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NSAWWA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Meeting date, time, location: May 8th, 2017, 9:30 am, Woodland Hills Golf Course, at Eagle, Nebraska

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

Roll Call @ 9:30 am

Approval of March BOD Meeting Minutes (motion)

Chair's Report

Director's Report

Treasurer's Report (motion)

Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

Ad Hoc Finance Committee - CD Investment with Mutual of Omaha

Section Insurance Update

Travel Reimbursement

Top Ops

Online Training for AWWA Members

New Business

AWWA Shirts

Section Retreat

Next Meeting Date, Time and Location:

July 14 TBA

Adjourn (Motion)

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TO: Nebraska Section Executive Board
FROM: Bruce Dvorak
RE: Directors Report
DATE: 5-8-17

As the weather beings to warm, many of us start thinking about summer plans. ACE 17 will be in Philadelphia. The number of pre- registered booths is on track to match last year in Chicago, but the pre-registered attendees is down 21% from last year.

In terms of finances, for at least half-a-decade AWWA has been keeping an eye on their liabilities due to retirees who have a defined benefit pension plan. They ended their defined benefit pension nearly two decades ago, but AWWA has some retirees still in the defined benefit pension plan. Given the combination of stock market values and interest rates, AWWA's Board of Director voted last month to purchase an annuity to pay the benefits for these retirees. Thus removing the liability for their pension after purchasing the annuity. In addition, since the Water Research Foundation has several retirees in the same pension plan but does not have the cash on hand to purchase annuities, a no-interest loan of \$1.5 million dollars was extended by AWWA. The rationale is that AWWA would not be able to discontinue the pension plan and purchase the annuities unless the Water Research Foundation also did so.

The Nebraska Section has been exploring becoming involved with the Community Engineering Corps (CECorps). AWWA will hold a webinar on CECorp on May 17 from 12:00-1:30 Central time. Registration for the webinar is complimentary; please register on the AWWA website. Also, there are funds available from a USDA Rural Utilities Service Technical Assistance and Training grant to support project teams.

AWWA has created a website for sharing Section's educational program called Water Training & Education Resource Exchange WaTER□X. Sections can contact other Sections directly to inquire about sharing the content. WaTER□X is a focus point of the Education Strategic Theme Committee and will be a key distribution pathway for any Association□developed content, including the upcoming cybersecurity training. The online catalog can be found at www.awwa.org/waterx

Last, AWWA continues its effort to expand into India. It will be holding AWWAIndia 2017 Conference (AICE' 17) in November in Mumbai.

The visiting AWWA Dignitary this fall will be Mark Coleman of the Michigan Section. He is a new Vice President and a consulting engineer. He is willing to help the program committee by giving a presentation on topics such as lead service line removal, from both his experience and the AWWA perspective.

NE AWWA
Treasurer's Report & Budget Report – March 2017

TREASURER'S REPORT

Account Summary as of: March 31, 2017

Checking Account (9562)	\$71,959.55	
Savings Account (8714)	\$6,443.62	
Pipe Workshop (6735)	\$2,715.57	
	TOTAL:	\$81,118.74
	CD Total:	\$65,129.97
	TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS:	\$146,248.71

CD Breakout	
XXX5435	\$8,142.38
XXX5443	\$8,142.38
XXX5674	\$8,334.00
XXX5682	\$8,333.00
XXX5690	\$8,333.00
XXX1283	\$11,912.84
XXX1300	\$11,932.37
TOTAL:	\$65,129.97

BUDGET REPORT

March 2017

Bills - Checking Account (9562)

Check Number	Description	Amount
2533	Woodland Hills Golf Course - WFP	\$100.00
2534	Arkadin, Inc. - conf calls	\$19.74
Debit	Target - treasurer binder	\$9.94
2535	US Postal Service - PO Box Renewal	\$62.00
2536	League of NE Municipalities - safety award	\$238.51
2537	Jan Crouch, CPA - Annual Audit	\$3,812.65
2538	NE Lutheran Outdoor Ministries - small systems training deposit	\$140.00
2539	League of NE Municipalities - water operator & backflow training	\$6,610.00
2540	League of NE Municipalities - NEWARN	\$750.00
	TOTAL:	\$11,742.84

Deposits - Checking Account (9562)

Date	Description	Amount
03/02/17	Fall Conference Split	\$17,591.70
03/20/17	Multi Section Allotment	\$56.10
03/20/17	HDR - pipe workshop sponsor	\$100.00
03/20/17	Olsson - pipe workshop sponsor	\$100.00
03/28/17	AWWA - 2017 allotment	\$15,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$32,847.80

Respectfully Submitted, Brittany Travers, Treasurer

NE AWWA

Treasurer's Report & Budget Report – April 2017

TREASURER'S REPORT

Account Summary as of: April 30, 2017

Checking Account (9562)		\$71,112.76
Savings Account (8714)		\$6,455.54
Pipe Workshop (6735)		\$2,715.63
	TOTAL:	\$80,283.93
	CD Total:	\$65,129.97
	TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS:	\$145,413.90

CD Breakout	
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BUDGET REPORT

April 2017

Bills - Checking Account (9562)

Check Number	Description	Amount
2541	Arkadin, Inc - Conf Calls	\$39.89
2542	Jim Shields - ACE registration	\$810.00
2543	Chuck Sevferer - AWWA Membership reimbursement	\$20.00
TOTAL:		\$869.89

Deposits - Checking Account (9562)

Date	Description	Amount
04/25/17	NEB Multi-Section	\$23.10
TOTAL:		\$23.10

Respectfully Submitted, Brittany Travers, Treasurer

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TO: Nebraska Section Executive Board
FROM: Bruce Dvorak
RE: Community Engineering Corp Committee
DATE: 5-8-17

The CEC committee has met three times in the past two months. One meeting was on March 13, and then the committee had two conference calls (April 14 and April 24, 2017).

The committee has been working to develop a list of communities that are not current working with an engineering firm, are not currently pursuing a major SRF project, and meet the financial eligibility. In addition, the committee may have identified the first partner. More on this in the next meeting.

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee: Cross Connection Committee Date: May 4, 2017

Chair: Rich Koenig Vice Chair: Leroy Kramer

Total Members: 7 Active Members: 7

Executive Board Liaison: Chad Roberts

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

When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls): Committee met March 8, 2017 and provided potential topics for the 4 - 1 day workshops co-sponsored with LofNM along with potential topics for the NeSAWWA Fall Conference Backflow Track.

- Scheduling a Committee meeting for 2018 in Kearney, Nebraska in conjunction with the Region 12 ABPA Workshop

Proposed changes in committee membership: None

Deliverables/Activities: 4 – 1 day workshops co-sponsored with LNM

- Develop and oversee the Backflow Track at the NeSAWWA Fall Conference which includes “The Ultimate Backflow Challenge”
- Assist with selection process for the following awards:
 - “Cross Connection Control Program of the Year”
 - “Cross Connection specialist of the Year”

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 a Backflow track

Anticipated Budget Expenditures for 2016: \$1500.00 - LofNM cost share
\$1070.00 – Ultimate Backflow Challenge
\$600.00 – Travel costs
\$ 80.00 – Misc.

Budget Request for 2017 (include a short justification) \$3250.00
Expenses as described above

Other:

To: NSAWWA Board
From: John Keith, Chair
Education Committee
Date: May 8, 2017

Education Committee Report

Committee Members

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

Happenings

1. Rob indicates there have been 12 water workshops events including 255 paid operators/registrants in attendance. Eleven (11) more training sessions are scheduled in 2017.

The EPA Small System Grant training **Small System Operator Training to Achieve/Maintain Compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act** will be held May 11, 2016 at Camp Carol Joy Holling Center outside Ashland Nebraska. Fifty-seven (57) have registered!!

1. The will also be the lead for the Pre-conference training in November. This will also be a Small System Grant Training.

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May 8, 2017, 9:30am
Board of Directors Meeting, Membership Committee Report
Woodland Hills GC

The Membership Committee has been actively recruiting and we have several new members for a total of 354 members. This is down one from the last quarter report. Last year now we had 341 members, so up significantly. If we continue to track along the current trend line in the attachment, we should end 2017 exceeding 360 members.

AWWA continues to work on operator credit hours for our operators attending webinars and watching AWWA videos. This will be a great addition to our training opportunities. AWWA has reported they should have this done by the end of 2017.

Marc Rosso met with the AWWA MEDC committee and the first draft of a video an AWWA that helps on-board new members is in progress. This is planned to be complete by ACE in June where the MEDC Committee will present to the Board of Directors. Marc has booked travel plans and will attend ACE as part of this national committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

May 5, 2017

Brian Gongol, chair - brian@gongol.net

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Current members: Brian Gongol, Laura Hardesty, Darren Jack, Teresa Konda, Mary Poe, Marc Rosso, Mike Wentink (no change)

WEBSITE

Updates have been made to the website as requested by the board and committees. This has been a pretty slow spring for updates thus far.

Updates by month:

January	4
February	2
March	2
April	5
May	3

E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

WWW Wednesday emails are going out on schedule.

WISE WATER WORDS

We are still very shallow on content for the Spring 2017 Wise Water Words. Please send committee reports, officer columns, and other updates so we can share them with the membership before the spring gets away from us.

SOCIAL MEDIA

No real change in social-media follower counts since last report.

MULTIMEDIA

No new videos have been posted this year to our YouTube channel.

SCORECARD

Medium	Members/Fans	March report	Change
Facebook	258	252	+6
E-mail distro list	186	186	no change
LinkedIn	15	15	no change
Twitter	24	20	+4
YouTube (subscribers)	10	9	+1
YouTube (views)	26,908	24,201	+2,707

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Safety Committee Report May 2, 2017

The Safety Survey/Applications have been mailed to all NS-AWWA members using the last mailing addresses from membership.

Will have awards to present at the Conference in November. Have two applications back so far.

Will submit mailing expenses and award plaque expensed after the all expenses are accumulated.

Will get the survey/application information to Brian for the website and currently working on a safety article for the Wise Water Words.

Rob Pierce, Safety Chair

Nebraska AWWA Section Scholarship Committee

Section Board Meeting Committee Report – May 2017

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

- Current Committee Members:
 - Current: Larry Andreason, Adam Darbro, Chip Haas, Rod Kirkland, Mike Koenig, and I.
- Scholarships:
 - Received a One AWWA Operator Scholarship application from the City of Beatrice. We will wait to review until the deadline for award at the fall conference to see if any other scholarships are submitted.
 - Haven't received feedback regarding sharing scholarship info at the March operator's conference.
 - Attended a conference call on April 18, 2017 regarding the One AWWA Operator's Scholarship. Here are my notes from the call for consideration:
 - ◆ New "how to" manual and website for support
 - ◆ Scholarship funds may be taxable if used for testing/licensure; generally for education
 - ◆ Need to resign agreement every year, **check on this w/ Section**. New agreement to be sent (will need to be cancelled, i.e. on-going agreement)
 - ◆ Matching request form from association, for donations
 - ◆ Section needs to maintain records and manage tax liability (if there are any)
 - ◆ Co-brand information (Section/Association), as well as Total Water Equation (TWE)
 - ◆ Talk about scholarship frequently
 - ◆ Can also promote in high schools, etc (career and job fairs)
 - ◆ Should promote scholarship winners as well
 - ◆ Charitable solicitation legalities on donations, check state requirements (i.e. raffles)
 - ◆ Section financial records should have a separate line item for donations and expenses, as well as for multiple scholarships.
 - ◆ Scholarships should be paid to the institution in the awardee's name, manages tax liability. Should request written proof of attendance, etc.
 - ◆ Donor statements needed, similar to those used for WFP.
 - ◆ "No Operator No Water" campaign section guidelines – tshirts as fundraiser/promotional option – something for the Section to consider...
 - <https://www.awwa.org/store/productdetail.aspx?productid=61478143> (\$15)
 - ◆ <https://www.awwa.org/membership/sections-your-local-awwa/section-services.aspx>
- Other Items:

Needs from Board:

 - A question for the Board is what to do if the expenses are already incurred prior to the scholarship award (i.e. the certification classes is already attended).

The Water For People Committee report is as follows:

- Golf Event scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on May 8 at Woodland Hills golf course in Eagle.
 - 70 golfers registered
 - 10 sponsors
- New Committee members:
 - Jim Persson and Dean Muirhead joined in March.
- Departing Committee member:
 - Tim Mundorf
 - Accepted a new role within MidWest Labs
 - Will still be available to co-chair Shotgun Event this fall. We are looking for another event co-chair to work with Tim this year and be willing to take over the event next year.
- Water For People Committee Workshop in Denver in July – Jim Persson planning to attend.

May 5, 2017

Subject: WATER UTILITY COUNCIL -SPRING 2017 REPORT

To: NSAWWA BOARD

From: Jim Shields, Water Utility Council Chair

Our 2017 Budget anticipated sending 2 members to the AWWA's annual Congressional Fly-In in addition to the one that is paid for by the nation organization. Unfortunately this year two of the three planned attendees were not able to make the trip, one for medical reasons and the other because weather prevented him from getting to the airport.

I was able to make the trip and met with all of the congressional offices to advocate for this year's legislative agenda. Here are the stated objectives for this year's Fly-In.

- Provide fully authorized funding for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program.
- Double appropriations for the drinking water and wastewater state revolving loan funds.
- Protect the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.
- Remove the annual volume caps on private activity bonds for water infrastructure projects.

As mentioned previously, I was able to meet with all of the congressional offices with the highlight being that Rep. Smith was present for the entire meeting. In addition Sen. Fischer was present for the first few minutes of my meeting with her staff. All of the offices seemed to generally support infrastructure replacement and they all indicated that they thought keeping the tax free nature of municipal bonds was likely.

Since Milo and Chad were unable to attend, the Nebraska Section incurred no expenses this time around as mine were paid for by national.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Shields", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Shields
Water Utility Council Chairman

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NATIONAL PRIORITY

AMERICA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE DEPENDS ON SAFE AND CLEAN WATER

America's future economic strength depends on investments made today in water infrastructure. These investments create jobs and support the economy. Consider these facts: Every \$1 invested in water and wastewater infrastructure increases long-term GDP by \$6.35; each job created in water and wastewater leads to 3.68 jobs in the national economy; over \$86 billion annually is spent on water-related sports activities. Studies also show that the US economy would stand to gain over \$200 billion in annual economic activity and 1.3 million jobs over a 10-year period by meeting its water infrastructure needs. But, without this investment, breakdowns in water supply, treatment and wastewater capacity are projected to cost manufacturers and other businesses over \$7.5 trillion in lost sales and \$4.1 trillion in lost GDP from 2011 to 2040.

AMERICA'S QUALITY OF LIFE DEPENDS ON SAFE AND CLEAN WATER

Well-functioning water and wastewater systems, and the research efforts to support them, are critically important to America's quality of life. Past investments in drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure have left America with some of the best drinking water in the world, while providing our children with safe water for swimming and bathing, and our cities and towns with opportunities to revitalize waterfronts to support new businesses, residences, and recreational activities.

However, investment in water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and research has failed to keep pace with maintenance demands and emerging hydrological threats, putting our quality of life gains at risk.

FEDERAL INVESTMENT ENSURES SAFE AND CLEAN WATER

Since enactment of the Clean Water Act in 1972 and the Safe Drinking Water Act in 1974, Congress has supported a strong federal funding partnership with States and local ratepayers to pay for this critical infrastructure through:

- Investments in the Drinking and Clean Water State Revolving Funds, which return over \$.93 to the Federal Treasury for every \$1 invested;
- Tax-exempt municipal bonds, which financed nearly \$38 billion in water and wastewater infrastructure in 2016; and,
- WIFIA, the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act, which has the potential to leverage over \$60 for every \$1 invested in major water and wastewater projects.

Yet EPA estimates that America's water and wastewater infrastructure requires more than \$650 billion worth of investment over the next 20 years just to maintain current levels of service, and independent estimates place this figure over \$1 trillion. While local ratepayers will shoulder much of this burden, all levels of government must be part of the solution.

IT IS TIME TO RENEW THE LOCAL-STATE-FEDERAL SAFE AND CLEAN WATER FUNDING PARTNERSHIP

WE CALL ON CONGRESS TO ENSURE:

- 💧 **\$2.8 BILLION** for Clean Water State Revolving Fund for FY2018
- 💧 **\$1.8 BILLION** for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for FY2018
- 💧 **\$45 MILLION** for Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act for FY2018 (WIFIA)
- 💧 **\$50 MILLION** for the Bureau of Reclamation's water reuse and recycling program (Title XVI)
- 💧 **\$5 MILLION** for National Priorities Research Funding
- 💧 **FULL TAX-EXEMPT STATUS** for interest earned on municipal bonds
- 💧 **REMOVAL OF THE CAP** on tax-exempt private activity bonds for water and wastewater infrastructure

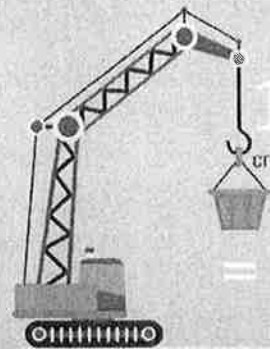
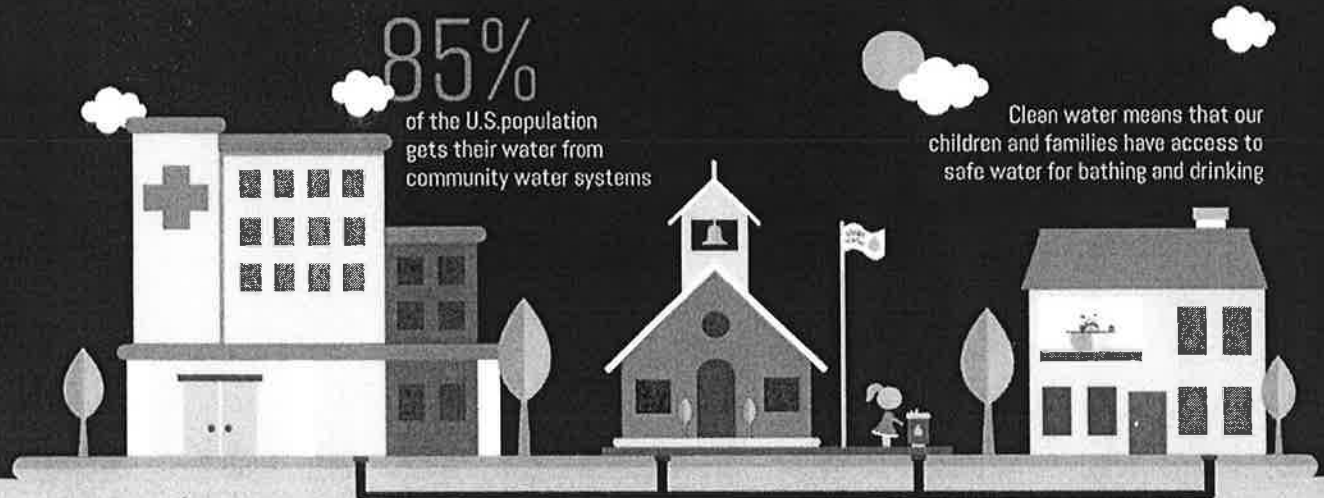
For more information on these statistics and to get involved, visit www.waterweek.us/resources

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO ELEVATE WATER!

85%

of the U.S. population gets their water from community water systems

Clean water means that our children and families have access to safe water for bathing and drinking



1 job created in water + wastewater adds

3.68 jobs

to the national economy

Every \$1

invested in water + wastewater infrastructure increases long-term GDP by

\$6.35

Tax-exempt municipal bonds financed nearly

\$38

billion in water + wastewater infrastructure in 2016



Safe and clean water means our industries can produce finished products with water free of contaminants

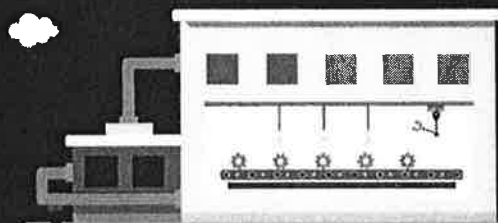
Investments in clean water support over

\$86

billion in consumer spending on water-based recreation annually

Safe and clean water is the lifeblood of healthy, vibrant communities and our nation's economy

Clean water means farmers can safely irrigate their crops



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**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2017 COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee: Total Water Solutions (Ad-Hoc)

Date: May 5, 2017

Chair: John S. Olsson

Vice Chair: _____

Total Members: 8

Active Members: 8

Executive Board Liaison: TBD

List of Active Members: Mike Wentink, Tony Bilek, Steve Masters, Brian Dunnigan, Dale Jacobson, Joel Christensen, Steve Owen and John Olsson

When and where has the committee met in the past year: Conducted an in-person lunch meeting on December 2, 2016. Those attending in person – Joel, Tony, Dale, Steve M., and John. Steve O. was able to call in. Committee has also dialogued via email in the preparation of the article for Nebraska Farmer.

Proposed changes in committee membership: Steve Owen added 12/2/16.

Deliverables/Activities: The article authored by the TWS Committee was published in *Nebraska Farmer*. The link is <http://www.nebraskafarmer.com/water/understanding-nebraskas-water-supply>

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work? Continue to support our existence and review various materials that we send to the Board for further action. Also advise of any opportunities to partner with other “water” folks where the connectedness of water can be emphasized.

Plans/Projects for upcoming year: We will be opportunistic.

Anticipated Budget Expenditures for 2017 year end:

Budget Request for 2017: Budget request is \$100 to continue with normal activities. Perhaps for coffee or donuts at meetings, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Olsson, PE