NEBRASKA SECTION AWWA
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2006

Meeting was held on May 12, 2006 at the Columbus NE City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

Present were: Tony Bilek, Joel Christensen, Bruce Dvorak Teresa Kub, John Olsson, Chuck Thomerson, Kevin Tobin, Michael Wentink and David Jundt.

Motion made by Mike Wentick to approve minutes, as amended, of the March 15, 2006 meeting; seconded by Teresa Kub. Motion approved by all.

**Director’s Report**

Joel Christensen reported that the three months ending March 31 showed a $161,600 surplus of revenues versus budget. Surplus in net publication sales and advertising were offset by deficits in revenues from events. The Water Library was launched in May. It is an on-line tool for finding Journal AWWA articles. It will be expanded to all AWWA publications. Plans for the Annual Conference and Exhibition continue. Exhibition sales are above projections and registrations are slightly behind.

**Treasurer’s Report**

John Olsson presented a recap of the financial status through May 6, 2006. Income is up and slightly ahead of the budget and expenses are holding steady. The Board recommended moving $10,000 from the checking and adding it to the CD which comes due June 20, 2006. The Board discussed increasing membership by offering one year of a free membership to non-members who register for the fall conference. Dave Jundt suggested targeting individual members for the small systems and utility memberships for the systems with more than four or five employees. A motion to approve treasurer’s report was made by Kevin Tobin; seconded by Bruce Dvorak. Motion approved by all.

**Committee Reports**

- **Audit**
  No report.

- **Awards**
  Steve Kelly reported through Mike Wentink that the committee has six candidates for WISA.

- **Budget**
  No separate report, discussed during treasurer’s report.

- **Cross-Connections**
  No report.

- **Education**
  Mike Wentink reported the Education Committee had nine workshops this spring which served 149 operators. Topic concerning water storage was well received. Eight more workshops are scheduled for the rest of the year. The pipe design seminar was very successful; 105 people in attendance. A teleconference on fire hydrant operation and maintenance will be held the week before the fall conference.

- **Fall Conference**
  Mike Wentink reported that he is tentatively scheduling a committee meeting in Fremont on Wednesday, May 17. He has a few submittals for papers.

- **Fuller Award**
  No report.
MAC
Tony reported that invitations for fall conference will go out mid-June.

Membership
Attendees of the pipe seminar whom are not members were sent an application packet by Rich.

Nominations
The committee will have a nomination for director prepared by July and officer nominations to Mari by May 19.

Public Information
No Report.

Publications
Mari Matulka reported the deadline for summer issue of Wise Water Words' stories is May 19.

Research
No report.

Safety
Chuck Thomerson shared an e-mail from Rob Pierce. Rob has sent e-mails to the Safety Committee on award determination, plaque design, and also the planning of the next year’s activities. He will try to get an application on the website. He is trying to get articles for the newsletter.

Scholarships
Monty Rader shared information with NS-AWWA concerning the Nebraska representative to the National Stockholm Water Prize competition. The winner was Laura Johnson of Newman Grove High School.

Small Systems
Dave Jundt reported there is a need for more AWWA distribution system manuals (20-30). Discussion was that NS-AWWA should use the SRF funds to buy more manuals. Mike Wentink will order these manuals.

Student Activities
The past semester the AWWA/WEF student chapter had four activities.
- Attendance at the Great Plains Waste Management Conference in March
- Meeting with the Young Professional Committee with a speaker concerning membrane technology in April
- Social event (Bowling)
- Assisting with WFP golf tournament (May)

Water for People
Teresa Kub reported HDR has been conducting a strong workplace giving campaign for Water for People. Tony reported that Water for People needs to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between national and section committees.

Water Utility Council
No report.

Young Professionals
Events are being planned for the fall.

Old Business
Summer Workshop – Denver, CO. 7/21-7/23
Proposed sending several officers. Mike Wentink, Tony Bilek, Rob Pierce and Chuck Thomerson are considering attending. The section pays for travel and lodging.
Review of Regional Meeting – Des Moines, IA 4/21 – 4/22. Tony, Mike and Larry attended. A running bet is going with Iowa related to increasing membership by 3 percent. The section in this region with the lowest new members must buy drinks at the next regional meeting.

Nebraska is host for the 2007 regional meeting. The meeting does not need to be held in the state of the host section. Montana suggested holding the meeting in Las Vegas. Denver also has been suggested. When you host the event, the section is to be well represented. If moved to a satellite location, we will be responsible for coordinating with National AWWA to make hotel arrangements. Another question concerns if Friday and Saturday is better, versus Thursday and Friday. Flights may make a decision. Tony will report back to the Board as to what options exist.

Washington D.C. Fly-in report
Chuck reported he enjoyed the experience and found the representatives/aides were receptive to potential changes in chemical security related to water and wastewater utilities.

Teleconference Coordination
Chuck and Mike have considered putting together a SOP (standard operating procedure) for coordinating the teleconference. Communication problems occurred within the City of Columbus which led to forms not getting out to all of the sites within Nebraska. National used to do the mailings, but now the sections are responsible for sending out the National AWWA’s template for advertising. Need to mail these to individuals. Tony appointed an ad hoc committee of Chuck Thomerson, Mike Wentink and Tony Bilek to prepare a SOP.

New Business

SRF Funding Update: Mike Wentink will send the Board an e-mail link to the RFP for the current Nebraska HHSS contract.

AWWA-ACE San Antonio: Mari is putting together a list of Nebraska Section attendees.

Fall Conference: Proposed having an ACE water tasting test at the fall conference.

The meeting ended at 11:26 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 13, at the Fremont City Council Chambers.

Submitted for approval May 12, 2006 by Bruce Dvorak, NS AWWA Secretary.

The Committee Chairs for 2006 and Liaisons are listed below.

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