

**MISSOURI SECTION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
With
COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Date: July 21, 2017

Place: Courtyard Marriott, Columbia, MO

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members:

John Brummer	Chair
Todd Brewer	Chair Elect
Drew Hess	Vice Chair
Raed Armouti	Past Chair
Molly Pesce	Secretary-Treasurer
Roddy Rogers	Director-Elect
Chester Bender	3 rd Year Trustee
Mike Klender	2 nd Year Trustee
Elizabeth Robertson	2 nd Year Trustee
Jenny Doyle	1 st Year Trustee
Martha Silks	1 st Year Trustee

Committee Chairs:

Jenny Doyle	Audit
Matt McLaughlin	ByLaws
Martha Silks	Diversity
Linda McCarty	Education
Jeff Clarke	Exhibits
Dustin Keilbey	Manufacturer's/Assoc. Council
Jenny Doyle	Membership
Molly Pesce	National Nominations
Ray Seidelman	Operator Meritorious
Chester Bender	J. Robert Popalisky Scholarship
Mike Klender	Small Systems
Todd Brewer	Student Activities
Liz Grove	Water Industry Coord. Council
Mike Galluzzo	Water Utility Council
Jenny Doyle	YP
Gailla Rogers	Administrative Manager

Others:

Ari Copeland, B&V	TBD
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The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair John Brummer. Mr. Brummer welcomed everyone and introductions were held. There was new faces to the group.

Approval of Minutes – John Brummer

A motion was made by Molly Pesce, seconded by Todd Brewer. A motion carried to and approve the March 29 board meeting minutes as written.

Director’s Report – Curt Skouby

Mr. Skouby was not present, but sent the following report:

ACE17 was a great success. Philadelphia was a great location for the conference with its long history of people gathering to exchange knowledge and ideas for society's good. AWWA honored this tradition in the information shared in the various sessions, meetings and in the Exposition Hall. Even when I took a break from the activities to see some of the historic sites, I found a water connection. Outside of a historic printing shop is a brick paved courtyard. There were two circles of bricks about 6 feet apart. One was labeled "Well" and the other "Outhouse". The obvious health implications of this situation was hard to miss, but it was a good reminder of how far we have come and the importance of what we do every day.

At the conference Brenda Lennox took over the office of President of AWWA from Jeanne Bennett-Bailey. Brenda lives in Touchet, Washington working for RH2 Engineering, Inc. Previously she had worked for Tualatin Valley Water District where she was their Manager of Customer & Support Services.

Nationally membership in AWWA is up and is now over 51,000. While this is good news, attracting and retaining membership is always an ongoing effort. Particular importance is getting younger professionals involved in our organization.

Governance of AWWA at the national level is done with 5 Presidential Officers, 44 Section Directors, 4 Directors at Large and 6 Council Chairs. This structure brings a large group of experienced water professionals together to provide governance to our organization.

One area that is proving to be a challenge is the office of President. To perform the duties of the President is a very large time commitment which is providing difficult for people to make.

AWWA is still looking for a Vice Presidential candidate. We will get a candidate, but I wanted to bring this to your attention. There is an ongoing effort see how duties can be shifted around so that the time commitment required to be President is more acceptable.

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report – Molly Pesce

Ms. Pesce was present and gave the following report:

**Missouri Section AWWA
Financial Summary
Through 7/16/17**

Balance July 16, 2017 (All accounts)	\$285,129.70
YTD Income	\$ 7,505.35
YTD Expenses	<u>\$17,878.45</u>
Net Income	-\$10,373.10

Balance DOES NOT include \$107,000.00 in the scholarship fund, which is at the newly established Morgan Stanley account.

Molly indicated that her software program is outdated to keep the books and she plans to get updated software. She also reported that the Missouri Section has been renewed as a non-profit for the State of Missouri Registry.

Chair's Report:

John Brummer, Chair:

- Silent Auction Donation to ACE

The Missouri Section donated a \$150 Jack Stack Barbecue gift card to the auction.

- 6P Guardians

Ray Seidelman was there and went over the history of the beginning of the 6P Guardians.

For it to continue, someone from the section needs to step up to be the Chief Plant Operator and take it over. Please contact John Brummer if you are willing to do so.

- RMSO – Summary of the Meeting - Those who attended were John, Molly and Gailla. It was held in South Carolina at the Biltmore Estates. The Missouri Section is now in Region II. The section is among all new states being in Region II
 - Water Equation – One AWWA Operator Scholarship
Chester Bender, Scholarship will talk more on this later.
 - AWWA Water Training & Education Resource Exchange – Water-X
John was unaware if there were utilities in Missouri that could use this service
 - Community Engineering Corps – it was determine that there was not a lot known about this initiative.
- Next Board Meeting – November 3- Stoney Creek – Columbia, MO
- Board actions since the last board meeting – None

Newsletter Deadline: August 4, 2017

Reminder:

Blast Email policy. All blast emails need to be approved by the chair and given to the administrative manager in a format ready to be used.

Administrative Manager's Report -

Mrs. Rogers reported she is waiting on a 2nd proof from Kelman for this year's Roster. She is planning to attend the annual Summer Workshop scheduled for July 25-27 in Denver.

Notable dates for RMSO, Summer Workshop and Membership Summit - 2018

- RMSO 2018 – Charleston, SC: April 28-30
- Summer Workshop, Denver, CO: July 24-26
- Membership Summit – TBD, but we should have information soon

Submission of Board and Committee Reports - - Gailla asked everyone to please submit their committee report in writing prior to the meeting if possible.

Committee Reports-

Secretary/Treasurer – Molly Pesce

Registration

Site Selection

Registration – Molly Pesce

Ms. Pesce was present; no report.

Site Selection – John Brummer

Mr. Brummer was present; no report

An AdHoc Committee, members Joel Ogle and Jenny Doyle are to review others places to hold the joint conference after the year 2020. There was no update from the AdHoc Committee.

Assistant Secretary – Brent Boice

Advertising

Newsletter

Public Information

Webmaster

Advertising – Joel Ogle

Mr. Ogle was not present, no report. Jeff Kutny from Kelman Associates handles the advertising.

Newsletter – Gailla Rogers

The next deadline is August 4. Please send newsletter content to Gailla

Public Information – Kevin Priester

Mr. Priester was not present; no report.

Webmaster – Gailla Rogers

Ms. Rogers was present; she continues to add content to the website as needed. She has someone helping her with the website. Taimen Taylor, who works for Trekk Design Group and he is in the St. Louis office.

Chair Elect – Todd Brewer

Budget

Strategic Planning

Water Utility Council

Budget – Todd Brewer

Mr. Brewer was present, nothing to report at this time. He will get with John Brummer for Budget information.

Strategic Planning – Todd Brewer

Mr. Brewer was present and indicated it was probably time to have another Strategic Planning session. The last time this was done was during Matt McLaughlin's term as Chair. He will get with Matt to talk about this. There was discussion that perhaps Past Chairs would be a good pool to work from on Strategic Planning for the section. That will be looked into.

Water Utility Council – Mike Galuzzo

Mr. Galuzzo was present and indicated he was looking for guidance from others with regard to the Water Utility Council. Several people at the meeting indicated they could help and other names were presented as well.

Vice Chair – Drew Hess

Exhibits

Manufacturers/Assoc. Council

Technical Program

Exhibits – Jeff Clarke and Ben Freese

Mr. Clarke was present; nothing to report at this time.

Manufacturers/Assoc. Council – Dustin Keilbey

Mr. Keilbey was present; Mr. Ogle was not present. Nothing to report. Jenny Doyle did ask Dustin to please be on the lookout for young professionals and to send them her way.

Technical Program – Drew Hess

Mr. Hess were present. He reported that he has been speaking with Bob Januska, his counterpart with MWEA for the technical program. They will probably handle accepting technical papers like they did last year. There is an email address and they all go to the same place. There are companies that can set up software to handle the abstracts, but there is a cost associated with doing it. Reg Online has also reached out saying they can provide the service.

Drew reported that he felt the round table discussion went well last year. There were no pdh's available for this session, but it was a good place for an exchange of ideas.

Past Chair – Raed Armouti

Audit

Education

Nominating

Audit –Jenny Doyle

Ms. Doyle was present; she is working with Molly Pesce on the Audit and indicates that she will be seeking someone to take over this committee next year; she does not have the time to continue with this committee along with her other section activities.

Education – Linda McCarty

Ms. McCarty was present and gave the following report:

Section-sponsored Training. Education and Small Systems Committees continue to work together on training for staff of small water systems. The first 2017 workshop was held on February 21 in Springfield. It was attended by 20 persons from various small systems. The second workshop was on May 4 in St. Joseph. Plans are being made for two additional workshops this year. Locations discussed were Poplar Bluff, Springfield, St. Louis and to find someone to put on a workshop in the Jefferson City/Columbia area.

EPA-funded Training.

Area 1 Grant (technical assistance to small water systems) with the Midwest Assistance Program (MAP). The workshop is scheduled for September 20 in Sunrise Beach. We are responsible for meeting with DNR (done), arranging for a training facility (done), marketing, registration, operator certification approval, and day-of support, including arranging for audio/visual equipment. We receive about \$2,800 for our efforts. MAP is responsible for providing instructors, conducting pre- and post-tests, and evaluations. DNR PDWB has agreed to provide instructors for the regulatory overview.

Area 2 Grant (financial and managerial issues). Environmental Finance Center Network (EFCN) staff are holding this workshop at DNR's Southwest Regional Office in Springfield on August 17. Jacques Martineau, Education Committee member, is providing day-of support. Registration has been cut off at 40 attendees (the room holds 42). We receive about \$2,800 from this grant, also, for our efforts.

I would like to remind everyone involved in these EPA grant activities to keep track of the time you invest because we use that to meet our match requirements. We are required to provide a \$500 in-kind match for each grant.

Next Year's Grants.

Changes under development include learning labs to provide hands-on training on sampling and water quality monitoring. This will take about 3-4 hours of the workshop, leaving about 2½ - 3½ for other instruction (total 6½ workshop). Toolkits and small system manuals are being developed. Additional lessons will be available next year on cyanotoxins and premise plumbing. An e-Learning course is being developed for the Regulatory Overview module.

Sub-grant award for the 2018 grant is expected in late July or early August. The Association will provide information to Sections in August. Funding to sections will be increased somewhat, possibly up to \$3,700. The amount is still under discussion. The budget was tight for some sections the past couple of years. They spent more than the grant provided. So, AWWA pushed for an increase in 2018.

Nominating – Raed Armouti

Mr. Armouti was present; and reports that he and the Nominating Committee will meet via email toward the end of the year and bring to the January Board meeting the Nominating Report for the next year.

Director – Curt Skouby

Director-Elect – Roddy Rogers

Fuller

Membership

National Nominations

Water Industry Coordinating Council

Fuller Award – Bruce Manning

Mr. Manning was not present, but sent the following report to Roddy Rogers and Gailla: The committee will consist of Bruce Manning, Mickey Bernard, Matt McLaughlin and Nick Burns. We will begin working on nominations of potential candidates this fall with a candidate identified before the 2018 Joint Conference.

Membership – Jenny Doyle

Ms. Doyle was present and gave the following report: Since our last board meeting, we've welcomed 21 new individual members and the City of Potosi, MO. Shortly after joining, new members receive a welcome email and a pdf explaining involvement opportunities.

Our current membership is at 693 with 35 members late on renewal (or otherwise said, 658 active members).

I am still looking for volunteers across the state to join the Membership Engagement Committee, aimed at providing local support for membership and hosting a membership appreciation event in the fall.

National Nominations – Molly Pesce

Ms. Pesce was present – no report.

Water Industry Coordinating Council – Liz Grove

Ms. Grove was present and gave the following report: Ms. Grove indicated that DNR is looking through all the regulations for the words, “shall”, “will” and “prohibit” as part of the “Red Tap Reduction” effort undertaken by the governor’s office. There are more than 23,000 references to these words in DNR’s regulations alone. This Administration is looking to cut regulations a lot and most of these regulations are federal mandates. DNR is to make a report back to the Governor by the end of the year.

There was discussion with regard to what is going on in Hannibal, MO regarding TTHM’s and chloramines. In Hannibal there was a petition drive and it went on a ballot. The voters approved the petition, which required the city of Hannibal to cease using chloramines within 90 days of the passage of the petition. This is in conflict with state regulations. The city of Hannibal is requesting a waiver from the regulations, which DNR will not issue. There have been two lawsuits filed as of this date. This may be worth watching to see how the lawsuits turn out. It could set a precedent for future treatment decisions by cities.

3rd Year Trustee – Chester Bender

Annual Conference Management

Bylaws

Small Systems

Annual Conference Management – Joel Ogle

Mr. Ogle was not present; nothing to report at this time. His counterpart in MWEA is Jennifer Welsch.

Bylaws – Matt McLaughlin

Mr. McLaughlin was present. Updates to the Section’s ByLaws were sent to AWWA headquarters over a year ago. The committee is still waiting to hear back from AWWA. AWWA is working on a Bylaws template.

He indicated there were several committees which needs to be reviewed and revised. Some committees might not need to continue. After the meeting, he will send an email to Gailla with those notations and ask that they be sent out to all.

Small Systems – Mike Klender

Mr. Klender was present. He will continue to work on training for the Small Systems throughout the state. He is working with Linda McCarty and Jacque out of the Springfield DNR office.

3rd Year Trustee – Joel Ogle

Diversity

Research

Sustainability Initiatives Coordination

Diversity – Martha Silks

Ms. Silks was present; nothing to report at this time.

Research – Bob Hulse

Mr. Hulse was not present; no report.

Sustainability Initiatives Coordination– OPEN

2nd Year Trustee – Mike Klender

**Student Activities –
Young Professionals
Landmarks**

Student Activities – Tom Crowley and Todd Brewer

Todd Brewer was present; nothing to report. It was discussed with regard to student activities and young professionals overlapping. Mr. Brewer felt it would be natural for YPS and Student Activities to have a connection.

Young Professionals – Jenny Doyle

Ms. Doyle reported the following: The YP Committee remains active and events are scheduled for the summer. YP upcoming baseball games in St. Louis and Kansas City area were posted to the Missouri website the end of July.

YP Summit for next year - Bob Parks has already indicated an interest in attending. It is hoped that the section will agree to send 2 or 3 to the event next year.

There was discussion that there is a waning in membership and the section needs to reach out to colleges and even high schools to get students interested earlier. We should consider having a YP contest.

Landmarks – Bob Parks

Mr. Parks was not present; no report.

2nd Year Trustee – Elizabeth Robertson

**Safety/Emergency Planning
Water for People**

Safety/Emergency Planning – Randy Moore

Mr. Moore was not present; no report

Water for People –Curt Skouby

Mr. Skouby was not present; no report.

Water for People funds raised at the conference total \$24,090, which include a \$150 direct donation by Tan-Tar-A in our name. In addition to the conference, the Mizzou Student Chapter raised and directly donated \$200 from a trivia night held earlier this year.

The total check to Water For People from the joint fund will be \$23,940. The total credited as being raised by Missouri WFP will be \$24,290. I will write a cover letter for the donation and forward to Becca to include with the check.

1st Year Trustee – Jenny Doyle
JR Popalisky Scholarship -
Retirees
Service Citation

JR Popalisky Scholarship – Chester Bender

Mr. Bender was present and reported that he felt the section should consider signing an agreement between the Association and the Section for the Water Equation initiative for the One AWWA Operator Scholarship. This is a matching of funds between the Association and the Section. He sent out information a day before the board meeting seeking input.

Motion: Motion made by Liz Grove and seconded by Todd Brewer for the Section to sign the agreement for the One AWWA Operator Scholarship and for Mr. Bender to work on the details for doing this.

No further discussion; motion passed.

Retirees – OPEN

Service Citation – Tom Stechmann

Mr. Stechmann was not present; no report

1st Year Trustee – Martha Silks

Drinking Water Week
Operations Service Award
Professional Awards

Drinking Water Week – Valeria Hernandez

Ms. Hernandez not present,

Operations Service Awards – Ray Seidelman

Mr. Seidelman was present; he has already heard of someone who will be nominated for Operator's Meritorious. Todd Brewer indicated he felt he had someone eligible for the award as well.

Heroism Award - It was discussed that the wording for Heroism really should be changed. To be eligible for the award, something very unsafe had to happen at the utility and it is probably not something utilities want to publicize.

Professional Awards – Tony O'Malley

Mr. O'Malley was not present. No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Drive Ins to Jefferson City to be regularly scheduled to discuss state regulatory issues – Jenny Doyle

Jenny discussed her ideas with the group and indicated she had a potential helper in St. Louis – Kristin Rehg. She also asked Liz Grove for her input on doing state drive-ins to Jefferson City on a regular basis.

This is intended to begin as an educational process where we will be letting our local legislators know how we feel on certain bills relative to the water industry. She asked Liz how she felt about this approach -- reaching out to local senators on a more regular basis.

Liz indicated that if it is decided that these meetings were to be held, the section representatives need to go in with a single voice as to how the section feels on legislation/bills. For now, they don't know Missouri Section AWWA.

She felt it could take up to 3 years for this to really work and that this should be done early in the session, the beginning of February.

Lobbyist – Molly Pesce

Molly asked the group assembled how they felt about the section securing the services of a local lobbyist. They would need to be told which regulations pertinent to the water industry. She felt that she could talk with groups who has used lobbyists in the past and this would be a part-time contract. It was indicated that we do not have a legislative committee to look into this and maybe this deals with governmental affairs and it will take some time to see if there is any interest or benefit into doing this. It was felt that the cost to hire someone could be in the \$20,000 range. The section would definitely want to determine, "what they would want to get out of hiring a lobbyist".

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Gailla Rogers, Administrative Manager