

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

**Date:** July 20, 2018

**Place:** Tiger Hotel, 23 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbia, MO

**ATTENDANCE:** attach Jenny/Drew photo  
**Attach Water Tower Logo with Minutes**

**Board Members:**

Drew Hess	Chair
Jeff Clarke	Chair Elect
Joel Ogle	Vice Chair
Roddy Rogers	Director
Molly Pesce	Secretary –Treasurer
Mike Klender	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee
Elizabeth Robertson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee
Jenny Doyle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee
Martha Silks	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee
Mark Galluzzo	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee
Bob Parks	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee

**Committee Chairs:**

Joel Ogle/Bob Parks	Annual Conference Management
Elizabeth Robertson	Audit
Matt McLaughlin	By-Laws
Martha Silks	Diversity and Inclusion
Mike Klender	Education
Jeff Clarke	Exhibits
Bob Parks	Landmarks
Joel Ogle	MAC
Scott Phillips	MAC
Jenny Doyle	Membership
Scott Phillips	Membership
Gailla / Open	Newsletter Content
Tony O'Malley	Professional Awards
Mike Klender	Small Systems
Mark Griffin	Sustainability Initiatives Coord.
Mark Galluzzo	Water Utility Council
Bob Parks	Young Professionals
Gailla Rogers	Administrative Manager

**Others:**

Alyssa Voelkel	Co-President, Mizzou WET
Laura Wiseman	Mizzou WET
Jesseca Alexander	Fiscal Contract, Mizzou WET

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Drew Hess. Mr. Hess welcomed everyone; introductions were held.

**Approval of Minutes – Drew Hess**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Jeff Clarke, seconded by Mike Klender to approve the March 28 board meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

## **Director's Report – Roddy Rogers**

Mr. Rogers gave the following report:

First, I want to express sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Director for the Section and realize I have big shoes to fill. Curt Skouby has done an excellent job as our Director for the past three years and he has been very good to help me and “coach me up” as the incoming Director. Kudos and thanks to Curt for his commendable service to the Section.

On to ACE 18 in Las Vegas. The only “sure bet” there was that it was chocked full of educational, networking, and AWWA business opportunities. The Board met for most of Sunday and Monday preceding the conference. On Monday Incoming Directors met followed by a Board special session to discuss AWWA business and administrative issues. The special session served to result in a more efficient official Board of Directors meeting on Monday.

Several issues were discussed and voted on, but the following are highlights. They are titled along with the Strategic Plan Initiative they fall under;

Member Engagement and Development—Veteran's Initiative—The AWWA program for creating avenues for military veterans to enter the water workforce has been established and is progressing well. Strategies for each section to connect with vets were presented and information on the number of highly qualified individuals for the water industry was provided. This is something the Missouri Section could plug in to through Fort Leonard Wood and ROTC at various universities.

Education-AWWA India—AWWA's international strategy includes the vision of “A Better World Through Better Water” with a key objective of increasing the relevance of the Association's knowledge resources for all global water professionals. In 2014, after visiting India in 2013, the Board endorsed the AWWA India Business Plan and opened an office in 2015. There have been successes and challenges with the in-country operations which consists of a contract with MCI for management, marketing, and educational services, a bank account, staff, a web site and an AWWA India Conference. Three strategies were considered for the future of AWWA India—renegotiate with MCI for a new contract; continue under a different management model; or sunset the program. The board approved of negotiating a new three-year contract with MCI for continuing AWWA India. The water professionals of India are talented and motivated and what they need is help organizing. The new contract will allow for that. A caveat is that this will take time.

Education--Innovation Lounge—The Innovation Lounge was a new feature at ACE this year located right in the middle of expo hall where you could visit vendors and take in an educational session while taking a break—(innovative in and of itself). The presentations were varied but all focused on developing and encouraging innovation in water.

Organizational Development--Water Equation—Funding Operator Scholarships and CE Corps—This program is in its infancy and is set up to fund operator scholarships for training and also to establish and form a Civil Engineering Corps to assist small communities with water infrastructure and or system problems. This is not unlike, a Water for People in the US. In hearing about this it was eye opening to realize the level of problem—or maybe better said---the lack of development and safe water systems in some of our very own small underfunded and under supported communities. This could provide some opportunities for Missouri Section members to make a difference.

Water Policy and Leadership—AWWA is making a commitment to continually monitor the recent Farm Bill and WIFIA. AWWA had a successful fly in and the Mo Section prepared a letter to send to Senators and Representatives on proposed legislation that could potentially weaken and confuse what was a good Water Infrastructure Funding Initiative (WIFIA). This new SRF WIN Act would offer generous loan subsidies to certain states, a practice that would reduce the overall leveraging ability of the WIFIA program while simultaneously withholding the best borrowing rates from states with the highest reported water infrastructure needs. Specifically, it would penalize Missouri.

The SRF WIN Act would offer the best interest rates – as low as half of the Treasury Rate – solely to states that received less than two percent of total SRF funding in the most recent fiscal year. Based on 2017 appropriations, 35 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, would be entitled to these

lowest rates, while the remaining 15 – including Missouri – could only access SRF WIN financing at interest rates that are up to twice as high.

Under miscellaneous, the Mo Section, along with several other sections, was recognized and received a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of their support for this year's Water Buffalo "Ride With a Purpose" benefiting Water For People.

There is no doubt, AWWA is healthy and actively striving through various programs to achieve a better world through better water and I pledge my commitment to liaison Missouri Section with National for maximum contribution and benefit to that worthy vision and mission.

### **Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Molly Pesce**

Ms. Pesce was present and reported:

#### **Missouri Section AWWA Financial Summary As of 7/14/18**

0300 – Bank of America CDS	\$ 48,887.79
0351 - Bank of America Checking	\$144,789.66
7730 - Morgan Stanley	\$113,348.98 (down a few thousand from last report)
Savings – Scholarship	<u>\$ 2,197.18</u>
Total:	\$308,223.52

Expenditures January 1 until July is about \$14,700.

There will be CDs renewing in October; the money from the CDs will be put into savings.

The Missouri Section receives an allotment yearly from AWWA and that amount is around \$24,000 - \$26,000. She has been told that net profit from the conference is \$40,000 for each organization. Scholarship money has been moved to Morgan Stanley for management.

Jeff, Molly and Ari will be working on revamping the categories of expenditures and will do a restart on the Quicken accounting once this has been done. We want the budget line items to match the category. Jeff indicated he would work on that. Molly is to send him a listing of the Quicken categories and he will review and change as needed.

Elizabeth Robertson has taken over as Audit chair and indicated she would help with this project.

There was discussion of the Past Chair auditing his year and passing the information on to the Chair-Elect who will be preparing the next year's budget.

Ari: Taxes: He has started pulling together the documents to have our taxes done. He hopes to get that all pulled together before he comes back to KC in mid Aug.

### **Chair's Report:**

- Mizzou Student WEF Chapter (WET)

Presentation from Mizzou WET were Alyssa Voelkel, Laura Wiseman and Jesseca Alexander

Mizzou Water and Environmental Technologists (WET) is the water/wastewater student group on the University of Missouri campus, and open to anyone with a penchant for water and improvement to the environment. The purpose of this student group is to provide an organization dedicated to the advancement of student interests in environmental studies, with emphasis on the role of engineering in water and environmental topics, as well as professional development for its members. The organization's activities include monthly meetings featuring presentations from professional members of the community, social bonding events, and service activities such as stream cleanups. This organization is affiliated with the Water Environment Federation

(WEF), American Water Works Association (AWWA), and Missouri Water Environment Association (MWEA). Members of the organization attend different conferences throughout the year, including the MWEA-AWWA Joint Annual Conference.

The new leadership has many goals for this upcoming academic year, particularly enhancing the organization's funding, membership, and events. We are hoping to increase the organization's funds through both fundraising events and membership dues. They will also be working to increase club membership and diversity through increased outreach and activities. Currently, the only members of Mizzou WET are engineering students, but they will recruit members of any academic background that have a desire to join our organization. Officers will also be working to encourage higher attendance at the MWEA-AWWA Joint Annual Conference, promoting scholarships that are offered to members, and strengthening relationships with Mizzou and professional organizations.

Drew wanted to know how the Missouri Section could support the Student Chapter better? It was felt that having several smaller events through the year would be good. They are always looking for speakers. There was discussion about them attending the joint conference and we know they work with MWEA some. It was reported that our conference is usually during spring break and a lot of the students leave. Jenny asked if the group would be interested in doing a poster board contest.

Corinne Duckworth will serve our Student Activities Committee Chair. Mohammed Hussain at Black & Veatch, who served in a leadership role with the WET group while in grad school, will be the liaison to Mizzou. Tony O'Malley offered to work with Rolla.

Later in the meeting a motion was made to subsidize student memberships.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Jeff Clarke to fund \$20 student memberships for up to \$500 each year. Mike Klender seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Jenny needs to speak to National to determine if they will bill the Section for these memberships rather than sending in checks each time. So, we have heard from national and there are options as to how we could set this up, but the route Molly and I recommend is that we will provide a promo code that students so that their membership dues will be charged directly to the Section. We can essentially set up a credit account with AWWA and charge their dues to that line. It's slick. Bob did a great job tracking that info down.

- Strategic Planning Recap  
See Report below under Strategic Planning Committee
- Next Board Meeting Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Stoney Creek Inn, Columbia, MO
- Summer Workshop – Denver, July 24 – 26 Attending: Martha Silks and Bob Parks. They will report back their experiences from attending. Article in the next newsletter.
- Water Tower Competition update – MWTC  
Molly gave an update on the Water Tower Event for Ari.  
MWTC: MWTC event is Sept 29 @ Camp Prairie Schooner, Neal Lodge from 9 00 am to noon.  
See link: <https://www.gsksmo.org/en/events-repository/2018/american-water-works1.html> Please let the board know date, time and the need for volunteers. I attached the draft logo which needs corrections since it alters the color of the Association's logo but other than that I believe it is within Brand standards. Ideally this will be a patch the girl scouts will get for building towers and competing. Depending on how I come out budget wise – I may be able to do tee shirts as well. Work assignment is really going to make having the contest harder for me since I'll probably be in CA another 7 months starting in mid Sept, but I still want to go forward with the contest. I am almost done purchasing all the equipment. I attached the logo

We are having a pre-event at B&V HQ with interested troops to talk about the contest and do presentations about the water profession – So far, I have Lisa O'Dell, Martha Silks coming for sure, but I welcome anyone else who would love to talk about what they do at work. That is scheduled for TH, Sept 6 from 6-8 pm at BV's Overland Park, KS office.

I will be drafting up a blast email to the membership looking for volunteers and additional sponsorships for the event so Gailla can send it out sometime later this month as well as a few times in Aug. Ideally looking for like 20 people if possible mostly new volunteers. I am working on a sponsorship letter which I will hope to give to you by tomorrow to also share with others. Ideally tank vendors and consultants – but anyone can donate towards prizes for the attendees.

Ari's Other Items:

Newsletter:

I am working on a short article about ACE18. I know Karen Dietze has someone from Burns and Mac writing something more technical for it. I can proof the content – i.e. the word files like I did last time and then go through the proof of the newsletter as another set of eyes. I am more to do this for all the issues even if I do not submit content.

- Water Equation Update  
Drew spoke about this and indicated that AWWA feels very strongly about this. Everyone has been donating to WFP for so long; discussion needs to be held how to move toward donating to Water Equation. One thing we can do is the Operator Scholarship. If the section donates \$500 or \$1,000 AWWA matches it. Drew will speak with Chester about the Operator Scholarship and see if we can move forward to awarding it.
- Education Committee Chair Vacancy – Linda McCarty stepped down  
Drew reported to the group that Linda resigned in June. Gailla was able to speak to her and get some written notes and electronic documents. After discussion, Mike Klender agreed to take over as Education chair
- USDA Tech Training Seminar  
Mike Klender and Drew will work on a USDA grant for \$4,500. They will give us the grant money to educate small systems and we will use the money through rural development. The section is considering doing 1 or 2 more glasses. They will be for systems of certain sizes and a certain number of systems will do this education. The plan is to get more people through education. Mike says that Tom Nivens will continue to help, and he will seek others to assist with the training.
- Succession Planning Ad Hoc Group: Molly Pesce, Jeff Clarke, Joel Ogle, Mike Klender and Bob Parks. The group will bring options back to the board.
- Drew presented Jenny Doyle with the Club Award that the Missouri Section received due to the membership increase that she acquired over the past year.

The Club Seven Award recognizes the membership recruitment efforts of Sections. Sections are placed into seven divisions, based on size. The Missouri Section recruited the highest percentage of new members in our division in 2017.

The Missouri Section was recognized with the Club Seven Award at ACE in June in Las Vegas. Accepting the award from the Missouri Section were John Brummer and Drew Hess.

A huge thank you goes out to our Membership Chair, Jenny Doyle! There will be an article and photo in the 2018 Roster of Jenny receiving her award.

Next issue of the newsletter – Meet your board - Molly Pesce and Jeff Clarke – \*carried to next newsletter

Jenny requested that all committee chairs get more involved with their committees and to have a vice chair for their committee. This will be good for succession planning for the next chair of the committee.

- It was discussed that the section needs a social media policy
- Research a new website platform - Jeff Clarke will start researching this

- Board actions since the last board meeting - NONE

**Newsletter Deadline: August 3, 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** – Ms. Rogers reported she is working on the roster and Kelman will be sending out the 1<sup>st</sup> proof soon.

She also reported that the SW Section AWWA has inquired about having a table out by the registration area at next year's conference. They want to highlight that they will be having their yearly conference in Branson. This has come about because they do not have a location that is a draw for their multi-state section.

**Submission of Board and Committee Reports** - - Gailla asked everyone to please submit their committee report in writing prior to the meeting to your section report and to her.

**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 not 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**

Joel is recommending that Advertising be dissolved as Kelman Associates is handling this function for our Show-Me Magazine. Nothing new to report.

**Show-Me Magazine – Gailla Rogers**

The next deadline is August 3. Please send newsletter content to Gailla and Ari. Newsletter content is an open position.

**Public Information – Chair Position Open – Recommended that this be rolled into Show-Me Magazine.**

**Webmaster – Gailla Rogers**

Ms. Rogers was present; she continues to add content to the website as needed. Ari Copeland is helping her with the website.

**Chair Elect – Jeff Clarke**

**Budget  
Strategic Planning  
Water Utility Council**

### **Budget – Jeff Clarke**

Mr. Clarke was present. A draft Budget will be ready for discussion at the January board meeting. He will have the Budget updated by that time and it will be reflective with the new Quicken categories.

(More information about budget work above in Molly's Treasurer's Report)

### **Strategic Planning – Jenny Doyle, Jeff Clarke, Bob Parks**

Drew reported on the Strategic Planning Session. He thanked both Jenny and Jeff for all their hard work on this project.

He reported that those present broke out into small groups throughout the day to address our Vision (we currently don't have one; our Mission Statement (which is too long) and that we want to mirror AWWA's Strategic Plan.

The breakout group reviewed Strategic Plans from AWWA, the Kansas Section and Kentucky/Tennessee.

#### Topics Covered throughout the day:

- Strategies for membership recruitment and retainment
- Cultivating New Volunteers
- Young Professional and Student Engagement
- Board Member Onboarding
- Succession planning for Gailla
- Annual Joint Conference
- Strategic partnerships in Missouri
- Educating and/or lobbying the state legislature
- Committee Structure
- Other Issues and Ideas

All items were written down on a white erase board. Jeff and Jenny will work on the notes to bring a draft Strategic Plan before the board.

### **Water Utility Council – Mike Galluzzo**

Mr. Galluzzo was present and reported the Washington DC fly-in was in April 18-19. Attending were Randy Moore, Bob Parks, Jeff Clarke, John Brummer and Charles Stevens. There was discussion about trying to have the same people attend yearly as having benefit in that the representatives remember them and promotes familiarity.

Big issues this year were WIFIA and the farm bill. 10% of the farm bill is for conservation; 10% of the conservation funding is for source water protection

Safe Drinking Water Commission Meeting is August 16. There are several proposed rule revisions to be presented in a public hearing. Mike will plan to attend.

Ideas were suggested in the strategic planning to correspond more with DNR, perhaps with an annual report of Section activities (i.e., what we do to help utilities.)

A question brought up during strategic planning was if we need a lobbyist?

Mike is preparing a statement document modeled from MWEA's 2018 guiding principles to declare Section common interests and support for producer outreach in cooperation to protect source water. The cooperation will be useful, and necessary, to apply and compete well for project funding.

Bob Parks is on the WUC committee.

The agricultural producers are asking for such a document declaring our support.

Mike will submit a draft document to the board electronically in a week or two for review/approval.

**Vice Chair – Joel Ogle**  
**Exhibits**  
**Manufacturers/Assoc. Council**  
**Technical Program**

**Exhibits – Jeff Clarke and Ben Freese**  
Mr. Clarke was present; no report currently.

**Manufacturers/Assoc. Council – Joel Ogle/Dustin Keilbey/Scott Phillips**  
Mr. Ogle was not present. Mr. Phillips reported that MAC is trying to come up with other avenues with the vendors to get more participation, opportunities to sponsor and engagement.

There is a goal for next year to have a Lounge Area for the exhibitors to give them a place to hang out away from the exhibit floor. Would be used as a breakroom and a place to conduct business.

**Technical Program – Joel Ogle**  
Technical Program- Already discussing with various engineering firms to submit papers as well as end users to submit with their consulting engineers on projects. Have reached out to USDA and DNR as well as other area partners for papers.

The Call for Papers will be in the next issue of the newsletter.

**Past Chair – John Brummer**  
**Audit**  
**Education**  
**Nominating**

**Audit – Elizabeth Robertson**  
Ms. Robertson was present. She is new as the Chair. She will work with Jenny Doyle about learning the audit duties.

**Education – Mike Klender – New Chair**  
Ms. McCarty announced she was stepping down as Chair in June. We need a replacement chair quickly. Gailla was able to get documents from Linda and did a phone call with her to gather information.

Mike Klender volunteered to take on the Education Committee. Gailla received Linda's electronic files for Education; she will get those documents over to Mike Klender.

**Nominating – John Brummer**  
Mr. Brummer was not present, he knows he needs to contact 2-3 past chairs and will be working on next year's Slate of Officers by the end of the year.

**Director – Roddy Rogers**  
**Fuller**  
**Membership**  
**National Nominations**  
**Water Industry Coordinating Council**

**Fuller Award – Mickey Bernard**  
Mr. Bernard was not present; no report.

**Membership – Jenny Doyle**  
Ms. Doyle was present and gave the following report.  
2018 Goals are to continue introducing the Section to our Membership in digital format. She has added a LinkedIn company page for MO-AWWA, and will be reaching out to our members with emails throughout the year. We will be working on the website as well.

Membership is up 1.6% which is why the Missouri Section won the Club 7 Award. The section has 62 new members and the total membership is 706.



**National Nominations – Molly Pesce**

Ms. Pesce was present – no report.

**Water Industry Coordinating Council – Liz Grove**

Ms. Grove was not present; no report.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – Mike Klender**

**Annual Conference Management**

**By-Laws**

**Small Systems**

**Annual Conference Management – Bob Parks**

Mr. Parks was present and reported the current working idea for Tuesday night entertainment at the 2019 joint conference is a live band. Several options in the KC area and getting input from the St. Louis side for possibilities there. Also have the idea to increase drink tickets that night too with the goal to boost attendance.

Jennifer Welch (MWEA) and I have three great choices for keynote speaker this year – great news to report there. If the 1<sup>st</sup> option does not work, we will be very happy with option 2 and 3.

**By-Laws – Matt McLaughlin**

Mr. McLaughlin was present. He will contact Ashley Longmore on a potential change with the Wednesday morning board meeting during the conference. Please see more information on this under New Business.

As far as the Section Committees, any types of changes to these committees, including creating and dissolving, can be done by the Board of Trustees. The committee descriptions are included in our Administrative Guidelines so they do not require a change to our By-Laws and therefore do not require approval by the Association. In the past, these changes have been presented to the board and then voted upon to make the change. Matt will take care of the updating of the Guidelines once the changes have been approved.

Matt has an existing list of Committees that have been under discussion of having changes made to them and I think it has been the same list for quite some time. They include the following:

Site Selection

Public Information

Show-Me Newsletter

Advertising

Water For People (WFP)

Sustainability Initiatives Coordinating

6P Guardians

Award Committees

Diversity - Change Name to Diversity and Inclusion

As for the By-Laws, all of the changes have been completed that the Association laid out in their latest Template. These changes were sent out to the Board for review and received and incorporated their comments and also reviewed these changes with Ashley from the Association. These are ready to go for a vote at the next conference.

**Small Systems – Mike Klender**

Mr. Klender was present and reported he will be putting on more small systems training.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – Elizabeth Robertson**

**Diversity**

**Research**

**Sustainability Initiatives Coordination**

### **Diversity – Martha Silks**

Ms. Silks was present and announced that Ari Copeland will be Vice Chair for this committee. Another committee member is Heather Gipp. They would like to see the committee renamed to “**Diversity and Inclusion**”.

She reported that the first Women in Water networking event last June was well received. Heather Gipp organized the event in St. Louis and she organized the event in Kansas City. Eight women attended the meeting in St. Louis and 16 attended the meeting in Kansas City. A survey was conducted of the attendees and everyone enjoyed the event and reported that they would attend future events.

Ari and Martha have discussed the possibility of adding a session of non-technical presentations to the Conference program. One of these proposed presentations would focus on diversity and inclusion. The objective of this session would be to offer options to our membership and to increase conference attendance by non-technical section members.

### **Research – Karen Marie Dietze**

Ms. Dietze is working on getting quarterly meetings/webinars set up. She is planning to coordinate with Missouri and Kansas.

### **Sustainability Initiatives Coordination– Mark Griffin**

Mr. Griffin, new chair for this committee was present and reported:

The Sustainability Committee is being revamped under new leadership. The following information below is a draft of the committee’s overall vision. The committee is actively looking for volunteers that have a passion for sustainability and ways to make our industry more sustainable.

The committee’s current mission statement is:

- To promote sustainability initiatives related to protecting our environment and natural resources.
- Develop a committee composed of volunteers that identify and promote long term sustainable projects.
- To promote, encourage and influence sustainability projects that ultimately lead to long term community projects that create cost effective long term engineering solutions that promote viability of our precious water resources.

The types of projects the committee would focus on would fall into a range of sustainable initiatives, such as:

- Trash clean up, before they get into waterways
- Green projects for storm sewer
  - Wetlands
  - Runoff filtration
  - Storm water detention
  - Pervious pavement
  - Water gardens
- Dry scape minimal watering using native plants and trees
- Solar powered electrical projects
- Water infrastructure replacements

The committee would also look for opportunity to partner with other existing programs to help promote sustainability in conjunction to other water related associations and agencies. The committee will partner with other environmental groups to identify mutual beneficial collaborative projects, as well as, identify, promote, contribute, and recognize various sustainability projects throughout Missouri. The committee is seeking professionals all over the state of Missouri to volunteer.

Lastly, a budget of \$1,000 was requested by the committee from the Missouri Section Board to fund annual sustainability awards and activities that needed for the year. Funds will be used for the following activities:

- Establish a sustainability award at the annual joint conference every year.
- Create a possible video of highlighting a sustainability issues within the field along with highlighting solution for distribution and marketing to help professionals promote sustainability within the industry.

- Establish a student award to support Young professionals with various school projects and encourage future water professionals to be passionate about sustainability.

If interested in being a committee volunteer, please email me at [Mark.griffin@kcmo.org](mailto:Mark.griffin@kcmo.org) or call 816-513-0182.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – Jenny Doyle**  
**Young Professionals**  
**Professional Awards**  
**Landmarks**

**Young Professionals – Bob Parks**

Mr. Parks was present and reported that the committee has organized several events this year, across the state.

In particular, the YP's organized events celebrating Drinking Water Week 2018 in Kansas City, Springfield, and St. Louis.

The Kansas City event was a "No Water No Wine" style fundraising event benefiting Water for People, with over 50 people in attendance and raised \$1,800.00.

The St. Louis Event was a tour of Missouri American Water's Central Plant, followed by a local happy hour.

The Springfield event was an awesome tour of the Jordan Creek Underground, followed by a local happy hour. Coming up next in August there will be baseball game socials in Springfield, St. Louis, and Kansas City.

In early 2019, the Section will be sending three representatives to the YP Summit in Nashville, TN. They are Karen Dietze, Black & Veatch, Kansas City office; Mel Peterein, Black & Veatch, St Louis office and Corinne Duckworth, HRD, Lee's Summit office. These women have done a lot of work for the YP committee in the past year. We look forward to them having a great experience at the YP Summit and coming back more capable than ever.

The Young Professionals are always planning. If you would like to know about upcoming events, or to get involved in our activities, or to connect a YP you know with us – contact YP Committee Chair Bob Parks ([rparks@indepmo.org](mailto:rparks@indepmo.org)), Springfield Rep Elizabeth Robertson ([Elizabeth.robertson@cityutilities.net](mailto:Elizabeth.robertson@cityutilities.net)), or St.

**Professional Awards – Tony O'Malley**

Mr. O'Malley was present. He reported that he thought he could get some Kramer papers from the graduate students at Mizzou. This was mentioned to the ladies' present.

**Landmarks – Bob Parks**

Mr. Parks reported there was nothing to report at this time. He had several good ideas to increase exposure to the topic; but has yet to execute any of those ideas.

**Water for People –Curt Skouby**

Mr. Skouby was not present. \$37,100 was collected at the conference for Water for People

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Mike Galluzzo**  
**JR Popalisky Scholarship**  
**Retirees**  
**Service Citation**

**JR Popalisky Scholarship – Chester Bender**

Mr. Bender was not present; no report currently. Molly Pesce reported that the scholarship checks were mailed out after the conference.

**Retirees – OPEN**

**Service Citation – Tom Stechmann**

Mr. Stechmann was not present; no report. Gailla is working on getting the Life Member awardees placed in the roster.

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Bob Parks**

**Drinking Water Week**

**Operations Service Award**

**Student Activities**

**Drinking Water Week – Karen Marie Dietze**

Ms. Dietze was not present; no report currently.

**Operations Service Awards – Ray Seidelman**

Mr. Seidelman was not present; no report currently

**Student Activities – Tom Crowley**

Tom Crowley was not present. No report. There was discussion that student activities should be regionalized. Tony O'Malley indicated he would help with this.

\*\*The week following this board meeting, it was determined that Corinne Duckworth who works with Tom Crowley will take over this committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion came up during the Strategic Planning to do away with the early morning Board Meeting on Wednesday. There could still be a breakfast, there is consideration of having the board meeting 3 weeks after the conference.

This will require a By-Laws change as our By-Laws state that one of our four board meeting shall be held during the annual conference.

Matt McLaughlin, By-Laws chairs will check with Ashley Longmore, the Section's Services Representative to see how this should proceed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gailla Rogers, Administrative Manager