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American Water Works Association
Nebraska Section

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Annual Business Meeting Agenda (v.03)

Date November 7, 2024

Time 1:30 pm CT

Location Younes Conference Center
Kearney, Nebraska

Call to order

Roll call

Present

Absent

KEITH, John
HURST, Ryan
GONGOL, Brian
LOWERY, Angel
DAY, Ben
ROSSO, Marc
MILLER, Chris
JOHNSON, Jessica
ROBERTS, Joe
ZUVER, Torey

Others present:

Approval of agenda

Approval of minutes

Chair's report

Director's report

Written report submitted by Ben Day.

Treasurer's report

Election of officers

The Nominations Committee will recommend a proposed slate of officers for election to the board of directors.

Nominations may be made from the floor.

Committee reports

Archives & History:

Written report submitted by Rob Pierce.

Awards:

Written report submitted by Rob Pierce.

Budget:

Cross Connections:

Education:

Written report submitted by John Keith.

Fall Conference:

Fuller Award:

Manufacturers and Associates Council:

Written report submitted by Lee Dunn.

Membership Engagement:

Written report submitted by Chuck Seuferer.

Nominations:

See report under "Election of Officers" above.

Philanthropy:

Written report submitted by Joe Roberts.

Public Information:

Written report submitted by Mary Poe.

Publications:

Written report submitted by Brian Gongol.

Scholarship:

Small Systems:

Written report submitted by Alan Slater.

Top Ops:

Written report submitted by Mike Wentink.

Water Utility Council:

Written report submitted by Chad Roberts.

YP and Student Activities:

Written report submitted by Abhijeet Saraf.

[Membership report](#)

[Old business](#)

[New business](#)

Visiting dignitary

The AWWA visiting dignitary is invited to offer remarks.

Announcements

Upcoming meetings

Adjournment

Attest

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AD-HOC COMMITTEES

Community Engineering Corps
Dr. Bruce Dvorak • 402-326-8391



Annual Meeting Minutes (v.1)

Date	November 1, 2023																																		
Time	1:30 pm CT																																		
Location	Younes Conference Center Kearney, Nebraska																																		
Call to order	Marc Rosso called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.																																		
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Approval of agenda	Ryan Hurst moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Chris Miller. Motion was approved by voice vote.																																		
Approval of minutes	Approval of the 2022 business meeting minutes was moved by John Keith, seconded by Angel Lowery. Motion was approved by voice vote.																																		
Chair's report	<p>Written report submitted by Marc Rosso.</p> <p>Craig Reinsch entered the meeting at 1:32 pm.</p> <p>Rosso briefly reiterated his written report. No questions were raised.</p>																																		
Director's report	<p>Written report submitted by Ben Day.</p> <p>Day briefly summarized his written report. No questions were raised.</p>																																		
Treasurer's report	<p>Angel Lowery advised that there is no written report to review at this time.</p> <p>John Keith advised that overall the section's expenses are</p>																																		

1 Craig Reinsch entered the meeting at 1:32 pm.
2 AWWA representative

relatively minimal. The section has an expected net income of around \$30,000 for the year, and Keith suggests that our budgets may be over-projecting expenses from year to year, which could indicate a latent need to re-set our budgets to reflect actual spending.

Ryan Hurst noted that the section may need to work harder to spend resources on travel and association-level activities so that those resources aren't left dormant.

Craig Reinsch recommended that the board push hard for attendance at the budgeted activities.

Angel Lowery thanked John Keith for his ongoing support as she accedes into the new role of Treasurer.

Election of officers

The board has received notice of Tom Menke's resignation as a trustee with one year remaining in his term.

John Keith commented on the transitional nature of this year's board due to the unexpected resignation of Mike Koenig.

Craig Reinsch noted that Tom Menke has helped to find a suitable nominee to fulfill the remaining year on his term. Reinsch moved to amend the nominations report to add Torey Zuver to fulfill the remaining year of Tom Menke's term as a trustee.

Ryan Hurst seconded the nomination of Torey Zuver, and noted his enthusiasm for ensuring that the western part of the state retains geographic representation on the board.

The motion to accept the amendment to the report of the nominations committee was approved by a voice vote of the board.

Marc Rosso called three times for nominations from the floor. None were submitted.

Ryan Hurst moved to close nominations, seconded by Chris Miller. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Ryan Hurst moved to approve and elect the recommended slate of nominees, seconded by Angel Lowery. The recommended slate of officers was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Committee reports

Archives & History:

Rob Pierce commented on his written report, noting that some of the 75th anniversary history books remain in stock.

Audit:

John Keith advised that the audit has been delayed due to sickness on the part of the auditor. Angel Lowery advised that all of the required paperwork has been submitted and that the process remains in the auditor's hands.

Awards:

Rob Pierce commented on his written report. He advised that there are many section and association-level awards, and that the section should try to have nominees for as many of those awards as possible.

Budget:

John Keith and Angel Lowery advised that the budget committee has nothing further to report. Keith noted that the board should review the SOPs and bylaws to determine whether multiple reports are necessary.

Cross Connections:

No report was submitted.

Education:

John Keith advised that 71 people attended the December 2022 RCAP-funded event in Ashland. The other major event was the preconference event held yesterday, and that about 72 people attended. He noted that the RCAP grants have been exceedingly well-used by the Nebraska Section, but that the program has been closed. Keith noted that Teresa Konda has volunteered to assist with future events, and that the section could likely handle at least one session next year, possibly in the spring.

Fall Conference:

John Keith offered his praise for Brittany Travers and her contributions to organizing the conference. The room was set up for 140 at the first session this morning, and had to be expanded to about 180 total attendees. Keith also shared a sample of the barbecue set to be given out at the banquet tonight as a membership inducement award.

Fuller Award:

Marc Rosso noted that he had been advised that there would be a recipient of the Fuller Award this year.

Manufacturers and Associates Council:

Lee Dunn reported that the room is full of exhibitors and lots of sponsorship support had been received as well. Coffee and drinks bars are staged to encourage flow through the exhibit area. Dunn reported that he is looking to step down in 2024, and that he has recruited Kelsey Groff as a new chair to take over in a year-long transitional process. Dunn further noted that he tried to keep SWANA-attached vendors together in order to help keep the exhibit area from looking too empty if those vendors leave early.

Membership Engagement:

A written report was submitted by Chuck Seuferer. Marc Rosso noted that membership is up somewhat over last year, and that Seuferer will be giving away gift cards at the banquet tonight.

Nominations:

See report under "Election of Officers" above.

One Water:

Dale Jacobson commented on his written report, noting that the committee had evolved from earlier efforts at "Total Water Solutions". Further efforts seem not to be sustained by the association, and he recommended sunsetting the committee, effective immediately. Ryan Hurst noted that the board's efforts to streamline committees begun last year would naturally drive towards accepting Jacobson's recommendation.

Philanthropy:

Joe Roberts commented on his written report. He noted that the committee intends to revive the "Wine for Water" event that was

suspended due to Covid-19. Roberts is seeking a co-chair for the committee and thanked Marc Rosso for his support with the sporting-clays shoot.

Public Information:

Mary Poe commented on her written report. The committee received 128 posters for the children's poster contest, more than double the total received last year. The water-tasting contest takes place this afternoon. Poe noted that switching the Top Ops and Water-Tasting Contest events seems to have worked well to smooth out the afternoon schedule. The committee is persisting mainly with business as usual.

Publications:

Brian Gongol commented on his written report. Ryan Hurst asked whether the Philanthropy committee had been using any mailers to promote its events. Joe Roberts advised that they had generally not in recent years. Hurst suggested that those may be useful events to promote via postcards. Rob Pierce commented that while many of the section's events have been consistent and well-known, there is enough turnover in the workforce that supplementary promotion beyond our digital tools may be useful. Marc Rosso commented that the fall sporting clays shoot is already scheduled for September 13th.

Scholarship:

Angel Lowery commented briefly on her written report.

Small Systems:

Adam Darbro commented briefly on his written report.

Top Ops:

Mike Wentink submitted a written report. John Keith commented that the number of teams had been capped at six in order to keep the event on time.

Water Utility Council:

Chad Roberts commented briefly on his written report. The DC fly-in is scheduled for April, and he anticipates asking for the board's support in funding travel to that event. He anticipates that PFAS, lead and copper, and cybersecurity will all remain subjects of considerable interest to the industry.

YP and Student Activities:

Abhijeet Saraf commented on his written report. He attended the AWWA YP Summit this year, and the committee (which is a joint committee with NWEA) has been organizing events at most of the major conferences this year. Abby Kigin is coordinating some mentoring efforts. They hope to enlarge the leadership cadre of the committee to help increase both student engagement and YP engagement.

Ryan Hurst commented on the great success of the poker tournament. Saraf commended the work of Sarah Nguyen.

Marc Rosso noted that the funds raised at the poker tournament last year were not disbursed at the time due to an oversight which has since been rectified.

Craig Reinsch asked whether the funds should be disbursed on a consistent basis across more than just the two primary charities. Saraf said he would raise the question with the

	committee.
Membership report	The membership report was not discussed.
Ratification of bylaws	Revised bylaws for the Nebraska Section were approved by the AWWA executive board in June 2023. Angel Lowery moved for ratification of the revised bylaws by the Nebraska Section membership, seconded by John Ketih. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.
Old business	No old business was discussed.
New business	<p>1. Sunsetting the One Water committee (item added by discussion during the committee reports).</p> <p>Mary Poe asked Christine Spitzley whether AWWA is continuing to promote the Total Water Solutions/One Water idea. Spitzley said that nothing by that particular name was active at the association level.</p> <p>Ryan Hurst commented that the concept made sense, but that it did not ever seem to have gotten traction. Spitzley asked if it was easy to spin up a new committee, and the general consensus was that the process was suitably easy if the need should arise.</p> <p>Lee Dunn moved that the One Water committee be sunsetted, seconded by Doug Woodbeck. Motion was approved by a voice vote.</p>
Visiting dignitary	AWWA Vice President Christine Spitzley shared remarks with the assembled members. The Water 2050 initiative is the largest agenda item at the association level right now, as included in her comments to the luncheon. She acknowledged the Nebraska Section's concerns about the termination of RCAP funding, and that she would pursue that further.
Announcements	No announcements were made.
Upcoming meetings	The next business meeting is scheduled for November 7th, 2024, at the Fall Conference. Craig Reinsch asked whether the board intended to incorporate the regular board meeting into the business meeting. Light discussion followed, and the board agreed to proceed with the regular board meeting as scheduled.
Adjournment	Ben Day moved adjournment, seconded by Chris Miller. The motion was approved by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 pm.
Attest	Respectfully submitted: Brian Gongol, Secretary

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Year:	2024
Committee:	Archives
Date:	11/1/2024
Chairperson:	Rob Pierce
Total Members:	6
Active Members:	All active in 2024 but 5 have declined for 2025 and never got back one way or the other (may be down to one for 2025)
Executive Board Liaison:	
List of Active Members:	Rob Pierce, Steve Kelley, Eric Melcher, Brad Harris, Bruce Dvorak, Doug Woodbeck, Mike Wentink

When and where has the committee met in the past year (including conference calls)?

Email only

Proposed changes in committee membership:

I will be stepping down as chair. I have emailed the committee members and currently only one left on committee. Contacted four past chairs one declined, one possibly interested and other two no response.

Deliverables/activities:

- Working on updating lists and forms for updating website archive data.
- Unable to get together to go over boxes (stored) items and haven't gotten with other committee chairs to see if or what records they are keeping.
- Need to get with secretary/treasurer on committee reports and where they are kept as they should have committee activity data.

How might the Executive Board assist your committee in accomplishing its work?

- Help to get more members involved in the committees and to see what we need kept by the committee chairs to document Nebraska Section Activity.

Plans/projects for upcoming year:

- Updating history archive data. Check to see if we are meeting required data for AWWA (financials etc.)

Budget expenditures for 2024:

Amount	Item	Notes
\$		

Budget request for 2025 (include a short justification):

Amount	Item	Notes
\$		

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Year:	2024
Committee:	Awards
Date:	11/1/2024
Chairperson:	Rob Pierce
Total Members:	9
Active Members:	All active in 2024 but may be down to one for 2025
Executive Board	Ryan Hurst
Liaison:	
List of Active Members:	Rob Pierce, Chad Roberts, Gary Thurlow, Steve Kelley, Sarah Sawin, Jack Satur, Doug Pollack, Eric Melcher, Mike Davies

When and where has the committee met in the past year (including conference calls)?

Email only

Proposed changes in committee membership:

I will be stepping down as chair. I have emailed the committee members and of the other members two have chosen to step off the committee and one of the remaining five returned an answer on staying on the committee.

Deliverables/activities:

- Awards, notification, emails, and selection of three WISA awards and one safety award.
- Sent one application to "National" for a Landmark Award.
- Plans for getting system to turn in safety awards for year 2024 to get some application to Denver office for safety recognition.

How might the Executive Board assist your committee in accomplishing its work?

- Help to get more members involved in the committees. Losing many to retirement.

Plans/projects for upcoming year:

- Applications for both AWWA and Nebraska Section-AWWA Awards

Budget expenditures for 2024:

Amount	Item	Notes
\$70.75	Plaques	Used some plaques expensed in 2024

Budget request for 2025 (include a short justification):

Amount	Item	Notes
\$300	plaques	Expenses dependent on mailings and plaques

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Year:	2024
Committee:	Education
Date:	November 7, 2024
Chairperson:	John Keith
Total Members:	4
Active Members:	1
Executive Board Liaison:	John Keith
List of Active Members:	

When and where has the committee met in the past year (including conference calls)?

This was a slow year for the committee as there were no AWWA/EPA Grant training funds available. LONM still did a great job with their training in 2024

Proposed changes in committee membership:

Steve Kelly, Rob Pierce and Mike Wentink all retired and thus are no longer on the committee. Thanks to them all for their dedication to the committee for so many years! We will need to have an emphasis on recruiting new members soon.

Deliverables/activities:

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How might the Executive Board assist your committee in accomplishing its work?

- Recruit new committee members
- Provide ideas for workshops and training events

Plans/projects for upcoming year:

- Hope to have a workshop with MAP similar to previous AWWA/EPA Small System workshops (2025 Fall pre-Conference?)
- Water Utility Conference

Budget expenditures for 2024:

Amount	Item	Notes
\$600	AWWA Bookstore	(Revenue Neutral with AWWA funds)
\$7,350	LONM Training Events	Backflow and Water Operator Training events throughout NE

Budget request for 2025 (include a short justification):

Amount	Item	Notes
\$600	AWWA Bookstore	(Revenue Neutral with AWWA funds)
\$2000	Water Utility Workshop	Bi-annual activity (Pipe workshop)
\$8000	LONM Training Events	Backflow and Water Operator Training events throughout NE

Other items:

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2024 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: MAC - Manufacturers/Associates Council

Date: 10/28/2024

Chair: Lee Dunn

Total Members: 4

Executive Board Liaison:

List of members: Lee Dunn, Lewis Hyatt, Ryan Lemons, Brittney Travers

When and where has the committee met in the past year (including conference calls)?

The committee met once this past year after the 2023 JFC. The committee members serve as advisors regarding the needs for Exhibitors at the conferences.

Proposed changes in committee membership:

I still want to add a couple of new advisory members to the committee in 2025, to successfully find new members the board will need to be actively involved in the search. We need a few younger folks to be on the committee to provide transition for the future. I am asking the board to transition out of the Chairmans position. Kelsey Groff who was going to step in as chair is no longer involved in the AWWA organizations, so I need the board's help to find a new chair before the 2025 JFC. I will help with the transition as an advisor to the new chair.

Deliverables/Activities:

Assisted with the Exhibitor registration for the 2024 Joint Fall Conference. Put together an updated Fall Conference exhibitor contact list to incorporate all organizations involved. Worked with Fall conference subcommittee to build the exhibitor registration package and levels of engagement. We have 67 exhibitors for a total of 75 booths, 4 Refreshment sponsors, and 20 Social Hour sponsors signed up for the 2024 Joint Fall conference.

How might the Executive Board assist your committee in accomplishing its work?

To continue to provide support and guidance to the committee. To actively recruit AWWA vendors to join the MAC committee. To support involvement in the National AWWA MAC association.

Plans/Projects for upcoming year:

The committee's plan for 2025 is to continue assisting with the Joint Fall Conference as we have in the past. To work with the MARC NWEA committee as both committees have the same purpose and objectives. To get the APWA and SWANA groups more involved with the exhibitor side of the Joint Fall Conference.

An important point to consider for the future is moving to a different location to provide more exhibition space. We had to change the exhibition space layout and turn a few exhibitors away this year due to space constraints.

Committee's Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) was reviewed this year (yes/no):

Yes

Budget expenditures for 2024: No expenditures for 2024.

Budget request for 2025 (include a short justification):

Same as 2024 – at this point there are not expected expenses for 2025 but would like a small amount budgeted just in case.

Total: \$400.00

Report submitted by: Lee Dunn

Respectfully Submitted to: Brian Gongol

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Year:	2024
Committee:	Membership Engagement
Date:	11/4/2024
Chairperson:	Chuck Seuferer
Total Members:	
Active Members:	297
Executive Board Liaison:	
List of Active Members:	

When and where has the committee met in the past year (including conference calls)?

Proposed changes in committee membership:

Deliverables/activities:

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How might the Executive Board assist your committee in accomplishing its work?

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Plans/projects for upcoming year:

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Budget expenditures for 2024:

Amount	Item	Notes
\$300		For gift card giveaways at fall conference
\$		
\$		

Budget request for 2025 (include a short justification):

Amount	Item	Notes
\$300		Gift cards for fall conference

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Marc Rosso
Lincoln Transportation and Utilities
Nebraska Section AWWA Past Chair
mrosso@lincoln.ne.gov
Submitted May 16, 2024

The Nominations Committee offers the following as a proposed slate of candidates for election at the annual business meeting to be conducted in November:

2024/2025 Nominees Recommended for Election

Director	Mary Poe	Term to begin in June 2025
Chair-Elect	Brian Gongol	
Vice Chair	Marc Rosso ¹	
Secretary	Joe Roberts	Two-year term to continue through Nov. 2026
Trustee	Chuck Seuferer	Two-year term to continue through Nov. 2026
Trustee	Alan Slater	Two-year term to continue through Nov. 2026
Trustee	Torey Zuver	Two-year term to continue through Nov. 2026

2024/2025 Officers Not Requiring a Nomination

Chair	Ryan Hurst	Filled automatically by the incumbent chair-elect
Past Chair	John Keith	Filled automatically by the outgoing chair
Treasurer	Angel Lowery	Term continues through Nov. 2025
Trustees	Jessica Johnson	Term continues through Nov. 2025

¹ This nomination would be intended as an interim role for one year only, in order to help return the board to a regular succession sequence after some unexpected departures.

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Year:	2024
Committee:	Philanthropy
Date:	11/04/2024
Chairperson:	Joe Roberts / Steve Hanna
Total Members:	15
Active Members:	13
Executive Board Liaison:	Angel Lowery
List of Active Members:	Heather Bernady, Lee Dunn, Kaden Ellis, Steve Hanna, Andrew Hansen, Emily Hovda Walton, Kaycie Lane, Mitch Miller, Jim Persson, Craig Reinsch, Joe Roberts, Marc Rosso, Abhijeet Saraf

When and where has the committee met in the past year (including conference calls)?

Annual Fall Conference (2023), WFP Everyone Forever Golf Scramble, WFP Sporting Clays Event, Conference Calls.

Proposed changes in committee membership:

Steve Hanna will take over as Chairperson beginning next year. Joe Roberts will continue to be involved in the Committee.

Deliverables/activities:

- Wine for Water Wine Tasting Event
- Everyone Forever Golf Scramble
- WFP Sporting Clays Event
- Fall Conference Raffle

How might the Executive Board assist your committee in accomplishing its work?

- Advertise for or attend annual events.

Plans/projects for upcoming year:

- Annual WFP fundraising events, including restarting the wine tasting event (Q1 2025). Consider adding additional events throughout the year.

Budget expenditures for 2024: No expenditures in 2024. The Committee was unable to find a member available to attend the Water For People Champions Workshop. Additionally, expenses for events were covered by funds raised for each event. All net income was donated to Water For People.

Amount	Item	Notes
\$		
\$		
\$		

Budget request for 2025 (include a short justification): The request below assumes a similar historical model – event expenses will largely be funded by funds raised. Therefore, each individual event is not listed below.

Amount	Item	Notes
\$500	Miscellaneous outreach, event support	The requested funds would allow for the committee to grow and do more.
\$2,000	Water For People Champions Workshop	This would be an excellent opportunity for one of the committee members to attend the WFP Champions Workshop in Denver.
\$		

Other items:

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2024 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee: Public Information **Date:** November 7, 2024

Chair: Mary Poe

Total Members: 3 **Active Members:** 3 **Executive Board Liaison:**

List of Active Members:

Mary Poe, Brian Gongol, Chuck Seufferer

When and Where has the Committee met in the Past Year (include conference calls)?

E-mail and phone correspondence as needed

Proposed Changes in Committee Membership: None

Deliverables/Activities:

Organized proclamation signing ceremony for DWW in May
Children's Poster Contest at fall conference
Water tasting contest at fall conference

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in Accomplishing its Work?

Share ideas and feedback with the PI Committee.

Plans/Projects for Upcoming Year:

News releases for awards, fall conference, and other events as needed
Activities prior to or during Drinking Water Week
Water tasting contest
Children's Poster Contest

Budget Expenditures for 2024:

Approximately \$350 – poster contest cash awards, water tasting contest awards, supplies

Budget Request for 2025 (include a short justification):

Budget request = \$500 (same as previous year)

Other Items:

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Year:	2024
Committee:	Publications
Date:	November 1, 2024
Chairperson:	Brian Gongol
Total Members:	6
Active Members:	6
Executive Board Liaison:	Brian Gongol
List of Active Members:	Laura Hardesty Darren Jack Teresa Konda Mary Poe Mike Wentink

When and where has the committee met in the past year (including conference calls)?

The committee has not met during this year. A de minimis amount of activity was conducted via email.

Proposed changes in committee membership:

None. The current members have been under-utilized again by the fault of the chair. Other members would of course be welcomed.

Deliverables/activities:

- Weekly e-mail newsletters
- Website updates
- Digital publication tools (Facebook, Twitter/X, YouTube, and email distribution list)
- Section calendar of events (hosted on website)
- Fall Conference reminder/invitation postcards
- Yearbook
- Other mailings and publications as required

How might the Executive Board assist your committee in accomplishing its work?

- The board's support in fleshing out the content behind the inaugural printed yearbook will be greatly appreciated

Plans/projects for upcoming year:

- Print a 2024 yearbook

Budget expenditures for 2024:

Amount	Item	Notes
\$143.40	Website hosting	Paid in October
\$740.16	Fall Conference postcards	Paid in October; printing and postage to reach 297 members and 714 water operators

Budget request for 2025 (include a short justification):

Amount	Item	Notes
\$160.00	Website hosting	
\$ -	Domain name registration	Prepaid until July 2027
\$ -	E-mail distribution list	We remain below the threshold to qualify for a free account on Mailchimp, but that policy could change at any time
\$850.00	Fall Conference postcards	Assuming some price inflation
\$1,500.00	Yearbook/membership directory	

Other items:

- We are open to feedback regarding other events for which a postcard mailer may be useful.
- Our email distribution list remains our primary source of member contact, but please bear in mind that most messages are only read by 30% to 50% of recipients.

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Year:	2024
Committee:	Small Systems
Date:	10/22/2024
Chairperson:	Alan Slater
Total Members:	Unknown
Active Members:	
Executive Board Liaison:	
List of Active Members:	Unknown

When and where has the committee met in the past year (including conference calls)?

November 2023

Proposed changes in committee membership:

Deliverables/activities:

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How might the Executive Board assist your committee in accomplishing its work?

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Plans/projects for upcoming year:

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Budget expenditures for 2024:

Amount	Item	Notes
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Budget request for 2025 (include a short justification):

Amount	Item	Notes
\$		

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Other items:

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Year:	2024
Committee:	Top Ops
Date:	October 31, 2024
Chairperson:	Mike Wentink
Total Members:	3
Active Members:	3
Executive Board Liaison:	
List of Active Members:	Mike Wentink, John Keith, Brian Gongol

When and where has the committee met in the past year (including conference calls)?

Proposed changes in committee membership:

If not selected yet, Board must select a Committee Chair. Recommendation is an individual who has competed at least once at Fall conference competition (simply for familiarity purposes). The Committee's process and procedures are well established, and with current members' (John and Brian) assistance, transition should be smooth. The Top Ops question bank I do have and can transfer to chosen Chair.

Deliverables/activities:

- Top Ops competition at NSAWWA Fall Conference

How might the Executive Board assist your committee in accomplishing its work?

- Select a Top Ops Committee Chair

Plans/projects for upcoming year:

- Assist as needed in Chair transition.

Budget expenditures for 2024:

Amount	Item	Notes
\$	Reimbursement to NSAWWA Section representatives competing in Top Ops at ACE 2024	

Budget request for 2025 (include a short justification):

Amount	Item	Notes
\$	Reimbursement to NSAWWA Section representatives competing in Top Ops at ACE 2025	Can make recommendation but will be new Committee Chair's (if selected) responsibility.

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Year:	2024
Committee:	Water Utility Council
Date:	October 22, 2024
Chairperson:	Chad Roberts
Total Members:	2
Active Members:	2
Executive Board Liaison:	
List of Active Members:	Alex Evans

When and where has the committee met in the past year (including conference calls)?

AWWA Fly-In in Washington
Email and phone correspondence as needed

Proposed changes in committee membership:

None

Deliverables/activities:

- Legislative reports as needed.
- Section representation at the Congressional FLY IN
- Section representation at the Annual Conference

How might the Executive Board assist your committee in accomplishing its work?

Plans/projects for upcoming year:

- Congressional Fly-In
- Annual Conference

Budget expenditures for 2024:

Amount	Item	Notes
\$ 3,500	2 members to attend the FLY IN	

Budget request for 2025 (include a short justification):

Amount	Item	Notes
\$ 3,500	2 members to attend the FLY IN (national pays for 1 other member)	
\$ 2,500	Registration and Travel to annual conference to attend WUC Committee Meeting	

NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Year:	2024
Committee:	Young Professionals
Date:	11/01/2024
Chairperson:	Abhijeet Saraf
Total Members:	15
Active Members:	15
Executive Board Liaison:	Ryan Hurst
List of Active Members:	15

When and where has the committee met in the past year (including conference calls)?

The YP Committee organizes monthly calls over MS Teams platform.

Proposed changes in committee membership:

The committee would maintain its structure as of last year that includes Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Conference Events Lead, a Networking Lead and a Student Engagement Lead and associated sub-committee members working under the identified committees.

The YP Committee will hold elections on the committee positions in November by reaching out to NWEA and NSAWWA members.

Deliverables/activities:

Events conducted by the Committee in the year 2023-24 include the following:

- YP Attendance at the WEF National YP Summit.
- YP Bags Tournament at the Great Plains Conference.
- Mentorship Program for students at UNO and UNL.
- UNL Career Fair Prep Sessions.
- Student Speed Networking Events.
- Student Facility Tours.
- Quarterly Professional Development Webinars.
- Keep Omaha Beautiful Stream Cleanup
- World O! Water Omaha
- Citizen Science and Education Showcase
- Spring Game Tailgates.
- Fall Conference Poker Tournament.

How might the Executive Board assist your committee in accomplishing its work?

- The Executive Board had been helpful in conducting the AWWA 101 seminar earlier this year. We request the Executive Board to assist with such informational webinars in future.
- We request the Executive Board to share any information on NSAWWA/AWWA events that would be helpful for the YPs.

Plans/projects for upcoming year:

- The committee will look forward to conduct the events listed above again in the upcoming year and the new committee leadership will decide upon more opportunities for professional development and networking amongst the committee members.

Budget expenditures for 2024:

Amount	Item	Notes
\$900	YP Summit Attendance	
\$300-\$400	Networking and Social Hour Events	

Budget request for 2025 (include a short justification):

Amount	Item	Notes
\$1000	YP Summit Attendance	
\$500	Networking and Social Hour Events	

Other items: