

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

**Date:** January 19, 2018

**Place:** Courtyard Marriott, Columbia, MO

**ATTENDANCE:**

Board Members:

John Brummer	Chair
Todd Brewer	Chair Elect
Drew Hess	Vice Chair
Molly Pesce	Secretary –Treasurer
Ari Copeland	Assistant Secretary –Treasurer
Chester Bender	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee
Joel Ogle	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee
Mike Klender	2nd Year Trustee
Jenny Doyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee
Martha Silks	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee

Committee Chairs:

Joel Ogle	Advertising
Joel Ogle	Annual Conference Management
Jenny Doyle	Audit
Matt McLaughlin	Bylaws and Procedures
Jeff Clarke	Exhibits
Bob Parks	Landmarks
Joel Ogle	MAC
Jenny Doyle	Membership
Chester Bender	J. Robert Popalisky Scholarship
Mike Klender	Small Systems
Todd Brewer	Student Activities
Jenny Doyle	YP
Gailla Rogers	Administrative Manager

Others:

Eddie Arzumanor	Global Brigades
Tom Dyer	Global Brigades

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair John Brummer. Mr. Brummer welcomed everyone and introductions were held.

**Approval of Minutes – John Brummer**

A motion was made by Todd Brewer, seconded by Mike Klender. A motion was made and the November 3<sup>rd</sup> board meeting minutes were approved as written.

**Director’s Report – Curt Skouby**

Mr. Skouby and Mr. Rogers were attending the AWWA Board of Directors meeting.

The AWWA Board of Directors winter board meeting was held mid-January in Savannah Georgia. It was very productive as usual. AWWA is doing well financially and now has membership over 51,000.

In past meetings, I have mention that we were having trouble finding candidates for the office of president. An ad hoc committee was formed to look at what could be done to address this situation. One thing that they hit upon was to include past board members as potential candidates and not just current board members. With this change, we had outstanding candidates vying for the president-elect position. Jim Williams of Mishawaka, Ind. was selected as our next president-elect. Jim is currently the general manager at Peerless-Midwest, a Suez Company. He is active in the Indiana Section, he has served as chair and director and currently sits on its Water Utility Council and Water for People Committee.

The board elected two vice presidents and I am happy to say that one of the two was Randy Moore. The Missouri Section nominated Randy to for this position. Please be sure to congratulate him when you see him!

The second person elected as vice president was Theresa O’Graty, a member of the Illinois Section for over 20 years, who is currently their director and is involved in several committees.

Theresa is a group manager of water resources at Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. in Aurora, Ill. Keisha Lisbon Thorpe was elected director-at-large. Keisha is a watershed director II at the City of Atlanta and has been a member of AWWA’s Georgia Section for over 15 years. Active at her section, she launched the Diversity Committee and also helped to launch the Model Water Tower Competition Committee.

Affordability was a topic of discussion at the board meeting. Whether your utility serves a small rural town or a large metropolitan area, this will increasingly be a topic utilities will need to address as they seek funds to address aging infrastructure and comply with new regulations. How affordability is defined and how to handle customers who will struggle to pay water bills was very much debated. No one gave out seeds for money trees. AWWA has a Webinar on Affordability at the end of February. A workshop on affordability is being planned for later this year.

**Secretary/Treasurer’s Report – Molly Pesce**

Ms. Pesce was not present; Ari Copeland gave the report as follows:

**Missouri Section AWWA  
Financial Summary  
As of 1/18/18**

<b>Balance as of 1/18/18 (All accounts)</b>	<b>\$317,318.47</b>
<b>Cash and Bank Balances</b>	<b>\$207,065.57</b>
<b>Scholarship Fund at Morgan Stanley and cash on Hand</b>	<b>\$110,252.90</b>

This includes the funds from the 2017 conference. A check for \$31,000 was given to the Missouri Section in November.

## **Chair's Report:**

Missouri Global Brigades - Joel Ogle spoke on this at the last board meeting regarding the Missouri Global Brigades. They do mission work in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries with three Missouri college chapters. This group does mission work in the area of medicine/dental, water/engineering and other areas to strengthen the health and economic development of the communities to try and make them independently sustainable. They are asking for a \$2,500 - \$5,000 brigade sponsorship. Their annual budget is \$14 Million with service projects in multiple countries and their overhead is very low, 8.5%. Most other organizations run about 25-30%.

There were two representatives at the meeting to give a presentation on Mizzou Brigades, Eddie Arzumanor and Tom Dyer gave a well-organized presentation to the group.

When projects are selected they spend 6-12 days in Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama or Ghana.

There are different brigades: Medical and Dental Brigades, Micro Financial Brigades, Engineering Brigades/Water, Public Health Brigades, Business Management Brigades.

The Missouri Section's sponsorship will be advertised.

From the Mizzou Global Brigades website here are their Values

### Core Values:

Empowerment: Creating an infrastructure that propels passion to meaningful results

Holistic Approach: Implementing programming at all levels through a multi-disciplinary model

Sustainability: perpetuating positive impact

Scalability: Creating replicable systems that maximize results

Financial Transparency: Demonstrating efficient resource usage

Collaboration: Facilitating a "partnership" approach that makes any act of "service" empowering

After discussion, those present decided to make a motion to assist this organization with a one-time donation. Joel Ogle will draft a Memorandum of Understanding and will be the representative to them.

**Motion: Pending an acceptance of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mizzou Global Brigades, the Missouri Section is allocating \$5,000 for scholarships.**

### **Motion Passed.**

Strategic Planning – John has been working with our Section Services Rep, Ashley Longmore, By-Laws Chair Matt McLaughlin, Todd Brewer and Jenny Doyle with regard to the Section doing Strategic Planning. The planning will be scheduled for sometime

this summer. It was decided that the session should last around a day and a half. The goal is for our section to align with the Association's. John reported after the meeting that he will continue to work on the Strategic Planning in the coming year.

Todd Brewer Announcement - Mr. Brewer, who is the Incoming Chair announced that he has accepted a job at AWWA as their Senior Manager of AWWA's Partnership Programs which include Clean Water, Safe Water and Small Systems. His last day at Springfield water is Friday, January 26. He has indicated that if the section wants him to and AWWA is agreeable; he will continue to serve as the Chair for when he is to be installed the end of March at the Joint Annual Conference. John Brummer will reach out to AWWA as it was unanimous that the Missouri Section would like for Mr. Brummer to serve as Chair.

\*\*In the following week, after discussion with AWWA, it was decided that Todd Brewer would not serve his year (AWWA's decision) as Chair and that Drew Hess would move up to take the office of Chair at the upcoming conference.

- Next Board Meeting – March 28 at the Joint Annual Conference
- Board actions since the last board meeting – None

**Newsletter Deadline: February 2, 2018**

**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 that she is working on the conference forms, updating the website and gearing up for conference registrations.

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 – The Summit is scheduled to begin the afternoon of Wednesday, January 24, 2018, and conclude at Noon on Friday, January 26. The event will take place at AWWA HQ in Denver and there is no registration fee.

**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 not present; no report.

**Site Selection – John Brummer**

Mr. Brummer was present. The Missouri Section and MWEA are under contract through 2020 for conferences at TanTarA

**Reminder:** An Ad Hoc 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 Ad Hoc Committee.

**Assistant Secretary – Ari Copeland**

**Advertising**

**Newsletter**

**Public Information**

**Webmaster**

**Advertising – Joel Ogle**

Mr. Ogle was present, nothing new to report. Jeff Kutny from Kelman Associates handles the advertising.

**Newsletter – Gailla Rogers**

The next deadline is February 2. Please send newsletter content to Gailla

**Public Information – Kevin Priester - Mr. Priester has left employment and no longer chair**

Mr. Priester was not present; no report.

**Webmaster – Gailla Rogers**

Ms. Rogers was present; she continues to add content to the website as needed.

**Chair Elect – Todd Brewer**

**Budget**

**Strategic Planning**

**Water Utility Council**

**Budget – Todd Brewer**

Mr. Brewer was present and passed out a budget for review. During the meeting, he was making adjustments to the Budget and adding amounts as needed. Mr. Brummer indicated that Ms. Rogers, Administrative Manager, had recently purchased a Surface Pro 4 to replace her laptop in the near future. After discussion, this equipment purchase would be put in the budget and she would be reimbursed for 50% of the cost for the surface pro, keyboard, etc, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000. The Budget will be presented and approved at the Annual Meeting at the conference. March 26, 2018

**Strategic Planning – Todd Brewer**

Mr. Brewer was present. Mr. Brummer reported that he has been in contact with our Section Services Rep. It is anticipated that the Missouri Section will schedule Strategic Planning for this summer.

**Water Utility Council – Mike Galuzzo**

Mr. Galuzzo was present and reported we have just one WUC committee member thus far and she is Kristin Rehg from Missouri American Water Company, a large water system. Additional members representing systems of different sizes would be ideal. More interest may be found at the Joint Conference or with the newsletter.

Secondly, Charlie Stevens from KC Water Services wrote to suggest a brief meeting during the Joint Conference with the WUC Chair and the Government Affairs Chair from MWEA. The purpose of this meeting would be to coordinate any common message(s) during the Washington DC "Fly-In" scheduled April 17-18 during Drinking Water Week. Mike Galluzzo planned to coordinate a meeting with Trent Stober of MWEA.

**Vice Chair – Drew Hess**

**Exhibits**

**Manufacturers/Assoc. Council**

**Technical Program**

**Exhibits – Jeff Clarke and Ben Freese**

Mr. Clarke was present and reported that registration for exhibitors will open soon. They did not send out the full Exhibitors Prospectus this year. They sent out a postcard with the online registration site information.

**Manufacturers/Assoc. Council – Joel Ogle/Dustin Keilbey**

Mr. Ogle was present and reported he continues to work with the exhibitors at the conference.

**Technical Program – Drew Hess**

Mr. Hess were present. He reported that they used the online system this year to upload the technical programs and that had gone well. MWEA took care of wanting moderators for this year's conference.

**Past Chair – Raed Armouti**

**Audit**

**Education**

**Nominating**

**Audit –Jenny Doyle**

Ms. Doyle was present and reported the Audit will start soon. We are actively looking for volunteers for the internal audit process.

**Education – Linda McCarty**

Ms. McCarty was not present. No report.

**Nominating – Raed Armouti**

Mr. Armouti was not present. He sent a report to Gailla that the Nominating Committee has met via email and have put together a slate of officers. Mr. Armouti is out of the country and the nominees have not been contacted yet. The Slate of Officers will be ready for submission in the upcoming newsletter.

**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 Matt reported that the committee has met and they have a candidate for the Fuller Award.

### **Membership – Jenny Doyle**

Ms. Doyle was present and gave the following report. Membership has increased by 1.8% over the past year, with current membership total just shy of 700. We will not receive the monetary reward this year, as we did not increase our membership by 2%. Jenny Doyle, along with Scott Phillips from Victaulic are attending the Membership Summit in Denver, January 25-26. We will be participating in the Membership Challenge in 2018, and I'll present those goals at the next Board Meeting.

In December, we held a membership appreciation event at Boulevard Brewery in Kansas City, sponsored by Victaulic with about 30 members in attendance. Ms. Doyle is requesting a budgetary increase to reflect supporting 2 representatives to Membership Summit each year, and approximately \$200 for three membership appreciation events across the state in 2018 (Springfield and St. Louis have plans to host events in February).

2018 Goals are to reintroduce the Section to our Membership in digital format. We will be adding a LinkedIn company page for MO-AWWA, and reaching out to our members with emails throughout the year. We will be working on the website as well.

Additional membership ideas include doing a membership appreciation annual call a thon where volunteers with the MO section call the entire membership to thank them for being a member as part of membership outreach and retention.

### **National Nominations – Molly Pesce**

Ms. Pesce was not present – no report.

### **Water Industry Coordinating Council – Liz Grove**

Ms. Grove was not present; no report.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – Chester Bender**

#### **Annual Conference Management**

#### **Bylaws**

#### **Small Systems**

### **Annual Conference Management – Joel Ogle**

Mr. Ogle was present and reported that entertainment had been secured for the conference. We will have a comedian and a hypnotist. He also gave out suggestions as to what the speaker gift could be. He will be working shortly with John and Gailla to send out the Chair's Dinner invitation.

### **Bylaws – Matt McLaughlin**

Mr. McLaughlin was present. He emailed By-Laws changes the day before and understood people has not had a chance to review them.

### **Small Systems – Mike Klender**

Mr. Klender was present and reported on the December 7 training in Poplar Bluff. He said there was good attendance. He will work with Linda McCarty about putting on another volunteer training. He did not know how successful the section was regarding people signing up for the

90-day membership. He will prepare an article for the newsletter reporting how many people had been trained over the past year.

With Mr. Brewer's relocation to Denver; he needs to seek another individual to help with training. He has been working with Tom Nivens, GBA and Todd to put on Small Systems training.

#### Summary of Small Systems Training for 2017

The Small Systems Committee completed 4 training sessions throughout Missouri in 2017. The training locations were Springfield, St. Joseph, St. Louis, and Poplar Bluff. The topics of the training dealt with distribution systems, testing, maintenance, and potential problems small systems may experience when operating their system. A total of 65 students from small utilities in the 4 areas received free training and lunch thanks to the Small Systems and Training Committees and the MOAWWA Section. Special thanks need to go out to Tom Nevins of GBA who help me with all four training locations; Todd Brewer of City Utilities in Springfield with three locations, Jacques Martineau from the Springfield Regional Office, Dan Daugherty of the Kansas City Regional Office, and Don Gray of the St. Louis Regional Office. We hope to help the Training Committee teach additional classes to Small Systems in 2018 and looking for additional instructors to help.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – Joel Ogle**

**Diversity**

**Research**

**Sustainability Initiatives Coordination**

#### **Diversity – Martha Silks**

Ms. Silks was present and reported that she was invited to Kansas AWWA's diversity committee meeting and discussed with them about possibly doing joint events with the Kansas Section. She has also been participating in AWWA national bi-monthly calls with diversity committees across the country. It was reported by another board member that there was a segment dedicated to Diversity at last year's RMSO.

#### **Research – Bob Hulsey and Karen Dietze**

The following is the Research Committee report.

Items of note:

1. Committee Chair. Propose to have Karen Dietze take over as committee chair.
2. Joint Section Research Committee presentations. On a regular basis (typically each month), the JSRC has a web-based meeting involving a technical presentation that highlights an issue of importance in potable water. The January presentation was listed on the Section website.
  - a. Areas of potential improvement – calendar link. Will work with AWWA committee liaison on how to provide a calendar link with an invitation that could be posted or e-mailed to membership.
  - b. Areas of improvement – notification to membership. Investigate e-mail or other communication method to drive members to web site.
3. Research articles in newsletter. Karen Dietze, Jenny Doyle, and others have started an article on PFAS contamination for inclusion in the newsletter.
4. Research Blog. Potential to have a section of web site for a blog from the research committee – link to newsletter article on research topics.



5. Research session at MO AWWA conference. Todd Brewer has suggested that the Research Committee take on responsibility to organize a Research session at annual conference. Potential organization would be to have a manufacturer, professor, consultant, and utility. Historically, have been able to bring in Water Research Foundation presentation also.

## **Sustainability Initiatives Coordination– OPEN**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – Mike Klender**

**Student Activities –  
Young Professionals  
Landmarks**

### **Student Activities – Tom Crowley and Todd Brewer**

Tom Crowley sent the following report:

- 1) Reached out to:
  - a. Columbia
  - b. Rolla
  - Invited them to the Young Professionals activities at the conference. Can someone send me a flyer?
  - Secured presentations from students and post docs for the conference (drew should have all of their information)
- 2) Columbia Student Group:
  - a. Need presenter from AWWA/WEF for April Presentation to the Student group
  - b. Budget allocation for next year of \$500 for student group activities. They have been made aware of existence of funds and the need to submit a funding request. I will follow up with them to ask for funding request next few weeks.
- 3) Rolla Student Group:
  - a. Tom Crowley to meet with Student group in February to present on Engineering topic for group speakers series.
  - b. Discussions for poster board at annual conference of group activities (this was their idea)
  - c. Budget Allocation Request for next year of \$500 student group activities. They are preparing a funding request and will be sending to me in the next couple of weeks.
- 4) Wash U:
  - a. Left message for Vice Chair Wash U Chapter Sponsor Gary Moore to discuss greater coordination with AWWA for activities.
  - b. Discussed upcoming activities and how AWWA can assist. Will coordinate with Student Activities chair for MWEA Allison Morris.

### **Young Professionals – Jenny Doyle.**

Ms. Doyle was present and gave the following report. There were 30 people in attendance at the Wild Life event in Springfield which received high praise. She introduced the YP Committee as:

**Public Relations Chair:** Kari Wolken  
[Kari.Wolken@cityutilities.net](mailto:Kari.Wolken@cityutilities.net)

**Treasurer:** Bob Parks – Kansas City

**YP Rep West:** Heidi Lane

**YP Rep Southwest:** Elizabeth Robertson

**YP Rep East:** Melissa Peterein

The Young Professionals Committee are considering adding Instagram as another form of social media. They already have a Facebook page.

**Landmarks – Bob Parks**

Mr. Parks was present; no report. Landmarks will provide an article for the next newsletter

**2nd Year Trustee – Elizabeth Robertson**

**Safety/Emergency Planning**

**Water for People**

**Safety/Emergency Planning – Randy Moore**

Mr. Moore was not present but reported the following: He is working on MO WARN. This needs to be expanded to include Kansas City, St. Louis, Blue Springs, Independence and MO American. \$5,000 has been set aside in the Budget for potential financial assistance to MO WARN.

**Water for People –Curt Skouby**

Mr. Skouby was not present; nothing to report currently.

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Jenny Doyle**

**JR Popalisky Scholarship -**

**Retirees**

**Service Citation**

**JR Popalisky Scholarship – Chester Bender**

Mr. Bender was present and reported that he is working on scholarships. He has not done anything with the One AWWA Operator Scholarship yet

**Retirees – OPEN**

**Service Citation – Tom Stechmann**

Mr. Stechmann was not present; no report. Mr. Stechmann reached out to Gailla and is submitting an article seeking Service Citations winners to contact him.

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Martha Silks**

**Drinking Water Week**

**Operations Service Award**

**Professional Awards**

**Drinking Water Week – Valeria Hernandez**

Ms. Hernandez present and reported she will be contacting Susan Bloomer to start working on this year's Drinking Water Contest.

**Operations Service Awards – Ray Seidelman**

Mr. Seidelman was not present; he has already heard of at least one individual who will be nominated for Operator's Meritorious Service Award. He is working on the Best Operator Award trying to find a candidate.

**Professional Awards – Tony O'Malley**

Mr. O'Malley was present and reported he was working on nominees for his awards.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ari Copeland gave a presentation on, Model Water Tower Competition (MWTC). He presented the idea to the group as a youth outreach event various sections have done. Goal is to have the contest in Sept as a joint venture between us, BV Women's network and the Girl scouts ideally. We still need to determine logistics, but I will submit a budget this week to everyone for comment.

It was determined a motion was not needed. MWTC was approved for a budget up to \$5,000. It will be put in the upcoming yearly budget.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gailla Rogers, Administrative Manager