

NEBRASKA SECTION AWWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2006

Meeting was held January 12, 2006 at the Fremont NE City Council Chambers. Meeting called to order at 9:38 a.m.

Present were: Larry Andreasen, Tony Bilek, Joel Christensen, Bruce Dvorak, Dave Jundt, Chris Koenig, Teresa Kub, John Olsson, Rob Pierce, Doug Woodbeck and Michael Wentink.

Motion made by Joel Christensen to approve minutes, as amended, of the November 8, 2005 meetings; seconded by John Olsson. Motion approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

John Olsson presented the financial results for the 2005 fall conference. NSAWWA attendance was slightly down from the previous year. Bank statements and financial expenditures for the past three months were provided. The draft 2006 budget was presented (see end of the minutes). It was noted that every third year the Section must pay for the incoming directors travel to the national Board meeting; thus additional expenses should be budgeted for this line in 2007. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Mike Wentink; seconded by Joel Christensen. Motion approved by all.

Director's Report

Joel Christensen reported the following.

Winter Board Meeting

I will be attending the winter board meeting February 11-12. A major item will be future governance of the organization (fiduciary responsibility changes). Other items will be elections, the Spring DC fly-in, lessons learned from the MTBE campaign, and utility quality programs. There also will be a session about trends in the water industry and impacts on AWWA and Sections.

Membership

Association membership remained above 57,000 all year long for the first time.

Communication

The Association has been sending minutes from the executive and other committees and from various councils to all Board members on timely basis. These have been very helpful and have allowed me to ask some timely questions and know more about some issues before the winter board meeting. One example is a decision on how to proceed with funding of the staff retirement plan.

A web-based communication device called "DirectorNet" also has been developed to improve our communications.

New Officers' workshop and Summer Workshop

The Association is considering combining these and new directors' workshops into the same time frame and location.

A motion to approve the director's report was made by Mike Wentink; seconded by Larry Andreasen. Motion approved by all.

Committee Reports

Audit

Will audit the budget every other year. Audited the budget last year.

Awards

No report.

Budget

Discussed as part of treasurer's report.

Cross-Connections

No report.

Education

Mike has been working with the Lincoln Water System and M.U.D. to organize a Pipe Design seminar at Mahoney Park on March 28. Advance registration is \$25 (after March 17 will be \$35). The "Current Update on Arsenic (and Uranium) Seminar," December 1, 2005 in Fremont was attended by about 30 people.

Fall Conference

Tony reported there were many compliments on the fall conference. Mike has considered ideas like offering the water operator exams at the fall conference, as well as other ideas Mike and Chuck have considered. The attendance at the Pump 101 and PE review sessions was discussed. Both were deemed successes. The fall conference planning meeting (with APWA and NWEA) will be in late March in Council Bluffs. It was discussed that Mike will try to obtain four copies of books that could help our winning Top Ops team prepare for the national competition. It was discussed if we want to pursue getting t-shirts for the Top Ops teams.

Fuller Award

The Fuller award committee for 2006 should be Rich Koenig (chair), Jack Daniel, Joel Christensen, Chris Koenig, and Chip Haas.

MAC

Tony Bilek reported the vendor hall was full and there was no problem with the increased fee. Discussed the possibility of having a "member" and "non-member" fee for vendors, but decided that it would likely be more work to identify the few vendors who are not associate members of at least one of the three associations (APWA, NWEA, and NS-AWWA).

Membership

No report.

Nominations

Larry discussed potential nominees for next the year, including a new director.

Public Information

No Report.

Publications

Kathleen sent in her budget.

Research

UNL is collaborating with the City of McCook, Miller and Associates, Jacobson-Helgoth Consultants, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to monitor the drinking water distribution system water quality and the sludge quality from the wastewater plant.

Safety

Rob sent out a mailing of the water safety award application form to utilities. The committee will try to give all nominees a certificate if they do not win an award.

Scholarships

Larry Andreasen reported that no operators applied for a scholarship to attend the fall conference.

Small Systems

Dave Jundt reported national has prepared a small systems standards package, and asked if NSAWWA should help share these standards with systems within the state. Consideration will be given through the education committee (book allotment) or SRF funding to obtain a copy for review by the committee and to put in the AWWA library. Dave proposed we share these standards to the small systems as a package at seminars.

Student Activities

No report.

Water for People

Glenn reported that the raffle sales at annual conference went well. The raffle winners were: Bruce Dvorak, Jose Labrador, and Joel Christensen.

Water Utility Council

Jerry Obrist is planning to participate in the Washington Fly-In. Get issues and questions to Jerry. A companion (another member of NS-AWWA) for Jerry for the Washington Fly-In should be selected. Larry suggested issue for Jerry to bring up is the delay for several years by US EPA of the total coliform rule. The board encouraged Larry to attend the Fly-In.

Young Professionals

The YP committee met December 20, 2005. It was decided that the committee will target four activities for the year in addition to the YP Mixer at the Fall Conference. The general consensus is that Friday's work best to schedule events. Potential activities include a tour of the Norfolk Treatment Plant, Flowserve tour in Hastings, a membrane seminar and requests will be made to MUD and LWS for tours of their facilities. The YP Committee also will compile a list of YPs for mailing purposes.

Old Business

Fall Conference proceeds/review: Tony reported that the conference was a success. Discussed possibilities for keynote speakers for this next year. The idea of the AV czar worked well; thought about having a vendor who would be at the conference the entire time to do the work at the conference.

The Committee Chairs for 2006 and Liaisons are listed below.

Committee	Chair	Liaison
Audit	Tony Bilek	N/A
Awards	Steve Kelley	Mike Wentink
Budget	John Olsson	N/A
Cross Connections	Rich Koenig	Tony Bilek
Education	Mike Wentink	N/A
Fall Conference	Mike Wentink	N/A
Fuller Award	Rich Koenig	Joel Christensen
MAC	Tony Bilek	N/A
Membership	Rich Robinson	John Olsson
Nominations	Larry Andreasen	N/A
Publications	Mari Matulka	Kevin Tobin
Public Information	Kathleen Alexander	Kevin Tobin
Research	Bruce Dvorak	N/A
Safety	Rob Pierce	Chuck Thomerson
Scholarship	Lynn Wegehaupt	Larry Andreasen
Small Systems	David Jundt	Tony Bilek
Student Activities	Bruce Dvorak	N/A
Water For People	Glenn Dostal	Teresa Kub
Water Utility Council	Jerry Obrist	Joel Christensen
Young Professionals	Ben Day	Teresa Kub

New Business

Groundwater Children’s Festival

Asked for a 25 minute presentation, Tuesday, March 14. Teresa expressed interest in assisting.

AWWA-ACE Scholarship:

Tony got a call from Steve Kelly, and if we had sent any operators to national (ACE). There is an effort to revise the SRF contract to use some of the funds for this purpose.

AWWA Specialty Conference – Omaha host

Tony contacted people within Omaha to prepare a promotional package to send to AWWA.

WFP Golf Outing

Friday, May 12 (end of Safe Drinking Water Week). Will try to the schedule the event to be in Columbus again for the location. The plans are to send out a flyer out in March. Discussed hosting a second outing in the Panhandle.

Future Board Meeting dates/times/locations:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wednesday, March 15	1:00-3:00	Columbus City Council Chambers
Friday, May 12	9:00-11:30	Columbus City Council Chambers
Thursday, July 13	9:30-Noon	Fremont City Council Chambers
Thursday, September 21	9:30-Noon	Fremont City Council Chambers
Wednesday, November 8	1:30-3:30	Kearney / Annual Business Meeting
Wednesday, November 8	3:30-4:30	Kearney / Board Meeting

Utilization of SRF funds.

Doug Woodbeck, capacity development director for NE HHSS, visited with the Board. Two percent of the SRF funds can be used for capacity development. One of the contracts is with NSAWWA. Doug has expressed that the contract funds are not being fully developed. The goal is for the money to support the financial and managerial capabilities within the state. Doug was unsure if it would be possible to gain approval for expending SRF funds for operators' scholarships to attend the National Conference (ACE).

New ideas proposed for utilizing the funds include:

- Reduced cost registration for annual conference for small systems
- Paying speakers to come to annual conference on specific topics of interest (including AWWA programs in a "can")
- Purchase the new standards (for small systems) and present these to small systems operators if they attend a workshop, say at the annual conference.
- Educational materials to use to educate operators, such as groundwater models. This item will fit within the current line items.

NS-AWWA needs to work with Doug to get any new ideas approved and incorporated into the contact, which will start July 1, 2006.

An Ad Hoc committee was formed to develop ideas for the contract: Tony Bilek, Larry Andreasen, Rich Koenig, Rob Pierce and Doug Woodbeck.

The meeting ended at 12:47 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13 at the Columbus Municipal Building Council Chambers.

Submitted for approval January 21, 2006 by Bruce Dvorak, NSAWWA secretary.

NEBRASKA SECTION AWWA BUDGET 2005		
January 10, 2006		
	2005 Actual	2005 Budget
INCOME		
Section Allotment	8,703.00	8,700.00
Association Allotment	6,297.00	6,300.00
Multi-section Allotment	543.90	500.00
Annual Meeting	53,270.00	49,000.00
Washington Flyin Reimbursement	0.00	500.00
Interest on Accounts	853.99	300.00
Teleconferences	795.00	3,000.00
Advertising Income	6,725.00	4,000.00
Water for People	1,138.00	1,250.00
SRF Ed. Funds	2,089.00	10,000.00
Miscellaneous	360.00	750.00
WFP Golf	7,251.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$88,025.89	\$84,300.00
EXPENSES		
Safety Committee	0.00	1,500.00
Cross Connection Workshop	0.00	300.00
Education		
Education Committee	0.00	2,000.00
SRF Expenses	2,950.00	10,000.00
LONM/NSAWWA Seminars	2,205.00	1,500.00
Public Info Comm./Web Site	470.80	500.00
Teleconferences	1,011.35	1,500.00
Small Systems Committee	125.31	300.00
Director's Board Meeting	0.00	
Publications		
Wise Water Words	7,911.98	8,400.00
Membership Directory	0.00	6,500.00
Advertising	228.00	200.00
Student Activity	70.00	250.00
Membership	1,235.45	750.00
Audit	0.00	
Awards	415.04	500.00
Abel Wolman	1,000.00	1,000.00
Research Foundation	1,000.00	1,000.00
Regional Officer's Meeting/Officer Training	930.65	2,000.00
Director's Spouse (Meeting Expense)	245.89	300.00
Annual Meeting	24,172.32	37,000.00
Publicity	621.87	3,000.00
Water for People	1,806.99	1,500.00
MAC Council	0.00	500.00
Paid Staff	0.00	0.00
Scholarships	3,250.00	2,000.00
Young Professionals	128.22	250.00
Water Utility Council (Travel, etc.)	617.56	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	107.80	500.00
Water for People Golf	5,588.07	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$56,092.30	\$84,250.00
NET INCOME	\$31,933.59	\$50.00

NEBRASKA SECTION AWWA BUDGET 2008							
January 13, 2006							
	2006 Actual	2006 Budget	2005 Actual	2005 Budget	2004 Actual	1998 Actual	1997 Actual
INCOME							
Section Allotment	0.00	8,700.00	8,703.00	8,700.00	7,731.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Association Allotment	0.00	6,300.00	6,297.00	6,300.00	7,269.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
Multi-section Allotment	0.00	500.00	543.90	500.00	371.25	620.00	328.19
Annual Meeting	0.00	12,000.00	53,020.00	49,000.00	10,977.94	9,216.73	40,125.00
Washington Flyin Reimbursement	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	1,095.70	781.48	581.21
Interest on Accounts	0.00	300.00	1,078.59	300.00	399.10	2,212.71	2,212.71
Teleconferences	0.00	3,000.00	795.00	3,000.00	3,085.00	6,190.76	4,990.00
Advertising Income	0.00	4,000.00	6,725.00	4,000.00	945.00	3,575.00	4,560.00
Water for People	0.00	1,250.00	1,138.00	1,250.00	1,465.00	15.00	1,827.00
SRF Ed. Funds	0.00	10,000.00	2,089.00	10,000.00	8,781.58	4,368.00	280.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	750.00	380.00	750.00	1,426.93	349.83	311.10
WIFP Golf	0.00	7,200.00	7,251.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$54,500.00	\$88,600.49	\$84,300.00	\$43,547.50	\$5,329.89	\$60,535.21
EXPENSES							
Safety Committee	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,824.42	0.00
Cross Connection Workshop	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	5,369.00	500.50
Education	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	\$3,404.00
SRF Expenses	0.00	10,000.00	2,950.00	10,000.00	9,012.58	0.00	0.00
LONMNSAWWA Seminars	0.00	1,600.00	2,205.00	1,500.00	0.00	3,303.00	0.00
Public Info Comm./Web Site	0.00	500.00	470.80	500.00	513.60	369.66	0.00
Teleconferences	0.00	1,500.00	1,011.35	1,500.00	1,622.03	2,674.15	4,372.33
Small Systems Committee	0.00	300.00	125.31	300.00	0.00	92.89	524.87
Director's Board Meeting	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,461.40	674.86	750.63
Publications	0.00	8,400.00	7,911.98	8,400.00	8,568.74	5,315.77	8,249.35
Wise Water Words	0.00	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00	4,817.25	0.00	2,756.74
Membership Directory	0.00	375.00	228.00	200.00	224.00	0.00	99.84
Advertising	0.00	250.00	70.00	250.00	289.55	101.42	589.24
Student Activity	0.00	750.00	1,235.45	750.00	26.00	287.00	0.00
Membership	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,790.00	123.00	115.60
Audit	0.00	500.00	415.04	500.00	478.47	271.21	320.56
Awards	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	0.00
Abel Wolman	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	500.00
Research Foundation	0.00	2,000.00	930.65	2,000.00	530.66	1,119.83	1,302.10
Regional Officer's Meeting/Officer Training	0.00	300.00	245.89	300.00	524.70	0.00	300.00
Director's Spouse (Meeting Expense)	0.00	1,500.00	42,164.76	37,000.00	1,770.09	1,214.88	33,860.50
Annual Meeting	0.00	3,000.00	621.87	3,000.00	870.61	0.00	0.00
Publicity	0.00	1,500.00	1,806.99	1,500.00	2,864.97	615.00	2,359.85
Water for People	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MAC Council	0.00	2,000.00	3,250.00	2,000.00	3,250.00	0.00	0.00
Scholarships	0.00	250.00	128.22	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Young Professionals	0.00	1,300.00	617.56	1,000.00	717.59	0.00	539.41
Water Utility Council (Travel, etc.)	0.00	500.00	107.80	500.00	1,337.91	175.49	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	6,000.00	5,588.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$324.63
Water for People Golf	0.00	\$59,725.00	\$74,084.74	\$84,250.00	\$44,163.23	26,563.65	\$38,568.72
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$59,725.00	\$74,084.74	\$84,250.00	\$44,163.23	26,563.65	\$38,568.72
NET INCOME	\$0.00	-\$5,225.00	\$14,515.75	\$50.00	-\$615.73	8,766.43	\$4,208.56
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