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NSAWWA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Meeting date, time and location: March 16, 2015, 0930 AM, Miller & Associates, 1111 Central Avenue (corner of 11th & Central), Kearney, Nebraska. (NeRWA Annual Spring Conference)

Call-in Number and Participation Code: (800)704-9804 code 83795334#

Roll Call @ 0930

Approval of January 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes (motion)

Chair's Report

Director's Report

Treasurer's Report (motion)

Committee Reports (including Ad Hoc Committees)

Unfinished Business

All materials sent to satisfy subpoena (Homonichl vs Minden Schools).
Logo decision ("B")



Proposed By-law changes (Past-chair, Trustee).
Committee membership (member or non-member).

New Business

Drinking Water Week Proclamation signing by Governor Ricketts, April 8, 2015, 10:00 AM, Warner Chamber, State Capitol, 2nd floor (short 1 minute speech).

World O Water (Sept. 12, 2015, Wherspan Lake 12 - 4 PM) - Teresa Konda to head it up and YP to be involved.

Committee Liaison appointments.

Section presentation (Ben Day) at Great Plains Conference, April 22, 2015, 0830 in Omaha (LaVista Embassy Suites?)

Next Meeting Date, Time and Location:

Adjourn (motion)

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Online Training Grants

I propose that \$500 be allocated every quarter to assist Nebraska Section AWWA members in obtaining online training from AWWA offerings. Unused allocations may roll-over to next quarter.

Every quarter I suggest an email be sent out with latest available online training offerings going out six months to all NSAWWA members. *(Who would do this email? A member of education committee, e.g. Mike Wentink or John Keith?... or David Lathrop for first year?)*

Requests will be accepted for two weeks from notification.

Requests may be made for any online trainings up to six months in advance.

All the requests will be honored until the \$500 allocation is exhausted. Training requests will be prioritized based on the following criteria in order of precedence.

- 1) Individuals who have received an approval memo for training in the past year will be given lowest priority and put at the end of the request list.
- 2) Groups of three or more will be given higher priority than individuals. All group requests must agree to host at least six individuals. The host must agree to notify water operators (AWWA members or non-members) in surrounding area.
- 3) Individuals or groups will not be awarded more than one training grant each quarter.
- 4) Requests will then be prioritized based on a first come first serve basis.

Requests will be officially approved by NSAWWA by a memo.

Training must be paid up front and it will be reimbursed with a record of attendance and receipt of the invoice.

If a group watches an online offering the group must register at the group AWWA rate.

3/11/15

**Nebraska Section AWWA
March 2015 Committee Report
Fall Conference Planning Committee**

Recent Activities:

A conference call was held with NWEA and NE APWA to discuss fall conference planning.

Angela Buzzard will be selecting a topic for the pre-conference. Mike Wentink will be organizing the pre-conference. Angela is also going to provide a half hour presentation at the full conference.

Future Activities:

Joint planning meeting will be held at Great Plains Conference on April 22 at 1:30 pm.

Action Items:

The Board needs to pick a topic for Angela Buzzard to present at the conference. A list of topics are as follows:

- Utility finance and rate setting
- Asset management for small utilities
- Water conservation strategies for cities
- Lessons from the last drought
- Customer Communication for Utilities
- Communicating with your Board-What Board's need to know
- Utility Energy efficiency or Energy management

Mike Wentink's prospective places the following topics at the top of his list:

- Asset management for small utilities
- Communicating with your Board-What Board's need to know and how to effectively present the information

Nebraska Section AWWA
March 6, 2015 Conference Call **Meeting Minutes**, 1:00 pm.

Call in Number: 1-800-704-9804
Participant code: 83795334#

1. Possible calendar of activities for 2015 and assignments (target **3 - 4** per year)
 - a. Proposed 2015 Activities:
 - i. WTP Tours: (see below)
 1. Nebraska City – Justin *(NC is currently in the middle of projects and Justin will contact again, potential tour in early Summer/July)*
 - a. NCU is still open to receiving a tour.
 - b. Target date: Spring 2015; late March/April
 2. Seward RO Plant – joint event with NWEA YP *(will send email to NWEA to check back in)*
 - a. Target date: early 2015
 3. Snyder Tanks in Lincoln (Andrew) *I asked around the office about this and I got zero responses from people who would attend. All I kept hearing was that they were plastic tanks and they had no interest in going. Thoughts on keeping this versus soliciting for new ideas?*
 - a. reschedule for April 2015 or earlier
 - ii. Look into zoo (aquarium) tour again in the winter – January-March 2015 (Rory/Billy) – *Rory and Billy is still working on this but hasn't gotten a response. Ideally, this tour would be in May with a social after.*
 - iii. Other ideas of tours or presentations?
 - a. Technical Presentation and social gathering in early 2015 – Ideas?
 - b. Possible presentations for CEU credits (could this tie together with the technical presentation and social gathering?)
 - c. Manufacturer tours – Flowserve, Vulcan (with NWEA)
 - d. Everyone; ask co-workers what would draw them out of the office on a Friday afternoon. The tours and the events we have hosted in the past are excellent educational opportunities, however, let's stir it up a little and draw a few new members within our firms, groups, and industry.
 - e. *Jake – New water tower at PRSP at Louisville (Ben Day/Craig Reinsch) likely in Fall*
 - f. *ISCO – Lincoln*
 - b. Groundwater Festival (GI) – looking to 2015
 - i. May 12 (Andrew will coordinate with JEO GI office)
 1. Mike Schultes is coordinating JEO's effort at this event with the help of GI/Hastings Utilities Employees. Anyone interested in assisting at any point throughout the day contact Andrew. *Brittany to attend with Public Education Committee*
 - c. YP at AWWA Fall Conference Poker Night (Kearney) – Anyone like to volunteer to chair this event in conjunction with NWEA YP? *(Set up room, M/C, prizes and donations. Nominate someone in May to assist)*
 - d. YP at NeRWA Conference (GI) - do we want to have a presence there?
 - i. Brittany will be attending as an exhibitor – will try to recruit any potential YP's
 - e. E-week: Water tasting contest – *Friday April 17*
 - i. May not do drinking water tasting contest – Vince & Allison update? *Vince was thinking the drinking water contest would be eliminated. Demonstrations about water treatment processes and treatment videos. Xu Li looking for recommendations for videos. This year's E-Week will be at the Innovation Campus. Would be beneficial to have a YP there with the students on the morning of Friday April 17th. Andrew to contact Craig and see if he would help.*
 - f. Student Chapter/Activities
 - g. World of Water – Saturday September 12, 12-4 PM Omaha (Andrew)

- i. In the past we have hosted a booth that included a groundwater model as a visual. We will be looking to do this again this year and would like a volunteer or two to assist.
Justin has groundwater model and Xu Li has removal of contaminants using activated carbon. Talk to Teresa about the attendees and potential activities from her past experiences at World of Water.

2. Other items

- a. Membership Opportunities
 - i. Potential to start UNO chapter – Andrew to work with Marc Rosso and JEO intern to get started
- b. Professional Development Conference
 - i. 4 state region with AWWA YP and NWEA YP
 - ii. Possible CEU's for operators and engineers
- c. Great Plains Conference – April 22 & 23
 - i. On April 22 NWEA YP and AWWA YP will host a 2 hour track geared towards YP's
- d. *Potential social somewhere between Lincoln and Omaha in the next month.*

3. Next Conference Call: May?

Committee Members (attendees in bold): **Rory Sudbeck, Brittany Travers, Justin Stine**, Craig Reinsch, **Andrew Synhorst**, Billy Kaufold, Teresa Konda, **Vince Kuppig** and Allison Speicher (UNL Student Chapter), David Stuart, **Jake Miriovsky**, Mary Poe, **Xu Li**, Brittini Stephens-Yates, Kyle VanDyk

AWWA Directors Report – March 2015

- Highlights from Winter Board Meeting – Santa Fe, NM
 - Elections: President Elect – Jeanne Bennett-Bailey, Virginia Section
 - Action Item: Addition of dues category for International Members
 - Membership: Discussion about membership structure (see attachment)
- ACE 2015 – Anaheim, CA, June 7 -10.

Ad-Hoc Committee Report – Total Water Solutions

- Meetings Held - December 17, 2014; January 30, 2015 (notes attached).
- Next Meeting – March 31 @ 11 am, Olsson Associates, Omaha
- Over the course of the meetings I'm developing the impression that we need to better understand how drinking water overlaps with other water interest areas. As such, I suspect our committee will be doing well to open the dialogue with other water stakeholders in order to gain appreciation of their interests, and in turn share our interests with them.

I envision our short term goals to be nothing more than networking and seeing what possibilities exist for partnering. My initial thought ahead of creating the committee in the first place was that we could create some tangible and measurable goals from the onset. As we have investigated and discussed how we can add value to our membership it seems we need to first understand what we don't know and discover some possibilities. This will take some time to explore.

Respectfully Submitted,

John S. Olsson
Nebraska Section Director

Board Special Session
AWWA 2015 Winter Board of Directors Meeting

21st Century Membership Model Overview

Purpose

During the upcoming Board Special Session (BSS) segment entitled *Membership Structure*, you will be asked to consider and provide feedback on options relating to AWWA's membership structure. This overview provides context for the issues and potential solutions you will discuss at the session.

Background

Membership at AWWA is both a means and an end. Membership dues account for nearly 40% of the association's total revenue. More significantly, 80% of all association revenue is derived from members. AWWA members contribute not only their financial resources, but also their intellectual capital to the work of the association. AWWA's representation of the water industry and the population-at-large influences the association's ability to affect positive change.

Issue

Since 2006, when AWWA's number of members reached a pinnacle of 60,000, membership has declined due to economic and other factors. In 2010, the membership count had dropped to 55,000. At the end of 2014, the AWWA membership count totaled just over 50,000. These declines in membership and dues revenue represents a vulnerability for AWWA's overall financial and intellectual well-being.

AWWA research and analysis suggests several reasons for these trends, one of which will be highlighted during the BSS: confusion over membership status and benefits. This confusion results in the following:

- Potential members may not join or existing members may not renew because of a mistaken belief that they are already members;
- Current members struggle to explain the AWWA membership proposition, resulting in reduced recruitment since the decision to join is highly influenced by supervisors and colleagues; and
- Section leaders find the current structure difficult to understand and describe, complicating administration of the program and undermining their attempts to grow and retain members.

Solution

AWWA's plan for a 21st Century Membership Model, as envisioned in the 2013 Five Year Strategic Membership Plan, creates a path to solve this and other issues adversely affecting the AWWA membership program. A key step along this path is the investigation of improvements to the AWWA membership model that will reduce confusion, provide the potential for increased dues revenue and increased number of members (including international), increase operational and Section effectiveness, and facilitate opportunities for member engagement.

Your role at the BSS will be to:

- Gain a greater understanding of AWWA's membership program and the challenges it faces;
- Consider a set of options for improvement based on criteria that advances AWWA's vision and mission; and
- Provide feedback that will narrow the selection of options under consideration.

Your insight and experience will be invaluable components of this session. Thank you for participating.

**AWWA Total Water Solutions
Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting
January 30, 2015 – 1:30 pm, Olsson Associates – Havelock Conf. Room**

Dial-In Number: 1-800-244-2500

Moderator (JSO):

Participant:

AGENDA

- 1. Review Possible Mission (our purpose, why we exist)**

- 2. Discuss planned objectives/goals/activities**

- 3. Open Discussion & Next Steps**

- 4. Adjourn**

Possible Mission – Communicate and create awareness through partnerships that water is water and is valued in quantity and quality. Work to better understand our states regulatory framework and how that impacts water in consideration of its need for municipal, agriculture and energy uses (nexus).

Possible Goals

- Identify practices that maintain or improve quality and quantity within the nexus.
- Of the practices identified above, which ones can we influence and how might we go about doing that?
- Provide a forum to bring water users together (within the nexus).
- Learn more about the active projects and research occurring within NE. Engage in conversations with NRD's, UNL, other.

**AWWA Total Water Solutions (cont.)
Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting**

Meeting Notes

Attending: Masters, Christensen, Wentink, Dunnigan, Olsson.

Absent: Bilek, Day, Jacobson

Revised Possible Mission – Communicate and create awareness through partnerships that water is water and is valued in quantity and quality. Work to better understand our states regulatory framework and how that impacts water in consideration of its need for municipal, agriculture and energy uses (nexus).

- Perhaps engage Al Laukatis (Lincoln Journal Star) to write a story about this collaborative.
- Integrated Management Laws – ground breaking and created success. Learned how to manage a combined resource. Brian shared “*Water Management in Nebraska*”, a flyer prepared by DNR.
- Technology is in play to monitor, in real time, how much water is needed for crops. Some data suggests crops do better with less water. Dawson Public Power is one ex.
- Leverage technology. Don’t be prescriptive...allow producers to figure it out.
- Discussed the need to get out and “mingle” with those in other water industries. Some possible touch points include:
 - Drought Mitigation Center
 - UNL – Mohammed Dahab, Bruce Dvorak, Dr. Rae – Water Center
 - NARD – Dean Edson
 - Lee Orton – Well Drillers and State Irrigation Assoc.
 - Jay Rempe – Farm Bureau
 - Jack Daniel – Retired, HHS
 - Rohric Pohlman – use of technology, NE Water Balance Alliance

**BYLAWS OF THE NEBRASKA SECTION
OF THE
AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION**

(As approved by the AWWA Board of Directors,)

ARTICLE I – NAME

- 1.1 The name of this organization shall be the NEBRASKA SECTION OF THE AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION hereinafter referred to as the "Section."

- 1.2 In these bylaws, the American Water Works Association is hereinafter referred to as the "Association."

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The objectives of this Section are to promote public health, safety, and welfare through the improvement of the quality and quantity of water delivered to the public and the development and furtherance of understanding of the problems relating thereto as noted in the AWWA Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE III – HEADQUARTERS AND OPERATIONS

- 3.1 The headquarters of this Section shall be at the office of the Secretary except as some other location may be specifically designated by the Section Governing Board.
- 3.2 All matters pertaining to the operation of the Section shall be in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Governing Documents of the American Water Works Association and with these bylaws.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 The membership of this Section shall consist of those members of the American Water Works Association residing in or having principal business activity in the Nebraska Section and those assigned to the Nebraska Section by the Executive Director of the American Water Works Association.
- 4.2 The boundaries of the Section shall correspond to the boundaries of the State of Nebraska.

ARTICLE V – ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

- 5.1 All members of the Section in good standing are eligible to vote.
- 5.2 Occasions where a vote of the membership is required include:
 - a. the election of Section officers and/or other members of the Section Board of Trustees as described herein;
 - b. approval Nebraska Section Bylaws of a proposed amendment of these bylaws;
 - c. approval of a special dues assessment of the Section membership;
 - d. or in any other event for which the Section Board of Trustees requires a vote of the Section membership.

ARTICLE VI – DUES AND FEES

- 6.1 Dues shall be assessed against members of this Section as required for membership in AWWA.
- 6.2 The Section may, in accordance with the procedures defined in the Association Governing Documents, Article XI, Section 11.4.4, and established guidelines of AWWA, apply for permission to levy a Section dues assessment. The Section assessment would be levied annually at the time of membership renewal and the revenue collected would be used to increase the funds available for Section uses consistent with AWWA objectives and policies. Once approved, changes in

the Section assessment can be authorized by a vote of the Section Board of Trustees for submission to and approval by the AWWA Board of Directors.

- 6.3 The Board may, at its discretion, assess each member and associate member a registration fee. Registration fees shall be sufficient to defray the costs of operating the Annual Conference, training sessions, seminars, and other meetings. Such fees will be established in accordance with these bylaws, the policies and procedures of the Section, and Governing Documents and Bylaws of the Association.
- 6.4 All Section finances shall be managed in accord with these bylaws, Section policies and procedures, the Bylaws and Governing Documents of the Association and all applicable financial rules and regulations of the State of Nebraska. The Section shall conduct, on an annual basis, an internal review of all Section finances. An audit shall be conducted at least once every three years by a qualified financial advisor who is neither an employee of the Section nor a member of the Section Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VII – SECTION OFFICERS AND GOVERNING BOARD

7.1 The Officers of the Section shall be as follows:

- a. Chair.
- b. Chair-Elect.
- c. Vice-Chair.
- d. Secretary.
- e. Treasurer.
- f. Past-Chair – the last living Past-Chair of the Section, not already serving on the Board.
- g. Representative on the Association's Board of Directors, hereinafter called the "Director."
- h. Up to Four Trustees

7.2 The above Officers shall constitute the Section Governing Board, hereinafter called the "Board," which shall be the governing body of the Section.

7.3 The Officers of the Section shall execute its business in accordance with the Bylaws of the Section and the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Governing Documents of the American Water Works Association.

7.4 Terms of Office for Section Executive Board of Trustees

- 7.4.1 The Director shall be elected for a term of three (3) years or as otherwise required by the Bylaws of the American Water Works Association.
- 7.4.2 The term of the Chair, Chair-Elect, Vice-Chair, and Past-Chair shall be one (1) year. These terms shall commence following the turning over of the gavel of office during the Section Annual Conference at which they are elected or succeed to office, and shall terminate at the turning over of the gavel of office at the Annual Conference at which their term expires.
- 7.4.3 The term of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be two (2) years. These terms shall commence following the turning over of the gavel of office during the Section Annual Conference at which they are elected or succeed to office, and shall terminate at the turning over of the gavel of office at the Annual Conference at which their term expires.
- 7.4.4 The term of a Trustee shall be two (2) years. There are up to four (4) Trustees with up to two (2) elected each year. These terms shall commence following the turning over of the gavel of office during the Section Annual Conference at which they are elected or succeed to office, and shall terminate at the turning over of the gavel of office at the Annual Conference at which their term expires.

7.5 Any member of the Section shall be eligible to hold Section elective office.

- 7.6 Two or more offices may not be held by the same individual, with the exception of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE VIII – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- 8.1 The duties of the Chair shall be to:
- a. Supervises and coordinates all of the affairs of the Section;
 - b. Preside at all meetings of the Section and of the Board;
 - c. Appoint all Committees of the Section with Board approval, except as may be otherwise specifically provided herein or directed by the Board.
- 8.2 The Chair-Elect shall:
- a. Perform the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence;
 - b. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the Chair or the Board.
- 8.3 The Vice-Chair shall:
- a. Perform the duties of the Chair or Chair-Elect in their absence;
 - b. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the Chair or the Board.
- 8.4 The Secretary shall:
- a. Attend all meetings of the Section and of the Board, duly recording the proceedings thereof;
 - b. Prepare such records, reports, and correspondence as may be required by the Board or by the Association to properly record the Section activities;

- c. Perform other duties as the Board may direct. In the absence of the Secretary, the duties of the Secretary shall be performed by the Treasurer.

8.5 The Treasurer shall:

- a. Be responsible for Section funds and shall establish and keep accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in accordance with the Association Uniform System of Section Accounting;
- b. Be responsible to collect all monies due the Section and shall promptly deposit the same to the credit of the Section in a depository approved by the Board;
- c. Perform all the duties laid down in Article XI of the Governing Documents of the American Water Works Association;
- d. Annually obtain an audit or review of Section finances as specified in Section 6.4;
- e. Completes and files the appropriate tax forms and other tax related information for the Section as required under State and Federal law;
- f. Perform other duties as the Board may direct.

8.6 The Director shall be a member of the Section's Board (and of the American Water Works Association's Board of Directors) in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Governing Documents of the American Water Works Association and shall represent each one of those bodies in the deliberations of the other and shall act to coordinate and unify their actions.

8.7 The Trustees shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Chair or the Board.

ARTICLE IX – THE SECTION GOVERNING BOARD

9.1 The Board shall have general supervision over all of the affairs of the Section and shall be its legal representative in all matters except as this duty may be specifically delegated.

9.2 The Board shall prepare as needed, and enforce the conduct of the business of the Section regulations not in conflict with these Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or Governing Documents of the American Water Works Association, and shall amend same as required.

9.3 All members of the Board, except the Chair, shall be entitled to one vote on all issues coming before the Board. The Chair may vote on issues to break ties which require a simple majority for passage.

ARTICLE X – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

10.1 Nominating Committee

- 10.1.1 Not later than March 1 of each year, the Section Chair shall appoint a nominating committee of three members, one of whom shall be the Past-Chair.
- 10.1.2 The nominating committee shall select one nominee for each of the following offices:
- a. Chair-Elect;
 - b. Vice-Chair;
 - c. Secretary;
 - d. Treasurer;
 - e. Up to four Trustees; ~~one of whom shall be the~~
 - f. Past-Chair - the last living Past-Chair of the Section who is a member of the section;
 - g. At three-year intervals, the nominating committee, shall select one nominee for the office of Director;
 - h. The Section Chair-Elect shall automatically assume the office of Section Chair.
- 10.1.3 The Committee's nominations shall be in the hands of the Secretary not later than July 31. Upon receipt of the nominations, the Secretary shall, within 20 days, mail to each member, a notice

setting forth the nominations of the nominating committee and stating the date, time, and place of the next business meeting, at which the elections will be held.

- 10.1.4 Should the nominating committee fail to act by July 31, the Secretary shall notify the members by mail, stating that all nominations will be from the floor at the Section's business meeting, the date, time, and place of which shall be included in the notice to the members.

10.2 Election

- 10.2.1 At the Section's business meeting, the Chair shall read the notice as issued by the Secretary, after which he or she shall call for and receive additional nominations from the membership assembled.

- 10.2.2 Separate balloting shall be conducted for each office. The Chair may accept a motion for a unanimous ballot for such nominee. A majority of the votes cast shall be required to elect.

10.3 Vacancies

- 10.3.1 Should the Director be unable to complete the term of office, the Board shall appoint a successor to serve the remainder of the term,

and the Secretary shall notify the Executive Director of the Association of such selection.

10.3.2 In the case of a vacancy in the Office of the Chair, Vice-Chair or Chair-Elect, Trustee, and Secretary or Treasurer, the Section Board of Trustees shall appoint a suitable replacement to complete the term of the vacant position.

10.4 Removal from Office

10.4.1 An officer may be removed from office by the Board if the officer fails to carry out the responsibilities of elected office as so determined by the Board. Removal may be accomplished by a resolution support by two-thirds of the Board.

ARTICLE XI – MEETINGS

11.1 The Section shall hold at least one business meeting in each calendar year for the purpose of conducting the Section's business, electing officers, receiving reports of the various officers and committees, promoting the interests of the Association and advancing the technical and administrative knowledge of the members. The time and place of the business meeting shall ~~be at~~ be at the annual conference.

- 11.2 Meetings of the Board shall be called by the Chair or at the request of any other member of the Board. There shall be at least one meeting of the Board during the annual meeting of the Section.
- 11.3 A quorum of the Board shall consist of at least 50% of its members.
- 11.4 The Section may hold other meetings from time to time for the purpose of presenting technical papers on a subject of special interest, workshops, educational seminars, etc. The time and place of these meetings may be set by the Board or by a committee appointed by the Board for this purpose subject to the other provisions of this article.
- 11.5 It is the policy of this Section to endeavor to cooperate with other sections of the American Water Works Association to prevent conflict of meeting dates with those of other sections' meetings and especially with those of the adjoining sections.
- 11.6 The Section may, if deemed advisable by the Board, hold joint meetings with other adjoining sections or with other organizations having mutual interests, such as the Nebraska Water Environment Association, Nebraska Section American Public Works Association, or the Utilities Section of the League of Municipalities.
- 11.7 If such joint meetings are held, any business meetings of the Section shall be open to all interested individuals, but only those holding membership in the

Association shall have voting rights. Further, the Section's participation in such joint meetings shall be clearly identified and publicized, and the Section shall have an approximately equal share of the program. Additionally, the provisions of the Association's Governing Documents Article XI, Section 11.7 will be followed.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

- 12.1 Proposals for the amendment of these Bylaws may originate by a unanimous vote of the Section Governing Board or they may originate by the submission to the Secretary of a written petition signed by at least ten members of the Section. Upon an amendment being proposed in either of these two manners, the Secretary shall furnish each member a copy of the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment shall then be voted upon by the members at the next annual meeting in a manner similar to that provided for the election of officers (Article X of these bylaws), or may at the discretion of the Board be voted upon by letter ballot, provided, however, in either case all members shall have at least thirty days in which to consider the proposed amendment prior to a vote upon it.
- 12.2 Upon favorable action having been taken as to an amendment in the foregoing manner, the Secretary of the Section shall then submit same to the Executive Director of the American Water Works Association for approval or disapproval by the Association's Board of Directors. Upon notification by the Executive

Director of the Association that the amendment has been approved by the Board of Directors, it shall thereupon become effective.

ARTICLE XIII – DISSOLUTION

- 13.1 In case of dissolution of the Section, such portions of the funds or property thereof in the hands of the Treasurer as may have been derived from the general funds of the American Water Works Association shall be returned to the American Water Works Association.
- 13.2 The balance of the section funds or property shall be disposed of by transfer and distribution to any one or more corporations, funds, or foundations with like purposes or goals that is organized and operated in an area included in the Section, hereinafter referred to as the "receiving organization."
- 13.3 In order to comply with Section 501(c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code under which the Association is incorporated, any such receiving organization shall be organized and operated according to the following criteria:
 - 13.3.1 Exclusively for scientific or educational purposes;
 - 13.3.2 No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholders or individual;

13.3.3 No substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; and

13.3.4 Does not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

13.4 Any such receiving organization(s) shall be selected by vote of the majority of the members of the Section at a meeting called for this purpose. If for any reasons such disposition cannot be effected, then such funds shall be so distributed pursuant to the order, judgment or decree of a court having jurisdiction over the assets and property of the Section.

ARTICLE XIV – INDEMNIFICATION

14.1 Indemnification is provided by the Association as described in the Association Bylaws, Article VI, Section 6.01.