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Nebraska Section American Water Works Association

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Date: March 17th, 2014 at 9:00 am

Location: Grand Island Nebraska – 201 E 2nd St

Board Meeting Agenda

- Roll Call
- Approval of last Board Meeting minutes (November 6, 2013)
- Chair's Report – Update on Chair Initiatives
 - Update mission statement
 - Explore benchmarking for water/wastewater utilities
 - Create on select template bank for water/wastewater SOPs & Policy
- Director's Report.
- Treasurer's Report.
- Committee reports.

Old Business:

- Special Event Insurance Option March 18th Webinar
- Dates of interest – RMSO, Summer Workshop, ACE, BOD Meetings
- Obtain agreement to with joint organization for releasing fall conference list of attendees – Just names & employers
- \$50 million fund to manage water resources in Nebraska
- August retreat yes/no?
- Award's winners on website

New Business:

- Floridagate University Water Training Offer
- Open to discussion by members for any improvements to the Section, Board or Committees

Next Meeting(s):

May 9th 9:30 am to 12 pm, Eagle Nebraska followed by Charity Golf Event

Adjournment:

NSAWWA BOD Meetings

May 9:30 am to 12:00 pm (before Golf Charity event - location TBD)

July 9:30 am to 12 pm Grand Island Olsson Associates, 201 E 2nd St, Grand Island

August 9th Retreat 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Place TBD)

September 11th 9:30 am to 12:00 pm (place TBD)

November 7th, Kearney Annual Conference

Other Important Dates

? 2013 Conference Fall Joint Conference Debrief

April 16th thru 17th (Actual date & time TBD) 3 Party Talks Great Plains Conf. LaVista

March 7th & 8th - RSMO Region IV - Nebraska's Region - Salt Lake City Utah

April 4th & 5th - RSMO Region III - Des Moines Iowa

June 8-12th ACE - Boston Massachusetts

July 23 & 24, Summer Workshop

Annual Joint Conference Thursday & Friday November 7th & 8th

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Location: LoNM, 1355 L St, Lincoln

Board Meeting Agenda

- Roll Call
- Approval of last Board Meeting minutes (November 6, 2013)
- Chair's Report.
- Director's Report.
- Treasurer's Report.
- Committee reports.

Old Business:

New Business:

Open to discussion by members for any improvements to the Section, Board or Committees

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March 17th 9 to 12 pm Grand Island Olsson Associates, 201 E 2nd St, Grand Island

Adjournment:

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Draft Board Meeting Minutes January 23, 2014
Nebraska Section American Water Works Association

Board Chair David Lathrop called the meeting to order @ 0931 hours. The meeting was held at the LoNM, 1355 L St. in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Board Members, Committee Chairs and Visitors present:

Board Chair: David Lathrop

Chair Elect: Doug Woodbeck

Vice Chair: Ben Day

Secretary: Chad Roberts

Treasurer: Eric Melcher

Trustee: Mary Poe

Trustee: Milo Rust via Call In

Trustee: Jim Shields

Trustee: Eric Lehman - Absent

Past Chair: Eric Lee

Director: John Olsson

Committee Chairs: Rich Koenig, Kevin Tobin, John Keith, Marc Rosso

Other attendees: Mike Wentink

The **November 6, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes** were reviewed. Jim Shields noted his name was misspelled; Chad will correct this for the final draft.

Doug Woodbeck motioned to approve the minutes, second by Jim Shields. Unanimous approval.

Chair's Report: See attached report from David Lathrop.

Treasurer's Report: See attached report from Ben Day and Eric Melcher. Ben and Eric will look into the storage of older records. Eric will keep the files of the past couple of years, the older files shall be stored with Archive and History Files.

Ben updated the Board on the Funds and Disbursements from the Fall Conference. There is an outstanding invoice from the Fall Conference, \$300 from Pennsylvania Pump. Ben would like the Board to look into the idea of increasing the registration fee for the Fall Conference.

Doug Woodbeck motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jim Shields seconded the motion.

Unanimous approval.

Director's Report: See attached report from John Olsson.

John attended the Director's Meeting in Austin Texas. John expressed an idea of an election for our section for open Officer Positions. We have nominated most of our new Officers for our section. We could have an election page posted on our website for anyone interested in running for an open position.

Mary questioned her term as Trustee; the website is incorrect with regards to her end date. Her end date is 2014, this will be corrected. Eric Lee will review the bi laws on trustee terms and positions. Milo Rust was reelected as a Trustee this past year, he is on his second 2 year term will an end date of 2015. This year, Mary Poe (finishing 2nd term) and Jim Shields (finishing 1st term) will be up for elections at this year's Conference.

Doug Woodbeck motioned to approve the Director's Report. Jim Shields seconded the motion. Unanimous approval. Report was presented and approved during the Business Meeting.

Committee Reports:

Archive & History: Committee Chair - Kevin Tobin Liaison - Eric Lee

Kevin Tobin presented a way to store yearly records, pictures, conference information, and financial reports. A dated file box will be given to the Chair at the beginning of their term. During their term, the Chair shall store all files in this box. When their term ends, the box shall be turned over and stored with other Archive and History Files.

Audit: Committee Chair - David Lathrop Liaison - Eric Melcher

David Lathrop will review financial reports during the year. Our outside Audit was completed last year, therefore David will conduit our inside Audit during the year.

Awards: Committee Chair - Dennis Watts Liaison - Doug Woodbeck

No report. Chad Roberts reminded the Board to submit individuals for Section and National Awards. There are a lot of deserving individuals in Nebraska that should be recognized.

Budget: Committee Chair - Eric Melcher Liaison - Ben Day

See report from Ben Day and Eric Melcher. Budget for 2014 was presented to the Board. This is not the final as we are finalizing with all committees. This budget will be ready for approval at the March meeting. Mary note a correction, RSMO, this should be RMSO.

David asked who would like to attend the RSMO, Summer Workshop and other AWWA Meetings. Doug Woodbeck is interested in attend the RMSO in Salt Lake City. If anyone is interested to attend this or other meeting please contact David.

Cross-Connection Control: Committee Chair - Rich Koenig Liaison - Chad Roberts

See attached report from Rich Koenig.

Education: Committee Chair - John Keith Liaison - Doug Woodbeck

See attached report from John Keith.

Fall Conference: Committee Chair Doug Woodbeck - Liaison - David Lathrop

A meeting will be held late February or early March to review the past Fall Conference. Doug will look into a list of announcements to be added to the duties of the moderators.

Fuller Award: Committee Chair - Glenn Dostal Liaison - John Olsson

No report.

MAC: Committee Chair - Tony Bilek Liaison - Jim Shields

No report.

Membership: Committee Chair - Marc Rosso Liaison - Eric Lee

See attached report from Marc Rosso.

Nominations: Committee Chair - Eric Lee Liaison -

No report. David Lathrop did appoint the following to the Nomination Committee, Mary Poe, John Olsson, and Eric Lee.

Public Information: Committee Chair - Mary Poe Liaison -

Events at the Fall Conference went very well. The Children's Poster contest was a new event; children from Kearney Schools submitted the posters. Our plan is to maintain the same format of the events for next year's Fall Conference.

Publications: Committee Chair - Brian Gongol Liaison - Mary Poe

See attached report from Brian Gongol.

Safety: Committee Chair - Milo Rust Liaison - Rob Pierce

See attached report from Milo Rust.

Scholarship: Committee Chair - Jon Zellars Liaison - Jim Shields

No report.

Small Systems: Committee Chair - Eric Melcher Liaison - Ben Day

No report. Presently there is a workshop planned in Aurora with 3 others yet to be planned. Eric asked the Board about an idea of giving out a flashlight at these workshops.

Student Activities: Committee Chair - Dr. Xu Li Liaison - Ben Day

No report.

Water For People: Committee Chair - Christian New Liaison - Ben Day

See Attached report from Christian New. Note the fee for the shotgun fee for the insurance. This was looked into last year and the Board felt this was the proper way to protect the section and continue with this event.

Water Utility Council: Committee Chair - Jim Shields Liaison -

No report. Milo Rust, Jerry Obrist, and Jim Shields are signed up for the Fly In to Washington this year.

Young Professionals: Committee Chair - Justin Stine/Craig Reinsch Liaison - Mary Poe

No report.

Old Business: Do the SOPs need an annual review with possible updates or is it better to update the SOPs as needed. Would the Summer Retreat be a good time to review all SOPs? If we updated the SOPs during the Summer Retreat, would the Board vote on the updates during the September Board meeting? One idea was, to have the chair of the committees review their SOPs and highlight any updates. These updates would then be reviewed at the Summer Retreat.

New Business: Chad Roberts asked the Board for their input of electronic files vs. paper files. The Board agreed that paper is wasteful and not a "green" practice. To make this work

correctly, Chad will request committee report no later than 2 weeks before the Board meeting. Chad will then email the reports to all committee chairs and Board members 1 week before the Board meeting. We will try this for the meeting in March.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for March 17th, 2014 at 0900 hours to be held in Grand Island, Nebraska at Olsson Associates.

Adjournment: Jim Shields motioned to adjourn, Eric Lee second. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 1124 hours.

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Chair Report

3 Goals as Chair

1. Update mission statement
2. Explore benchmarking for water/wastewater utilities
3. Create template bank for water/wastewater SOPs & Policy

Chair Business

- Each Committee BOD Liaison
- Small Systems Committee

Old Business

- Special Event Insurance Option

New Business

1. Dates of interest – RMSO, Summer Workshop, ACE, BOD Meetings
2. Water Research Foundation Note of Thanks
3. Thank you note from water for people
4. Registration list of attendees – Just names & employers?
5. West Virginia Spill – 300,000 population affected
6. \$50 million fund to manage water resources in Nebraska
7. August retreat yes/no
8. Award's winners on website

Directors Report – January 23, 2014

Winter Board Meeting Update

Elections – Effective at ACE 2014

President Elect – Gene Koontz, Pennsylvania Section

Vice Presidents

Brenda Lennox, Pacific Northwest Section

Tom Moulton – Ontario Water Works Association

Warner Palermo – Puerto Rico Section

Lela Perkins – Rocky Mountain Section

Steve Shoaf – North Carolina Section

Director at Large – Uma Vempati, Minnesota Section

Service Provider Director at Large – Pete Samson, Ontario Water Works Association

Consent Agenda

Changes to Schedule for ACE and Winter Board Meeting

Policy Statements – Developing and Managing Water Resources (attachment)

Action Items – For Approval

A. AWWA/ASCE/EWB-USA – Alliance

AWWA members have the opportunity to participate in an exciting new program called Engineering For US. This is a domestic program initiated by an alliance between AWWA, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and Engineers Without Borders USA. These organizations wish to create a larger collaboration in which underserved communities in the United States have access to the technical expertise required to facilitate infrastructure projects to improve their quality of life. In addition, this alliance will create a cadre of engaged members who have access to a quality assurance / quality control system and educational resources to ensure these projects are done in a manner which is appropriate in the regulatory environment within the United States.

Mission – Bringing communities and engineering leaders together to advance local infrastructure solutions.

Vision – The partnership's vision is a country where underserved communities have access to the technical expertise required to ensure the infrastructure capacity to meet their needs.

Alignment with AWWA Strategic Plan – Elements of this alliance and program fit within all four of AWWA's 2013 strategic goals. Most significantly, this program will create opportunities for membership engagement and organizational stewardship. Members will have the opportunity to work together to improve conditions in underserved communities, and as these projects address a range of infrastructure needs, both the investment in total water solutions and the resources available to the Association will grow.

B. India Initiative

For six years, AWWA has been actively attending and participating in meetings in India,

primarily the attendance at the India Water Works Association (IWWA) meeting. In addition, AWWA gave IWWA permission for 24 standards to be printed and sold in India. The results of the relationship with IWWA have not met AWWA's expectations. In November 2013 AWWA conducted an exploratory trip to India to determine the viability of opening an AWWA office in India. The trip included meeting with approximately 150 water professionals over the course of 10 days. Through research, the development of the attached business case and the exploratory trip findings the major needs of the India water sector in India are:

- Maintenance of infrastructure and delivery systems;

- Water availability;

- Contamination of water sources

- Water loss due to poorly maintained and controlled infrastructure and theft; and

- Training of management and operators

As outlined more completely in the attached business case AWWA has several opportunities and challenges if it elects to establish an office in India. Among the opportunities is the fact that AWWA's brand is well recognized, AWWA's manuals of Practice and standards are already used and that there is a small group of passionate AWWA members in India. There are also many challenges and risks. Chief among those are: the geographical distance between AWWA and India, a lack of proven "in - country" membership model, the bureaucracy of the India's government and concern about utility affordability and travel limitations.

Miscellaneous Discussion - Value of Water

The Value of Water Campaign continues to remain at the forefront of Association led activities. About an hour or more of time was dedicated to talking about the level of support that could be provided as well as the best means to convey the message in the years and decades ahead.

"The Value of Water Coalition is made up of both public and private members of the water industry, who have come together at a time when our water infrastructure is at risk. We aim to educate the public on the importance of clean, safe, and reliable water to and from every home and community, and to help ensure quality water service for future generations."

A straw poll suggested that most of the attendees are willing to get behind some type of financing mechanism to further support the effort and push the goals and objectives deeper into the fabric of communities at large.

Respectfully Submitted,
John S. Olsson
Nebraska Section Director

To: NSAWWA Board
From: John Keith, Chair
Education Committee
Date: January 23, 2014

Education Committee Report

Committee Members

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

Happenings

1. In 2013 LONM had 20 workshops with 387 operators in attendance and avg. of 20.3 per meeting. (457 meals paid for counting speakers, state workers, Steve Kelley and Rob Pierce at each meeting)

This number is up from past years, for a couple reasons, a renewal year and rural water no longer has free workshops as they charge \$40-50 and don't provide meals. We charge \$35 which probably needs raised, as we increased from \$25 to \$35 in 2007. That year we also raised the backflow meetings to \$40 in 2007, due to size of the Grand Island meeting and having it in a hotel which makes expenses substantially higher.

Comparison to past years
2010 Avg. 18.0 (20 workshops)
2011 Avg. 14.65 (20 workshops)
2012 Avg. 17.75 (20 workshops)
2013 Avg 20.3 (19 workshops)

For 2014 we have 20 workshops scheduled

2. There will be a Pipe Workshop / Training Workshop. TBD

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Board of Directors Memorandum

Board Meeting, League of Nebraska Municipalities

We currently have 306 active members, 56 late and 362 total members. Our section goal is 318 so we are well above that. Several expired members are utilities that are active and long-time members so we will be checking with them to see if they received their renewals.

Since the last Board meeting we met at the Fall Conference and discussed how to approach the engineers that stamp water plans for HHS approval in addition to Fall Conference attendees that are not AWWA members. We identified several and are planning to make contact as soon as we narrow the list.

Upcoming activities include initiation of preparation for the Fall Conference and participation in the National AWWA membership drive in April.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc E. Rosso, PE

Nebraska Section AWWA Membership Committee Chair

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

January 21, 2014

Brian Gongol, chair - brian@gongol.net

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

We distributed a large number of directories at the Fall Conference in Kearney, but there are still many extra copies. My current plan is to post notices in Wise Water Words that members can request printed copies, which we can mail directly to them.

WEBSITE

Occasional updates have been made to the website as requested by the board and committees. We haven't received very many requests for updates, other than a steady stream of job openings forwarded to Mike Wentink by his counterparts in South Dakota. Only four items have been sent for posting since the Fall Conference.

MULTIMEDIA

Our YouTube channel has been viewed 4,803 times since its inception on September 7th, 2011 and currently has two subscribers. If you have ideas for videos or need assistance with anything that might help with our educational or public-informational outreach, please let me know. We should consider planning for video recording of some presentations and speeches during the Fall Conference in 2014. This will require some advance preparation, but it may be worthwhile.

E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

The e-mail distribution list remains at 192 members. There were three updates issued in November, and none since. If you have announcements worth sharing, please send them directly to awwaneb@gongol.net. That places it in the "waiting room", where I can approve it to go out to the entire list.

WISE WATER WORDS

I'm behind on issuing the post-Fall Conference Wise Water Words, and for that I apologize. (Besides the normal level of activity going on, I'll be getting married on Saturday and that's had to take a front seat.) Fortunately, the experience finding a way to more economically prepare the directory helped me figure out how to slash the costs of publishing Wise Water Words and speed up the layout process dramatically. Once life returns to something close to normal in the next few weeks, I hope to get back on track with publication.

- PLEASE send in committee updates, reports, columns, and so forth whenever you have them to share. They'll go to the website first, and into Wise Water Words as the publication schedule permits. Thank you!

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2014 COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee: Safety Committee _____ **Date:** January 10, 2014 _____

Chair: _Milo Rust_____ **Vice Chair:** _Rob Pierce_____

Total Members: _12_____ **Active Members:** _12_____

Executive Board Liaison: _____

List of Active Members: Same

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

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership: None

Deliverables/Activities:

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

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year: Safety training

Budget Expenditures for 2013: \$61.18

Budget Request for 2012 (include a short justification):

Safety Awards
Training
Total \$1500.

Other Items:

Please return to NSAWWA Secretary Chad Roberts (Croberts@ci.norfolk.norfolk.ne.us)

**Nebraska AWWA Section
Water For People Committee**

Section Board Meeting Committee Report – January 2014

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

2013 Summary:

Below is a list of activities and funds raised for 2013.

Event	2013	2012	Increase
Golf	\$6,167	\$5,300	16%
Field Clay Event (Shotgun)	\$918	\$956	-4%
Raffle	\$1,487	\$1,756	-15%
SUBTOTAL	\$8,572	\$8,012	7%
Water for People Match	-	\$956	
YP (Poker Tournament)	-	\$2,421	
TOTAL	\$8,572	\$11,389	-33%

Overall, Funds raised by the Nebraska Section increased by 7% in 2013. Total funds raised, however, were down by 33% due to (1) a lack of matching funds often provided by Water for People, and (2) the Young Professionals Poker Tournament gives to Water for People bi-annually, alternating with Engineers Without Borders. This year, funds went to EWB.

Golf Outing: Coordinated by Patrick Harlan, and despite a weather reschedule, the golf outing increased funds raised by 16% over 2012. Originally, we had 92 golfers, but with the weather delay, we had only 72 golfers.

Trap Shoot: Coordinated by Tim Mundorf, funds raised from the trap shoot were down only 4% despite the new \$300 premium for event insurance. Attendance was up 30%.

Raffle: Funds raised were down by 15% vs. 2012 due to reduced ticket sales (-8%), and expenses were up. Ticket costs were up by 17%, bank fees increased and we printed a poster for advertising.

2014:

Preparations are underway for the 2014 Golf Outing which will be held in the same location as last year (Woodland Hills in Eagle, NE). This appears to be a good location for both Lincoln and Omaha members, and it is a five-star golf course. We will likely move the date to the second Friday in May due to the risk of bad weather as it snowed the day before last year's event.

We plan on continuing the Trap Shoot in the Fall and the Raffle at the Fall Conference.

Chris New

AWWA Directors Report – March 17, 2014

Protecting Drinking Water Sources through Agricultural Conservation - Toolkit

Protecting Drinking Water Sources through Agricultural Conservation” toolkit is available from the Source Water Collaborative, a group of Non-governmental organizations (NGOs), in which AWWA and its sister water utility associations participate. The Source Water Collective works with USEPA and other federal agencies to advance source water protection. The toolkit is an introduction to working with the nation’s Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Conservation districts are a trusted resource within the agricultural community and can be an important partner for water systems advancing source water protection efforts that impact state and local agricultural communities.

<http://www.sourcewatercollaborative.org/swp-usda/>

2014 ACE Complimentary Registration

Again this year, the Association will be providing one complimentary registration per section for AWWA section staff members (or for the secretary-treasurer, for sections without staff) to attend ACE14 in Boston, MA. In exchange, we may request that person’s assistance in the operation of the conference. Details regarding the offer are attached.

Community Engineering Corps Informational Webinars

Several weeks ago AWWA, ASCE and EWB-USA launched the Community Engineering Corps. This program harnesses the expertise of thousands of volunteers by providing pro bono engineering services that address the infrastructure needs of underserved communities in the United States. Ready to learn more? Join us for a free webinar to see just how you can make a difference right here in the United States! See the attached memo for webinar schedules and registration information.

U.S. EPA Awarding AWWA with Grant Funds

The U.S. EPA recently announced its intention to award AWWA with grant funds in conjunction with two separate organizations - the Rural Community Assistance Partnership and the Environmental Finance Center at the University of North Carolina. AWWA will collaborate with these two organizations in providing training and technical assistance for small public water systems to improve water quality and provide safe drinking water. As part of this grant, AWWA will work with its 43 sections to successfully provide free training to small systems through in-person workshops, e-Learning, and webinars. AWWA staff will conduct a webinar for sections in the next 3-4 weeks to deliver more details as they become available and to answer questions. For more information, visit the [U.S. EPA’s Preliminary Selections announcement](#) or contact [Cynthia Lane](#), Director of Engineering and Technical Services or [Chad Weikel](#), Education and Workforce Manager.

Random Thought.....Drinking Fountain Competition

Opportunities with the Association – President Elect and beyond.

Respectfully Submitted,

John S. Olsson

Nebraska Section Director

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To: Section Staff

From: Gary Sullivan, Sr. Section Relationship Manager

Date: February 26, 2014

Re: 2014 AWWA Annual Conference & Exposition

Again this year, we will be providing one complimentary registration for AWWA Section staff members to attend the 2014 Annual Conference & Exposition in Boston, ACE14. In exchange, we may request the person's assistance in the operation of the conference.

Every section will be entitled to receive one complimentary full registration (**without President's Reception**) for ACE14 for one Section staff person. All other associated travel costs will be the Section's responsibility. Full registration includes access to the technical sessions and exhibit hall. Other events, such as the Sunday workshops, luncheon, and tours, will be the responsibility of the individual, if they choose to attend any or all of them. For those Sections without staff, you may select/send your secretary-treasurer.

Registration

Complete the registration form (attached) to Linda Berridge, lberridge@awwa.org **Please do not submit the form through the normal online registration procedure.** We want to insure your registration is made **complimentary**. For hotel registration, you can use the regular hotel registration form and submit it per its instructions. Please submit your registration by **April 1, 2014**.

Memo

6666 West Quincy Avenue

Denver, CO 80235-3098

T 800.926.7337

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www.awwa.org

2014 Annual Conference & Exposition American Water Works Association

June 8-12 | Boston, MA

6666 West Quincy Ave | Denver, CO 80235, USA

awwa.org/ace14 800.926.7337 or 303.794.7711

Individual Membership # _____ or Company Membership # _____

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Company/Organization _____ Title _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Country _____ ZIP/Postal

Code _____

Primary Phone _____ Home Work E-mail _____

Is this a change of address for your AWWA Membership? ___ YES ___ NO

Conference Registration Super-Saver Rate

On or before March 28, 2014

Standard Rate

March 29–May 30, 2014

After May 30, increased onsite rates will apply

Please Circle One **Member Nonmember Member Nonmember**

AA Full Registration With President’s Reception \$820 \$1,020 \$1,020 \$1,220

A Full Registration Without President’s Reception \$780 \$980 \$980 \$1,180

B One Day Only \$450 \$650 \$650 \$850

G Exhibits Only (not exhibitors) \$95 \$95 \$145 \$145

H Student (ID required) \$75 \$75 \$75 \$75

PF Professors \$620 \$820 \$820 \$1,020

I Operator (Full Conference) \$680 \$880 \$880 \$1,080

W Operator’s Day (Tuesday) \$125 \$155 \$125 \$155

Facility Tours These are optional and an additional cost. Limited capacity.

T1 (TUE) John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant \$50

T2 (TUE) Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant \$50

T3 (TUE) Cambridge Stormwater Wetland and Park \$50

T4 (TUE) Walter J. Sullivan Water Purification Facility \$50

T5 (WED) Metropolitan Waterworks Museum Tour \$50

T6 (WED) Gillette Stadium Onsite Water Recovery and Reuse \$50

T7 (WED) The Fresh Pond Reservation and Its Source Waters \$50

Workshops These are optional and an additional cost. Recommended materials are indicated with corresponding workshops.

Titles Member Nonmember Student Purchase

Materials

Total

SUN01 Water POWER: 6 Steps to Energize Your Career as a Water Professional \$75 \$75 \$75
SUN02 Getting a Grip on External Corrosion Control for
Infrastructure Sustainability
\$235 \$335 \$60 +30027-3E
\$62.00
SUN03 Learn How Water Main Rehabilitation Technologies Can Help Solve
Your Infrastructure Challenges
\$235 \$335 \$60
SUN04 Envision™ for Sustainable Water Infrastructure \$235 \$335 \$60
SUN05 Building Information Modeling (BIM)–Applications
& Benefits to Water Treatment Plants
\$235 \$335 \$60
SUN06 Jar Testing–Optimizing Through Tried and True Methods \$235 \$335 N/A +30037
\$44.40
SUN07 Groundwater Supply Sustainability Through Well Rehabilitation
& Maintenance
\$190 \$290 \$30
SUN08 Disinfection–Back to the Basics \$190 \$290 \$30

Spouse/Guest Registration Qty Price Total

SA Spouse/Guest with President's Reception \$60
SB Spouse/Guest without President's Reception \$20
Name: Name: Name:

Ticketed Events Qty Price Total

T8(MON) First-Time Attendee Breakfast/Program NC
T10(TUE) Water Industry Luncheon \$60
T11(WED) Fuller Award Breakfast \$40
T12(WED) AAEES/AIDIS/AWWA Luncheon \$50
T13(WED) Annual President's Reception \$40

What one business activity best describes your company? (please circle only one–Required)

A. Public Water Supply Utility–Municipally Owned B. Public Water Supply Utility–Investor Owned C. Government–Federal, State, Local
D. Consulting Firm E. Contractor F. Private Industrial System or Water Wholesaler
G. Manufacturer of Equipment & Supplies H. Distributor of Equipment & Supplies I. Educational Institutions (Faculty & Students)
J. Fully Retired K. Research Lab, Libraries and other related organizations
L. Public Official M. Other (please specify)_____

What one category best describes your job title? (please circle only one–Required)

A. Executive (General Manager, Commissioner, Board Member, City Manager, Municipal Superintendent, Mayor, President, Vice President, Owner, Partner, Director, etc.)
B. Management/Non-Engineering (Division Head, Section Head, Manager, Department Head, Comptroller, etc.)
C. Design and Engineering/Both Managerial and Non-Managerial (Chief Engineer, Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Environmental or Field Engineer,

- Planning Manager, System Designer, etc.)
- D. Scientific/Non-Managerial (Chemist, Biologist, Biophysicist, Researcher, Analyst, etc.)
- E. Purchasing (Purchasing Agent, Procurement Specialist, Buyer, etc.)
- F. Operations (Foreman, Operator, Maintenance Crewman, Service Representative, etc.)
- G. Marketing & Sales/Non-Managerial (Market Analyst, Marketing Representative, Salesperson, Sales Representative, etc.)
- H. Professorial (Educator, Teacher, etc.)
- I. Other (please specify) _____

What one category best describes your field served/principal activity? (please circle only one-Required)

- A. Both Water Supply & Wastewater
- B. Water Supply Only
- C. Wastewater Only D. Other (please specify) _____

Are you a first-time attendee? ___YES ___NO

Would you like to be involved with AWWA Committees? ___YES ___NO

If you require special accommodations to fully participate, please provide a phone number or email address and AWWA will contact you within five (5) business days. _

Fax this form to 303.347.0804

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be received in writing, on company letterhead, and faxed or mailed to AWWA. Phone cancellations are not accepted. All cancellations postmarked/fax-dated by 03/28/14 will receive a refund, minus a 25% administrative fee. Beginning on 03/29/14, cancellations will not be refunded; however, substitute registrants are welcome. Fax requests for substitutions or cancellations to 303.347.0804 or email eyoungren@awwa.org.

This form is not valid for On-site registration or Exhibitor registration.

Page 2 Registration Form Registrant Name: _____

Total/Method of Payment: AWWA Federal Tax ID# 13-5660277

Total Amount Due: \$ _____
 Check American Express Discover MasterCard Visa Government PO
 Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____
 Signature: _____

Community Engineering Corps Informational Webinar

Action Required/Requested: Attend one of the informational webinars for more information on how to get involved with the Community Engineering Corps.

Additional Interested/Affected Section Positions:

Respond To: No response is needed in order to participate in the webinars, just register via the links provided in the attached memo.

Respond By: N/A

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Webinar Schedule

Introduction to the Community Engineering Corps - Webinar

Link: <https://student.gototraining.com/rt/6179614145324684032>

Phone Number: (215) 383-1020

Access Code: 631-105-713

Audio PIN: Shown after joining the training

Dates and Times:

February 26, 2014 2:00 p.m. Mountain Time

March 13, 2014 6:00 p.m. Mountain Time

March 24, 2014 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time

April 16, 2014 11:00 a.m. Mountain Time

Community Engineering Corps Project Process - Webinar

Link: <https://student.gototraining.com/rt/2835558381140346368>

Phone Number: (484) 589-1016

Access Code: 266-840-234

Audio Pin: Shown after joining the webinar

Dates and Times:

February 27, 2014 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time

March 11, 2014 10:00 a.m. Mountain Time

March 25, 2014 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time

April 14, 2014 9:00 a.m. Mountain Time

**NE AWWA
Vice Chair Report – March 17, 2014**

At the last Board meeting it was suggested that I send out a notice to the Board and Committee

Chairs to see if there is interest in a 2014 summer retreat and if so, what topics would be interesting to the group. I received comments from three individuals that in their opinion a retreat is not necessary. Marc Rosso indicated it would be a good time for him to discuss membership and that SOP's could be discussed as long as they were prepared in advance.

Based upon this feedback, I propose that we don't hold a 2014 summer retreat. However, I will volunteer my time to assist Doug with the Fall Conference.

Submitted By:

Ben Day, Vice Chair

The awards committee is looking at putting an article in Wise Water Words also Rural Water to hopefully get some nominations for deserving candidates. The article will also be posted on the AWWA website.

Date: March17, 2014

Education Committee Report

Committee Members

John Keith, Chair

Nick McElvain Brian Gongol

Rob Pierce Steve Kelley

Mike Wentink

Happenings

1. Rob indicates there have been 7 water workshops events including 104 in attendance. There have also been 3 confined space workshops (in cooperation with Safety Committee) with 101 in attendance. Ten (10) more training sessions are scheduled in 2014.
2. Florida Gateway College. I have attached letter of information from David Lathrop and a copy of an email containing the Education Committee response

From: John D. Keith

Sent: Monday, March 03, 2014 2:55 PM

To: 'Lathrop, David'

Cc: John D. Keith

Subject: RE: Training Offering

Good Morning David,

Sorry for the long time to reply but I wanted to get input from the Education Committee.

It is the opinion of the majority of the Education Committee that NSAWWA should NOT enter into an MOU with Florida Gateway at this time. While it is very important that the Section encourage operators/members to obtain their desired higher levels of education, expertise or credentials, the Education Committee feels that it is best to promote the training opportunities within the Section. The opportunity provided by Florida Gateway and other institutions should be considered for certification (sole decision by NDHHS) but not endorsed by the Section. Things considered when looking at the MOU included:

1. Cost. NDHHS offers more than adequate training at very reasonable cost.
2. Time Commitment. Operators, especially those of small systems, typically would rather to attend a workshop or training while “on the clock” versus after hours on the computer. Also in the case of Florida Gateway, most operators do not want to spend 6-10 hours / week for 15 weeks for training.
3. On-line training. While a good theory to get training “ in the comfort of home”, historically in Nebraska the use of on-line training has been very limited.
4. Endorsement. Providing the Sections endorsement of the Florida Gateway program might in the future open the door for more and more institutions seeking an MOU and endorsement to the point that it would seem like NSAWWA is endorsing just any program that asks. It is also important that if an endorsement is to be given, that the Section should have reviewed the program thoroughly and even had a member go thru the training program and provide important feedback/opinion for consideration by NSAWWA before endorsement.
5. Section Training Opportunities. In the Committee’s opinion there is plenty of excellent training providers for certification training and continuing education within the Section to promote/endorse if the Board decides to go in this direction. These providers include but are not limited to NE Department of Health and Human Services, League of Nebraska Municipalities, many Department of Natural Resources and not to forget AWWA and Water Research Foundation webcasts.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I would be willing to discuss this further with the NSAAWWA Board at a future meeting if you would like.

John D. Keith

Manager of Laboratory Services

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To: NSAWWA Education Committee

Date: January 28th, 2014.

Re: Grade I & II Water Exam Preparation Training Opportunity

The NWEA is collaborating with professors at Florida Gateway College to extend their existing 15 week certification preparation offering to wastewater operators in Nebraska.

The professors are offering to set up a similar training opportunity for preparation in passing Grade I & II water operator exam with the collaboration of the NSAWWA. The training would consist of their existing drinking water course supplemented with Nebraska specific material.

The NSAWWA obligations would consist of an active endorsement of the course to potential exam takers. In addition, NSAWWA would announce the training opportunity through NSAWWA existing databases and media channels. Information on the class and links etc. would be placed on NSAWWA web site. No expenditures are required by NSAWWA.

Ryan Hurst is a point of contact with NWEA who has sought out and help set up the training opportunity for wastewater. Ryan is a water/wastewater operator for the City of Seward.

The class consists of one training module per week. The class is mostly online structured self study with a set schedule. The professor's work directly with the student on a one on one basis as needed via emails and phone conversation.

The cost for the course including tuition, materials, fees etc. is about **\$550**.
The time commitment per week is 6 to 10 hours.

FGC are members of the AWWA and WEF. There will be CEU's available but this would need to be cleared through DHHS. The class is a certification training course that can be turned into college credit.

The POC with NWEA is Ryan Hurst: (402)641-1792. Ryan.hurst@cityofsewardne.com

All information about FGC staff can be found at : <https://www.fgc.edu/academics/liberal-arts-and-sciences/water-resources/water-resources-contact-us/>

Further information about what FGC has to offer for water professionals can be found at: <https://www.fgc.edu/academics/liberal-arts-and-sciences/water-resources/>

FULLER AWARD COMMITTEE

We will begin to accept nominations and start the selection process in the next few months for the Fuller award to be awarded at the fall conference.

Thanks,

Glenn

March 17, 2014
Board of Directors Memorandum
Board Meeting, Olsson Associates

In January I attended the membership summit in Denver and learned exciting new things about AWWA and how to drive membership. Over 30 membership chairs and AWWA staff were in attendance including the membership chair from Mexico who saw snow for the first time. On Wednesday the session was designed for 1st time attendees and we learned of benefits of being an AWWA member. Thursday sessions included a keynote by address Sheri Jacobs, President of Avenue M Group, who discussed that we need to focus on what problems our members have, what programs we have that solve those problems and sell those benefits. The Art of Membership, How to Attract, Retain and Cement Member Loyalty was her discussion. It was very insightful and we will be talking about how to implement some of her strategies for the NEAWWA. Three breakout sessions included Building an Action-Oriented Committee, Communicating the Value of Your Utility Membership and Recruiting New Members. On both Wednesday and Thursday evening activities included networking events so we learned more about what our fellow Sections were doing in their parts of the country. Friday's sessions included the upcoming roll out of the new membership information which will be in graphical form and anticipated in the 2nd quarter of the year. This data will be very valuable as we attempt to grow our membership. Which, by the way, Nebraska is currently #1 in both retention (94.1%) and growth by percentage (5.7%) of all 43 Sections.

We completed our 2014 membership plan and submitted to AWWA well ahead of the March 31 deadline. We are entered in the membership challenge which could pay \$200 to the section if we meet goals.

We currently have 327 active members, 21 late and 348 total members. Our 2014 year end section goal is 339 so we are ok so far. Several expired members are utilities that are active and long-time members so we will be checking with them to see if they received their renewals.

Since the last Board meeting we have organized discussed how to approach the engineers that stamp water plans for HHS approval in addition to Fall Conference attendees that are not AWWA members. Upcoming activities include updating the SOP with activities that seem to work well and addition of new ideas for late 2014.

Respectfully submitted,



Marc E. Rosso, PE
Nebraska Section AWWA Membership Committee Chair

Public Information Committee Report

March 7, 2014

Committee Members: Mary Poe, Brian Gongol, Eric Obert, Jami Cerone

Activities:

- Facebook page has 151 fans

Upcoming Events & Activities:

- Committee meeting – March 2014

Drinking Water Week activities – May 4-10, 2014

Student Activities and Research Committee Report (2014-03-07)

The Student Activities and Research Committee has conducted the following activities:

- More than 10 UNL undergraduate and graduate students attended the Fall conference in Kearney, NE. Two of them, Stefan Schaepe and Garret Johnson received the AWWA Theodore Leisen Scholarship. Three graduate students presented their research finding at the conference.



- The student chapter plans to organize a gathering for students to watch an AWWA webinar in early April: Watershed, Forest, and Source Water Protection.

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

March 7, 2014

Safety Committee
Milo Rust

I will not be able to attend the board meeting will try to join you by phone.

Members of the safety committee have not change as of this time.

Nothing to report from the safety committee.

**Nebraska AWWA Section
Water For People Committee**

Section Board Meeting Committee Report – May 2014

Water for People Golf Outing

The golf outing is set for May 9, 2014 at Woodland Hills. Preparations are being made to also accommodate the Board Meeting at Woodland Hills.

Solicitation began at the most recent Water Conference and call solicitation will begin in March.

We ask for the Board's help through participation and with solicitation of Hole Sponsors and Foursomes. Brochure is attached to this report as a separate file.

Finally, I am submitting my resignation as Chair effective 11/7/2014. It has been a pleasure serving both the Water-For-People organization and, more importantly, the NE AWWA and WEF organizations.

Sincerely,
Chris New
Water for People Committee Chair

WATER UTILITY COUNCIL

A report will be available after our April AWWA Fly-In. Jerry 😊

Nebraska AWWA Section Young Professionals Committee

Section Board Meeting Committee Report – March 2014

Here is a list of highlights/plans/requests for the Young Professionals Committee – Nebraska Section (submitted by Craig Reinsch):

➤ Upcoming Events/Activities:

Desired tours (discussed on a Feb. 4, 2014 conference call), invites being requested

- Griffin Pipe plant tour
- WTP tours: Council Bluffs, Nebraska City, Grand Island, & Mahoney State Park
- UNL E-Week support (April 2014, week of the 21st)

May and Other Events

- Groundwater Festival, Grand Island (May 2014)
- We plan to continue to supporting the poker tournament at the Fall Conference, in conjunction with the NWEA YP committee.

➤ Other Items:

- None at this time.

Committee Members: Rory Sudbeck, Brittany Travers, Justin Stine, Craig Reinsch, Andrew Synhorst, Billy Kaufold, Jeff Hubby, Teresa Konda, Xu Li, David Stewart, Jake Miriovsky