and use those funds to provide loans, loan guarantees, or other credit support for water infrastructure projects. Loan repayments – with interest – would flow back to WIFIA and thence back into the Treasury.

Eligible water infrastructure projects would include drinking water, waste water, storm water, water reuse and desalination, and similar projects, and associated water infrastructure replacement and rehabilitation.

Under S. 601, WIFIA would have the authority to:

- Provide direct loans, loan guarantees, and lines of credit for large water infrastructure projects, with a minimum loan size of \$20 million. That ensures that WIFIA complements but does not replace the SRF program by specifically focusing on larger projects that may be unable to access capital through the SRFs.
- Provide state authorities with the ability to apply for a WIFIA loan to fund an aggregation of smaller projects. This allows states to utilize WIFIA to leverage existing SRF resources.

One of WIFIA's key features is the minimal long-term cost to the federal government and the high leverage available against the federal appropriation. Under the Federal Credit Reform Act, a federal entity can provide credit assistance to the extent that Congress annually appropriates budget authority to cover the "subsidy cost" of the loan, i.e. the net long-term cost of the loan to the federal government. In this way, Congress directly controls the amount of lending – but appropriated funds support many times their value in low-interest loans, ensuring that the program is efficient, effective, and highly leveraged.

We urge you to support legislation to fully reauthorize the Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF and the enactment of WIFIA legislation similar to that reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## 2013 COMMITTEE REPORT

**Committee:** Young Professionals **Date:** September 25, 2013

**Chair:** Justin Stine, Craig Reinsch **Vice Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Members:** 10 **Active Members:**

**Executive Board Liaison:**

**List of Active Members:**

Justin Stine, Rory Sudbeck, Craig Reinsch, Teresa Konda, Andrew Synhorst, Jeff Hubby, Brittany Travers, Billy Kaufhold, David Stuart, Jake Miriovsky

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

Primarily through email dialogs. Also sub-committee phone calls or emails for specific events. Also had master planning call early spring to outline direction for the year. Discussions at the annual meeting are also beneficial.

**Proposed changes in committee membership:**

We will need to identify a new chair going forward beyond the next year as Craig and Justin are beginning to hit the age limit for the group.

**Deliverables/Activities:**

PVC Pipe Lunch and Facility Tour – Diamond Plastics, Grand Island, NE (April)  
WTF Tour and Social – Platte West WTF, Omaha, NE (April)  
WTF Tour and Social – Florence WTF, Omaha, NE (October)  
Poker Tournament at Annual Conference – Kearney, NE (November)

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

**Plans/Projects for upcoming year:**

None firm at this time. Continued coordination with NWEA to grow the total groups with similar interests

**Anticipated Budget Expenditures for 2013:**

**Budget Request for 2014 (include a short justification)**

We request an allocation of \$500 for purchase of food expense at a social event, probably with the Student Chapter and to put together the poker event at the Fall Conference.

**Other Items**

## **NE AWWA**

### **Treasurers Report & Budget Report – November 6, 2013**

#### **Treasurers Report**

##### **Account Summary as of 10/29/13:**

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| - Checking Account      | \$36,339.09         |
| - Savings Account       | \$5,485.91          |
| - Pipe Workshop         | \$2,712.20          |
| Subtotal                | <b>\$44,537.20</b>  |
| - CD's Total            | \$65,129.97         |
| - Total of all Accounts | <b>\$109,667.17</b> |

##### **Fall Conference:**

As of the date of this report, \$14,330 has been deposited for Fall Conference registrations. Another packet of checks is to be provided by November 4<sup>th</sup>. Tony Bilek has provided checks for vendor registrations to be deposited totaling \$33,630, these have not yet been deposited as of the date of this report. Additional checks will be deposited as they are provided.

Distribution of proceeds to NWEA and NE APWA will be calculated and distributed once all expenses and revenue is accounted for.

#### **Budget Report**

##### **2013 Budget**

The current 2013 Budget as of 10/29/13 is attached.

Bookstore Allotment: \$600 has been used for educational publications, videos, and merchandise to give away at the Fall Conference.

##### **2014 Budget**

I have started to prepare the 2014 Budget. I have received budget requests from most committees but am still waiting on several.

##### **Submitted By:**

Ben Day, Treasurer

| NEBRASKA SECTION AWWA BUDGET 2013                |                 |               |               |                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                  | 2013 Actual     | Yr End Est    | 2013 Budget   |                                                                                                                                |
| <b>INCOME</b>                                    |                 |               |               |                                                                                                                                |
| Section Allotment                                | 11811           | 11841         | 12153         |                                                                                                                                |
| Association Allotment                            | 3189            | 3189          | 2847          |                                                                                                                                |
| Multi-section Allotment                          | 561             | 650           | 650           |                                                                                                                                |
| Annual Fall Conference                           | 8695            | 60000         | 60000         | Assumes \$13,000 over expenses - Confirm with lead for 2012 - AWWA Lead 2013, 2015, 2018                                       |
| Annual Fall Conference - Donation from Chamber   | 0               | 1000          | 1000          |                                                                                                                                |
| Interest on Accounts                             | 397.73          | 532           | 900           |                                                                                                                                |
| Advertising Income                               | 400             | 7000          | 7000          | 2013 Wise Water Words                                                                                                          |
| <b>Water for People</b>                          |                 |               |               |                                                                                                                                |
| Raffle - Fall Conference                         | 0               | 2300          | 2300          | Revenue Neutral                                                                                                                |
| Golf Event                                       | 11818           | 11818         | 10000         | Revenue Neutral                                                                                                                |
| Trap Event                                       | 1925            | 2100          | 2100          | Revenue Neutral                                                                                                                |
| Safety Committee                                 | 0               | 1300          | 1300          | 2 wrkshops                                                                                                                     |
| Special Project Funding                          | 0               | 0             | 0             |                                                                                                                                |
| WARN                                             | 0               | 0             | 0             |                                                                                                                                |
| Small Systems                                    | 0               | 250           | 250           |                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Education Committee</b>                       |                 |               |               |                                                                                                                                |
| Pipe Workshop (Biannual '10, '12, '14)           | 0               | 0             | 0             | Revenue Neutral; Asset management workshop in 2012                                                                             |
| Preconference (Biannual '11, '13, '15)           | 0               | 1800          | 1800          | Revenue Neutral                                                                                                                |
| SRF                                              | ?               | ?             | ?             | Status?                                                                                                                        |
| YP Poker Tournament                              | 0               | 1150          | 1150          | Revenue Neutral                                                                                                                |
| Miscellaneous                                    | 0               | 0             | 0             |                                                                                                                                |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                              | <b>38796.73</b> | <b>104930</b> | <b>103450</b> |                                                                                                                                |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                  |                 |               |               |                                                                                                                                |
| Safety Committee                                 | 1561.18         | 1600          | 1600          | 2 workshops & handouts; application mailing & congrats \$200                                                                   |
| Cross Connection Workshop                        | 0               | 2300          | 2300          | (Ultimate backflow challenge \$720, \$80 misc., \$1500 for LoNM contract)                                                      |
| <b>Education</b>                                 |                 |               |               |                                                                                                                                |
| Education Committee                              | 349             | 600           | 600           |                                                                                                                                |
| LONM/NSAWWA Seminars                             | 5000            | 5000          | 5000          |                                                                                                                                |
| Pipe Workshop ('10, '12, '14)                    | 0               | 0             | 0             | Revenue neutral; Asset m'gt workshop in 2012                                                                                   |
| Preconference ('11, '13, '15)                    | 0               | 1800          | 1800          | Revenue neutral based upon 2011 budget. 2013 budget request of \$1,000                                                         |
| Public Info Comm.                                | 376.09          | 500           | 500           | Budget Request                                                                                                                 |
| Small Systems Committee                          | 0               | 500           | 500           | No Expesne in 2012                                                                                                             |
| Director's Spouse or incomming (Meeting Expense) | 838.4           | 838.4         | 850           | \$510 for spouse spent in 2012, \$840 for incomming director in 2013                                                           |
| <b>Publications</b>                              |                 |               |               |                                                                                                                                |
| Wise Water Words                                 | 0               | 11000         | 11000         |                                                                                                                                |
| Membership Directory ('12, '14, '16)             | 0               | 0             | 0             |                                                                                                                                |
| Advertising                                      | 0               | 0             | 0             |                                                                                                                                |
| Student Activity                                 | 99.12           | 300           | 300           | \$72 was spent in 2011 on membership cost defray; (\$100 van for annual conf, \$100 mtgs at UNL, \$100 membership cost defray) |

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|----------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Membership                                               | 159.5   | 300     | 300   | \$277.54 was spent in 2011 on mailings; (\$455 was spent in 2011 for gold NSAWWA lapel pins) Committee request for 2013 - \$300                                                                                                                                              |
| Awards (non-safety or water contest)                     | 154.5   | 900     | 900   | 370 WISA & Meritorious Operator award forms mail out, 33 Fuller Award Plaque, 27 Fuller Award Pin, 70 Best in Show MAC, 108 AWWA Section Chair Plaque & Pin, 124 Six plaques, more awards expected in 2012; Mari Matulka had awards left over from 2010; \$100 Safety Awards |
| Water Research Foundation (WRF)                          | 0       | 1000    | 1000  | Send check at treasurer's convenience to: Ms Kay Priebe, Water Research Foundation, 6666 W Quincy Ave, Denver, CO 80235                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Regional Officer's Meeting/Officer Training</b>       |         |         |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Summer Leadership Workshop                               | 827.79  | 827.79  | 1500  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Membership Summit                                        | 0       | 750     | 750   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| WFP Workshop                                             | 0       | 1000    | 1000  | Budget Request Chris New                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Regional Officer Meetings                                | 1500    | 1500    | 3000  | \$1,500 approved from this budget for Mary Poe to attend ACE 2013                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Nebraska Hosting RSMO in 2016                            | 0       | 0       | 0     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Annual Meeting at Fall Conference                        | 0       | 850     | 850   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Annual Fall Conference Shared Expenses ('13, '15, '18, . | 985.47  | 47000   | 47000 | Cost center when NSAWWA is lead organization at annual conf                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Annual Fall Conference Distribution of Chamber Donatio   | 550     | 600     | 600   | Disbursement to other organizations for Kearney Chamber donation                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Water for People - Event Expenses</b>                 |         |         |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Raffle - Fall Conference                                 | 139.19  | 800     | 800   | Revenue neutral                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Golf Event                                               | 5651.14 | 5651.14 | 5500  | Revenue neutral                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Trap Event                                               | 1008    | 1008    | 300   | Revenue neutral                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Water for People - Donation WFP</b>                   |         |         |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Raffle - Fall Conference                                 | 0       | 1500    | 1500  | Revenue neutral                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Golf Event                                               | 6166.86 | 6166.86 | 4500  | Revenue neutral                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Trap Event                                               | 917     | 917     | 1800  | Revenue neutral                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| MAC Activities                                           | 0       | 200     | 200   | \$200 for Annual conference MAC Lottery                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Scholarships</b>                                      |         |         |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Abel Wolman                                              | 0       | 1000    | 1000  | Director gives check during Winter Mtg or ACE or just mail in; AWWA Executive Director, AWWA, 6666 W Quincy Ave, Denver, CO 80235                                                                                                                                            |
| Stockholm Water Prize                                    | 0       | 500     | 500   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Meter Madness                                            | 0       | 1000    | 1000  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Top Ops                                                  | 3000    | 3300    | 3300  | 2 to 3 people; \$3000/# of people up to expenses; \$255 Top Ops Cash prizes an annualc conference. Where does meter madness fit in???                                                                                                                                        |
| Poster Board Competition                                 | 0       | 1000    | 1000  | 1 person (registration is free)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Conference                                               | 0 ?     |         | 0     | ?????                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Leisen                                                   | 0       | 3000    | 3000  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| SRF                                                      | 0       | 0       | 0     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Young Professionals</b>                               |         |         |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| YP Activities Expenses                                   | 0       | 500     | 500   | 300 to 500 for group activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| YP Charity Event Expenses                                | 0       | 700     | 700   | YP Poker tournament; revenue neutral                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| YP Charity Donations                                     | 0       | 450     | 450   | Engineers without borders donation; revenue neutral                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Water Utility Council                                    | 980     | 980     | 800   | Registration at ACE & travel expenses, \$780 spent in 2012                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Nitrate Ad Hoc Committee                                 | 0       | 250     | 250   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| WARN                                                     | 300     | 750     | 750   | WARN newsletter as per Rick Melcher 11/30 Request                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Washington Fly-In                                        | 2076.67 | 2076.67 | 2200  | \$2131 spent in 2012                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

| <b>Business</b>                                 |                     |                       |                       |                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Conference Calls                                | 108.59              | 250                   | 250                   | \$177 was spent in 2011                                                |
| Web Site Hosting ('12, '14, '16)                | 0                   | 0                     | 0                     | For two year renewal                                                   |
| Web Site Registration                           | 0                   | 0                     | 0                     | Renews in 7/30/16                                                      |
| PO Box                                          | 54                  | 55                    | 55                    | \$44 in 2011                                                           |
| Bonds for treasurers (2)                        | 100                 | 125                   | 125                   | \$100 was spent in 2011                                                |
| Retreat (Annual)                                | 192.97              | 192.97                | 175                   | \$151.61 spent in 2012                                                 |
| Tax Prep (Annual)                               | 600                 | 600                   | 575                   |                                                                        |
| Secretary of State ('11, '13, '15, etc)         | 30                  | 30                    | 25                    |                                                                        |
| Audit ('10, '13, '16, etc)                      | 3000                | 3000                  | 2750                  | In 2010, \$2500 was spent                                              |
| Miscellaneous (pens, postage, envelopes)        | 0                   | 150                   | 150                   |                                                                        |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>                            | <b>\$ 36,725.47</b> | <b>\$ 115,318.83</b>  | <b>\$ 115,505.00</b>  |                                                                        |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                               | <b>\$ 2,071.26</b>  | <b>\$ (10,388.83)</b> | <b>\$ (12,055.00)</b> |                                                                        |
|                                                 |                     |                       |                       |                                                                        |
|                                                 |                     |                       |                       | All accounts accurate as of 10/29/13                                   |
| Preconference Savings Acct **                   | 0                   |                       |                       | XXXXXX9140                                                             |
| Pipe Workshop Savings Acct*                     | 2712.2              |                       |                       | XXXXXX6735                                                             |
| Savings Acct Balance                            | 5485.91             |                       |                       | XXXXXX8714                                                             |
| Checking Acct Balance                           | 36339.09            |                       |                       | XXXXXX9562                                                             |
| * transferred from checking to savings          | 1121.86             |                       |                       | 9.11.12                                                                |
| ** transferred from Preconf Savings to Checking | 3558.44             |                       |                       | 12.27.12 sent check to NRWA in the amount of \$3,285.16 for disburseme |
|                                                 |                     |                       |                       |                                                                        |
| 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                                                |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>40129.97</b>     |                       |                       |                                                                        |
|                                                 |                     |                       |                       |                                                                        |
| Reserve Goal \$40,000                           |                     |                       |                       |                                                                        |
|                                                 |                     |                       | Interest Rate         |                                                                        |
| 032912 Leisen Scholarship CD                    | 8333.00             |                       | 0.90%                 | TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXX5690                                                |
| 112912 Leisen Scholarship CD                    | 8334.00             |                       | 1.88%                 | TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXX5674                                                |
| 092916 Leisen Scholarship CD                    | 8333.00             |                       | 0.90%                 | TIME ACCOUNT XXXXXX5682                                                |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>25000.00</b>     |                       |                       |                                                                        |
|                                                 |                     |                       |                       |                                                                        |
| <b>Book Allotment Budget / Income</b>           |                     |                       | 600.00                |                                                                        |

**Director's Report**  
**AWWA – Annual Meeting – November 6, 2013 – Kearney, Nebraska**

- Past and Future Meetings of Note
- Updated AWWA Strategic Plan – adopted June 2013 (*handout provided*)
- Vice President Elections
- Advocacy – Tom Curtis on C Span – discussing Infrastructure and Gov't Spending  
<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/314107-5>
- Total Water Solutions: Caring About Every Drop, Everywhere – from AWWA Journal Aug. 2013 (*handout provided*)
- Value of Water Campaign  
<http://thevalueofwater.org>

Respectfully Submitted,

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Adopted June 2013

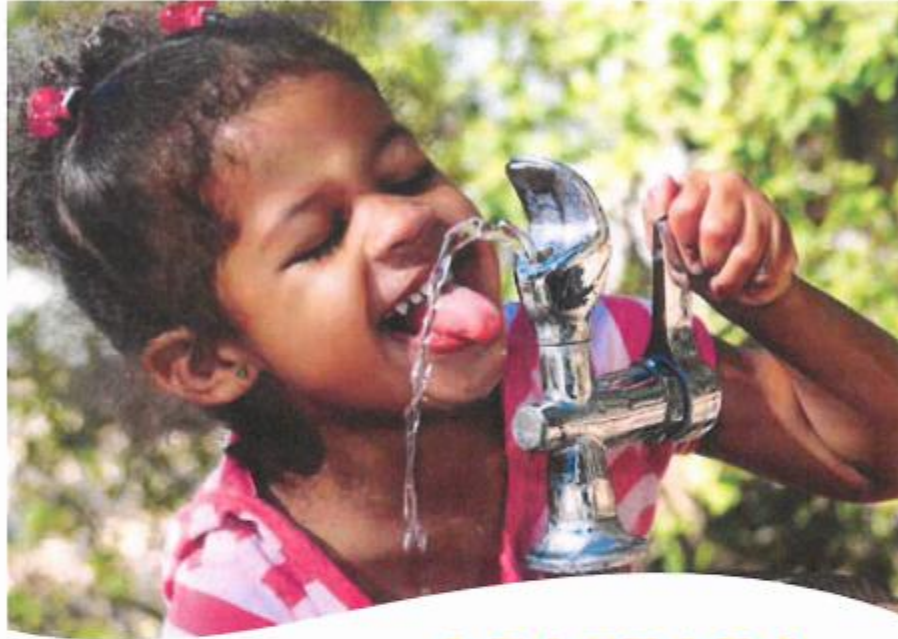


# AWWA

## Strategic Plan



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## Strategic Plan

### VISION

A better world through better water

### MISSION

Providing solutions to effectively manage water, the world's most important resource

### CORE PRINCIPLES

Protect Public Health

Safeguard the Environment

Pursue Excellence

Act with Integrity

Provide Value

Foster Diversity and Inclusion

| Strategic Goals                                                                                                                                       | Strategic Objectives                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <p><b>Member Engagement &amp; Development</b></p> <p>AWWA will be the association of choice for water utilities, professionals, and organizations</p> | <p>Enhance member understanding of the value of membership</p> <p>Increase the usage of member benefits</p> <p>Increase engagement of members with AWWA and each other</p> <p>Increase the number of memberships in strategic membership categories</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p><b>Organizational Stewardship</b></p> <p>AWWA will effectively and efficiently use its resources to serve its members and the water community</p>  | <p>Enhance the long-term viability of AWWA by enhancing revenue growth</p> <p>Enhance the effectiveness of the business relationship between the Association and its Sections</p> <p>Improve the alignment of the Association's program portfolio to meet member needs</p> <p>Increase investments in the Association's drinking water and total water solutions offerings</p> <p>Improve the effectiveness of the volunteer leadership in guiding the Association</p> <p>Improve the use of technology to create greater efficiency and effectiveness</p> |
| <p><b>Knowledge Creation &amp; Exchange</b></p> <p>AWWA will be the authoritative resource on water</p>                                               | <p>Expand the Association's knowledge resources to include additional drinking water and total water solutions in response to member needs</p> <p>Increase the coordination of educational programs and services between the Association and its Sections</p> <p>Increase the variety of distribution channels through which members can access AWWA knowledge resources</p> <p>Increase the relevancy of the Association's knowledge resources for global water professionals</p>                                                                         |
| <p><b>Water Policy &amp; Leadership</b></p> <p>AWWA will be recognized as the valued and credible voice for water</p>                                 | <p>Enhance AWWA's credibility with decision makers</p> <p>Increase public understanding of water issues and the value of water</p> <p>Enhance media understanding and trust of AWWA</p> <p>Increase Section and member participation in advancing the Association's water policy and leadership</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



## Total Water Solutions: Caring About Every Drop, Everywhere

**A**s committed water professionals, we aspire to create a better world through better water. This goal is uniformly shared—whether you are on the drinking water side or the wastewater side, whether you work to recycle and reuse water, capture the benefits of stormwater, promote efficient use of water, or you interact with water somewhere else along its cycle.

Like a river that is constantly transforming, the water profession has changed over the years. Although today's water professional may have an area of focus, we're not so easily identified as just drinking water, wastewater, or reuse professionals. Current challenges force us to take a broader view and recognize the connectedness of each phase of the water cycle. As a result, we understand that at no time does water stop being valuable.

Clearly, most communities cannot forever rely on a single source to meet drinking water demand. So today's drinking water professional must view *all* water—not just surface water and groundwater—as a potential source of supply. Wastewater, stormwater, reclaimed water, and conserved water are all among the valuable resources in a modern utility's water supply portfolio, and it is important to understand their unique qualities and characteristics.

As the water profession evolves, AWWA must also grow as an association in order to continue our legacy of helping water professionals. AWWA's recent member surveys provide valuable insights into the needs of today's water professional. I'd like to share with you some of what we've learned.

You all are engaged in some facet of drinking water, but that's not all you do. Nearly 60% of you said you were involved in both drinking water and wastewater activity. Similarly, 54–63% of AWWA utility members, depending on utility size, provide both water and wastewater services.

But it doesn't stop there. AWWA members are also very involved in water reuse. Nearly a third called out water reuse as among their top five areas of interest. If you look at students and young professionals—our future—the interest in water reuse is even higher.

So what does this mean for AWWA? Well, the answer is not difficult. Our members are engaged in and already look to AWWA for solutions to effectively manage water. Our goal is to help provide resources—products, services, professional networks and more—so that our members can do their work better and with confidence. So here's an easy way to think about the AWWA of 2013 and beyond.

As AWWA members, we care about every drop of water, everywhere—in the ground, in our streams and waterways,

in drinking water treatment plants and distribution systems, at the taps of every home, at wastewater facilities, and back into the environment.

We care about water at its source, whether deep in the ground or in lakes, rivers, reservoirs, or reuse plants. We want information that helps us effectively manage supplies for expanding populations, to protect sources from pollution, to prepare for and respond to droughts, to conserve and educate.

We care about the water that we treat, distribute, reuse, conserve, and clean. We want trustworthy standards that ensure materials, equipment, and practices are of high quality. We want manuals that encourage practices that lead to effective and efficient utilities. And we want representation and information to help comply with regulations and protect public health. AWWA, through the power of volunteer members, will provide these standards, manuals, and regulatory assistance.

As modern water professionals, you recognize that all water is connected directly or indirectly to drinking water. In response, AWWA is doing what it does best: investing in practical and indispensable products and services, standards and manuals, monthly publications, education programs and conferences, and online and in-person networks that address not only drinking water, but all water sources that affect drinking water. In doing so, we can provide our members with what we call Total Water Solutions.

It might surprise some of you that AWWA is already delivering products and services far beyond the realm of drinking water. For example, we have nearly 60 wastewater-related standards, 14 wastewater manuals of practice, nearly 50 wastewater books, and many other wastewater learning opportunities. We also have nearly 60 standards, 12 manuals of practice, and numerous handbooks, webcasts, DVDs, and other materials that address water reuse. Most important, AWWA has many technical committees of smart volunteers who are also working to provide you with Total Water Solutions.

I want to assure you that AWWA has heard you, and we are committed to providing you with the solutions you need—wherever you intersect with water, the world's most important resource.

If you have any comments or concerns, please write me at [OpenChannel@awwa.org](mailto:OpenChannel@awwa.org).