

**Nebraska Section AWWA  
Board Meeting Minutes**

The Nebraska Section AWWA held the board meeting July 12, 2007 at Olsson & Associates, Lincoln, NE. Mike Wentink called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Attendees:

1. Larry Andreasen
2. Bruce Dvorak
3. Chris Koenig
4. Mary Poe
5. Teresa Konda
6. Mari Matulka
7. Ben Day
8. Michael Wentink
9. Rich Koenig
10. Rob Pierce

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Chris Koenig to approve minutes, as amended, of the March 12 and May 11 meetings; seconded by Kevin Tobin. Motion approved by all.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

John Olsson had submitted the Treasurer's report with current financial information for the period of May 5, 2007 through July 6, 2007. In general, the condition of our Section's finances is exceptional, stating we are currently ahead of budget and income and expenses are in-line with projections.

Based on recent discussions with the Nebraska Department of Health, we have revised our SRF contract for FY 07/08 to \$5,500. He also stated we should review the proposed budget for the SRF Education Funds and collectively we need to make sure we use this money. It is no longer an acceptable practice to let this line item sit idle.

We also still need to complete the audit. The company selected to perform the audit service recently backed out. Chris Koenig is looking into possible.

John also reported the Water for People Golf Outing turned out to be a big success. Many cash prizewinners opted to give the proceeds back to WFP, which resulted in a check amount of just over \$2,900.

Motion to approve treasurer report made by Chris Koenig; seconded by Teresa Konda.  
Motion approved by all.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Chris Koenig gave a report primarily based on activities at the Annual Conference in Toronto. AWWA ACE attendance in Toronto was up. AWWA income is ahead of projections.

A group of bikers called the Water Buffalos raised money. Potentially the NS-AWWA Water for People committee could encourage bikers from the section to participate/contribute. A MOU signed with the India Water Works Association.

The Asian Development Bank funded 15 engineers and general managers to attend the Alaska Section's annual conference. The Alaska Section paid \$40,000 to host the group and provide tours, etc. Potentially the Nebraska Section could host such a trip for the Asian Development Bank.

Chris was appointed to the National Young Professionals Committee, and he discussed many of the items that he learned. Chris attended the Section Forum and came back with some ideas related to membership.

Motion to approve the Director's report made by Bruce Dvorak; seconded by Kevin Tobin.  
Motion approved by all.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Audit**

Chris sent Mike some material for review.

### **Awards**

Bruce Dvorak reported the Awards Committee was making progress.

### **Budget**

Committees are turning in requests for money. Chris asked for and encouraged more activities for the membership to get involved.

### **Cross Connection**

No report

### **Education**

No Report

**Fall Conference**

Kevin handed out a preliminary fall conference agenda.

**Fuller Award**

Jack has received some nominations and will be conducting a conference call for the final selection of the recipient.

**MAC**

Tony e-mailed a report to the board members.

**Membership**

No report

**Nominations**

No report

**Public Information**

Tap Water Delivers program

**Publications**

No report

**Research**

No report

**Safety**

The Safety Committee has three or four seminars scheduled, need to verify those with Rob Pierce.

**Scholarship**

Mike received some scholarship nominations and he recommended forwarding them on to the Scholarship Committee for approval.

Larry Andreasen provided a grant application for the Top-Op Training funds.

**Small Systems**

No report

**Student Activities**

Bruce reported the Student Chapter has some possible tours to consider, but they're also looking for additional venues to consider.

**Water for People**

The WFP Leadership Seminar is August 1-3 in Denver, CO.

### **Water Utility Council**

No report

### **Young Professionals**

Ben Day reported they have not had as many events as liked. They are considering repeating tours of past to familiarize those new members of those facilities and programs, as well as a review of those facilities' progress.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Policy — Registration Fees at NSAWWA Sponsored Events**

Chris will be reviewing the policy with other board members to make a recommendation.

#### **Operator Retention — Update**

A brochure was provided for the members to review. Also, the Section was invited to a Counselor's Conference in Lincoln. We were invited as a vendor/presenter to about a 400 – 500 attendee audience. The cost is \$100/attendee with two attendees recommended.

#### **World O'Water — Booth materials ideas**

Mike will order some media material for educational purposes for conferences, seminars and festivals.

#### **NSAWWA Committees/Strategic Planning**

Tabled for another time when there would be time to go into detail.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **WFP – AWWA/Section MOU**

Mike reported we have received a Memorandum of Understanding with WFP for Craig's and Mike's signatures.

#### **Wyland Kidz Explore – Contribution**

Mari reported the World Herald is looking for exhibitors at Kidz Explore at the M.A.C. in Council Bluffs in February 2008. Does the NS-AWWA want to participate? Discussion ensued and the matter will be reviewed again.

#### **Ad-hoc Committee for WFP Founders Award**

Bruce made a motion for a recipient. Craig, Bruce and Mari will be the Ad-hoc committee and meet to discuss.

#### **Committee Annual Report**

Bruce suggested the Section consider a form much like National uses to standardize the Annual Report from the Section. Also standardize committee chair terms as does national.

The Board supported the idea; the current chair will contact committee chairs to alert them of the discussion at the upcoming fall conference.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Olsson & Associates needed the conference room for another meeting, motion to adjourn by Chris Koenig, seconded by Bruce Dvorak.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chuck Thomerson