

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

Date: April 26, 2019

Place: Courtyard Marriott, Columbia, MO

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members:

Jeff Clarke	Chair
Joel Ogle	Chair-Elect
Roddy Rogers	Director
Molly Pesce	Secretary –Treasurer
Ari Copeland	Asst. Secretary-Treasurer
Mike Klender	Vice Chair
Jenny Doyle	3 rd Year Trustee
Martha Silks	3 rd Year Trustee
Mark Galluzzo	2nd Year Trustee
Bob Parks	2 nd Year Trustee
Corinne Duckworth	1 st Year Trustee
Scott Phillips	1 st Year Trustee

Committee Chairs:

Joel Ogle	Advertising
Bob Parks	Annual Conf. Mgmt.
Scott Phillips	Awards Chair
Kevin Wiggins	- Operations Service
Tony O'Malley	- Professional
OPEN	- Service Citation
Joel Ogle	Budget
Martha Silks	Diversity
Karen Marie Dietze-phone	Drinking Water Week
Mike Klender	Education
Joel Ogle	Exhibits
Nick Davis	Landmarks
Joel Ogle	MAC
Scott Phillips	MAC Vice-Chair
Jenny Doyle	Membership
Scott Phillips	Membership Vice Chair
Ari Copeland	Magazine Content
Karen Marie Dietze-Phone	Philanthropy Chair
Jenny Doyle	-Water Equation
Martha Silks	-Water for People
Melissa Carver	Public Information
Jenny Doyle	Retirees
Randy Moore	Safety and Emergency Planning
Mike Klender	Small Systems

Joel Ogle
Corinne Duckworth
Mark Galluzzo
Mark C. Bross
Bob Parks
Mel Peterein
Mariah Schroeder
Gailla Rogers

Strategic Planning
Student Activities
Water Utility Council
WICC
YP - Chair
YP – St. Louis Chair
YP - Treasurer
Administrative Manager

Visitors:

Eric Fuchs
Randy Norden
Rachel Peth
Kelly Mebruer

Missouri Rural Water Assoc.
Missouri Rural Water Assoc.
Global Brigades – Co-President
Global Brigades – Co-President

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Jeff Clarke.

Approval of Minutes – Jeff Clarke

Motion: A motion was made by Joel Ogle and seconded by Jenny Doyle to approve the January 18th board meeting minutes. No discussion. **Motion approved.**

Director's Report – Roddy Rogers

Mr. Rogers reported this report is to be considered an update or “addendum” to the report I gave at the conference as I have received several communiques from National.

I thought I would share some of the things Mark Coleman, our VP representative at the conference had to say about his visit and our section in his official report to national. He highlighted the SW Section booth promoting their conference in October and the ongoing dialog we have with them. (I wonder if there may be future opportunities with respect to a joint conference with them?)

Mark indicated he felt very welcome and enjoyed the inspirational keynote at our opening breakfast. He also said our Exhibit Hall lunch was the best attended he had experienced.

He found our Water For people auction entertaining and highlighted Jeff and his dad.

He described our section as financially secure with fiscally responsible leadership and pointed out our discussions on transitioning the structure of our section, offering his experiences with the Michigan Section going through a similar transition.

He liked abstracts being included in our conference brochure and described our YP group as active and energetic (which seems appropriate for YPs).

Mark added a personal touch by sending (hand written) thank you notes to us.

With respect to National updates I would offer the following:

- I don't want to steal anyone's thunder for membership, but my national reports show we have 28 new members this year and that we are ranked 6th based on retention rate. Total national average member count is 51,486.
- ACE is 6 weeks out and currently there are 463 exhibiting companies using 1083 booths.
- If you are interested there is a video on the AWWA DC fly in on YouTube.
- Three revised standards have been approved and can be viewed online.
- Social media graphics to highlight World Water Day with the theme "No Water- No Hygiene" are still available for use to highlight that connection.
- Farm Bill strategies are in implementation mode including discussions with numerous sections, presentations at several AWWA sections, coordination with state associations, and meeting with senior NRCS officials.

Last, but not least, I know there has been some confusion on the Water Equation, but a recent letter from CEO David LaFrance was informative in clarifying this effort.

He outlined philanthropic efforts as two pronged to accomplish AWWA's vision of "A Better World Through Better Water".

As a result of Water for People's work, 3.3 million additional people are now using reliable water services.

Similarly, AWWA's Water Equation has awarded over \$80,000 in water operator scholarships, \$150,000 annually in Academic Scholarships, raised \$30,000 to support young professionals' leadership training, and sponsored 30 new Community Engineering Corps water and wastewater projects.

This clarifies and demonstrates that support of the Water Equation and Water for People is additive for our future and not an either- or decision. Also, each section determines how it will manage its fundraising efforts and allows for them to embrace the additive impacts not only globally but domestically in North America in our own back yard, so to speak.

I continue to appreciate serving as your Director and respectfully submit this report.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Molly Pesce

Ms. Pesce and Mr. Copeland were present and explained the different reporting we can now get from the new accounting software. If there are those from the board that want availability to the site, let Molly and Ari know.

Mr. Clarke indicated about request for reimbursement or payment of bills by check there seems to be some confusion in how to fill out the form. It was requested that Ari or Molly please put together some directions for people to use when requesting reimbursement or to have a vendor paid. Three new forms and directions were prepared and have been distributed.

Missouri Section, Inc. of the American Water Works

BALANCE SHEET

As of April 25, 2019

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
0298 Commerce MM	0.00
300 Bank of America CDs	48,887.70
351 Bank of America Checking	162,405.95
7730 Commerce MM-scholarship	0.00
Morgan Stanley - Scholarship	108,808.85
Savings - Scholarship	2,197.63
Total Bank Accounts	\$322,300.13
Total Current Assets	\$322,300.13
TOTAL ASSETS	\$322,300.13
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Commerce Card	4,496.41
Total Credit Cards	\$4,496.41
Total Current Liabilities	\$4,496.41
Total Liabilities	\$4,496.41
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	303,770.67
Retained Earnings	-28,393.19
Net Income	42,426.24
Total Equity	\$317,803.72
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$322,300.13

Chair's Report – Jeff Clark

Bi-Monthly Executive Board Meeting Phone Calls - Monthly conference calls will resume soon.

RMSO II– Oxford, MS, March 2 – 4, 2019, Joel Ogle, Mike Galluzzo, Scott Phillips attended. There was a report out on RMSO. Those who attended thought it was productive.

DC Fly-In: March 27th, 2019 Bob Parks, Randy Moore, John Brummer, Mark Griffin, Karen Dietze Good information was passed along. It was strongly urged that some of the same people attend each year for continuity.

ACE - Missouri Section Happy Hour - Joel Ogle is working on the happy hour location. When a location is locked down, invitations will be sent out to those from Missouri Section that are registered to attend.

Summer Workshop – July 24 – 26, 2019 Denver, CO Jeff Clarke, Joel Ogle, Molly Pesce, Karen Marie Dietze, Gailla Rogers. Perhaps Melissa Carver could attend as well.

Thank You Cards were sent out to Exhibitors this year thanking them for participating. Signed by the Chairs going to the conference and those new chairs along with Joel Ogle, as Exhibit Chair

Conference Recap- It was felt that the conference went very well, felt there was a higher turnout and brought in good revenue. \$322,000 plus was collected at the registration site and probably around \$3,500 through the credit card machine. The TanTarA bill has come in at \$152,000+, however, the hotel bill is not the only bills that will come in from the conference.

Global Brigades- Rachel Peth and Kelly Mebruer, Co-Presidents of Global Brigades give an update on how funds were spent.

It is requested by the board that this needs to be done a couple times a year and with my Joel's daughter graduating and handing off the presidency of GB, the new board needs to keep the Missouri Section informed for the likelihood of our continued support. We have only given to them once so far and it is in the budget to continue, but we need timely updates.

Mr. Ogle stated, I don't know if I would consider this new request, but a form to renew might give the current groups we support a reason to come and state their case for renewed support.

Board actions since the last board meeting - None

AD-HOC Committees:

Philanthropy – Karen Dietze Philanthropy is being turned into a committee. See report later in the minutes.

Transition Team - Molly, Jeff, Joel, Bob and Mike

Bob reported out that due to the conference, the group had not met. They will be starting back and are reviewing several different manners regarding replacing the Administrative Manager position. There will be a report at the next board meeting.

Administrative Manager's Report – Gailla Rogers

Registration Update – Ms. Rogers confirmed that the number of attendees still stands at 976 even due to the increase in revenue. There is a conference call with Cvent next week where she plans to ask if the exhibitors when registering counts as 1 even though the booth gets two attendees. That would be a much larger number then if that is not accounted for.

Website - Ms. Rogers indicated the website is working well and she is proud to direct people to go there where they can find what they are looking for. She recounted a phone call of the previous day with person calling indicating they were going to sign up as a new member to the Missouri Section.

Next Board Meeting - Jeff reported that the date for the July board meeting would be decided soon. Once the date is available, it will be sent out.

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, report given by Gailla.

Site Selection – John Brummer

Mr. Brummer was not present. The Missouri Section and MWEA are in discussions with TanTarA for future conferences. Some are reviewing other locations to determine and try to keep TanTarA inline on their prices. They have not raised prices as yet.

Assistant Secretary – Ari Copeland

**Advertising
Magazine
Public Information
Webmaster**

Advertising – Joel Ogle

Mr. Ogle reported that this is handled by Kelman the magazine editor. .

Show-Me Magazine – Ari Copeland

Mr. Copeland reported an issue of the magazine, the one with conference updates is being proofed and will be put to press soon. The date for the next magazine submittals is July 26.

Public Information – Melissa Carver

Ms. Carver is the new committee chair. During the meeting, she had a lot of good ideas for public information pieces coming up which she will pursue.

Website – Gailla Rogers

Ms. Rogers reported that the website went operational about the time of the conference. She asked for a raise of hands to check to see who all in the room had reviewed the new website. All hands went up and it was agreed by all that it is 10x better than the previous website. She is sending updates to Tina for on the updates and the turnaround for them getting added is great.

Tina will provide her invoices for payment the 1st of the month to Joel and Gailla for review and approval. They will then go to Molly/Ari for payment. Tina has asked for a 20-day net pay of her invoices. Joel agreed we could do that, and it was conveyed to Molly and Ari.

Chair Elect – Joel Ogle

Budget

Strategic Planning

Water Utility Council

Budget – Joel Ogle

Mr. Ogle reported that the budget was reviewed, voted on and approved by the Missouri Section membership at the Annual Meeting at the conference. Molly had indicated that those who wanted access to the reporting by the new accounting firm could happen. Mr. Ogle wanted that access so he could stay on top of the budget throughout the year.

Strategic Planning – Joel Ogle

Mr. Ogle said there will be a Strategic Planning component held during the July board meeting.

Water Utility Council - Mike Galluzzo

Mr. Galluzzo said, that first, congratulations were called for Bob Parks as he recently found out that his application was accepted to serve on the AWWA Water Utility Council as the Young Professionals representative. He will be officially installed at ACE 2019. The Board voted pay the expenses for a full registration to ACE so that Bob can be there to be recognized when he is formally installed on the Council.

The Farm Bill is still garnering the most attention of late. Bob Parks, Charlie Stevens and Mike Galluzzo are members of the State Technical Committee that collectively take part in recommending projects to be awarded with Farm Bill funding. This is exactly the approach that Tracy Mehan and the Association have directed us to take; Randy Moore said that many in the Association are watching Missouri and our progress. We attended a technical committee meeting on March 7 and the next one that we plan to attend is on June 26.

Vice Chair – Mike Klender
Exhibits
Annual Conference Management
Technical Program

Exhibits – Joel Ogle and Ben Freese

Mr. Ogle was present. He indicated he got a very thick 3 ring binder from Sarah and Jeff with regard to how exhibitors were handled. Ben Freese will continue in his same capacity for the coming year.

Annual Conference Management – Bob Parks

Mr. Parks said there was not a lot to report. The conference went well and everyone seemed quite happy with the entertainment which was a significant change. Entertainment was a band. Everyone who participated had a good time.

Technical Program – Mike Klender

Mr. Klender will start working with his counter-part in MWEA thinking ahead to the Call for Papers which will go in the next issue of the magazine e. He also will speak with Joel Ogle who had this position previously.

Technical Program: As chair of Technical Program, I will be seeking papers related to the water industries, regulation, research, safety, security, and operations and maintenances. We will be entertaining papers from suppliers and vendors, if it is technical and provides knowledge for Operator and Engineering certifications. All abstracts must be submitted for review by August 30, 2019. I am asking volunteers to help in review of the abstracts, please submit your interests to Mike.Klender@kcmo.org by July 30, 2019.

Education and Small Systems: Training was conducted in Kansas City on January 30th on USDA Grant Money submissions. At the MOAWWA.MWEA conference at Tan-Tar-A, technical sessions provided for 13 hours of Operators and Professional Development Hours. On May 30th, in Chesterfield, MO at the City of St. Louis' Howard Bend Water Treatment Plant another Small Systems training class will be offered on USDA Grant submission and training. The class will be conducted by Mike Klender and Todd

Brewer. Please check the website for further information on how to sign up and future training opportunities.

Past Chair – Drew Hess

**Audit
Education
Nominating**

Audit – Elizabeth Robertson

Ms. Robertson was not present; she is planning to get together with Molly and Ari to discuss expectations and create a timeline.

Education and Small Systems – Mike Klender

Mr. Klender was present and reported:

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Nominating – Drew Hess

Mr. Hess was not present, but the group of past chairs will start working toward the end of the year to come up with next year's slate of officers.

Director – Roddy Rogers

**Fuller
Membership
National Nominations
Water Industry Coordinating Council**

Fuller Award – Matt McLaughlin

Mr. McLaughlin was not present; he and the others on the Fuller Award committee will start work later in the year.

Membership – Jenny Doyle

Ms. Doyle was present and gave the following report: national reports show we have 28 new members this year and that we are ranked 6th based on retention rate. Total national average member count is 51,486.

National Nominations – Molly Pesce

Ms. Pesce was present – no report.

Water Industry Coordinating Council – Mark Bross

Mr. Bross was present and reported that he plans to have a meeting with the following agencies within the next 60-90 days per the MO-AWWA administrative guidelines:

1. Missouri Water and Waste Conference
2. Missouri Rural Water Association
3. Association of Metropolitan Water Companies (St. Louis Water Division, KC Water Division, KC Public Utilities are members)
4. Missouri Public Utilities Alliance

At the meeting, we will discuss the following:

1. MO-WARN
2. Legislative priorities
3. Other topics that may come up

3rd Year Trustee – Jenny Doyle
Manufacturers/Assoc. Council
ByLaws
Philanthropy

Manufacturers/Assoc. Council – Joel Ogle/Dustin Keilbey/Scott Phillips
Mr. Ogle and Mr. Phillips were present. There is nothing to report at this time; they would like consideration of an Exhibitors Lounge at next year's conference.

By-Laws – Matt McLaughlin

Mr. McLaughlin was not present The By-laws were voted on and approved at the Annual Meeting. Others have reached out to Matt with regard to changes to the Administrative Guidelines and any changes to the Bylaws.

Philanthropy - Karen Marie Dietze

1. Jenny presented the proposed re-structuring of the Water for People Committee into an overarching Philanthropy Committee. This is becoming more common across other sections and is being encouraged at the national association level to promote incorporation of Water Equation philanthropic activities.
2. Revised admin guidelines were presented to the Board.
3. Karen presented the new proposed donation request process, procedures, and form.
4. Motion to approve revisions to the Bylaws as proposed by the Philanthropy Committee was voted on and approved.
5. Philanthropy Committee will follow up with donation request from the Nature Conservancy of Missouri.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve revisions of the Bylaws as proposed to make a new committee known as the Philanthropy Committee.
Motion passed.

For now, Water for People Committee and Water Equation will be listed under the Philanthropy Committee. Others will be added as needed.

3rd Year Trustee – Martha Silks

Diversity

Research

Sustainability Initiatives Coordination

Diversity – Martha Silks

Ms. Silks was present and reported that Diversity Committee's Women in Water group hosted a panel at the joint conference in April. The panelists included Amanda Johnson, Black and Veatch; Marjorie Melton, M3 Engineering Group; Michele Moellering, St. Charles County PWS #2; and W. Ruth Turner, 3T-Design&Development. The panel was moderated by Heather Gipp, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly.

The panelists answered questions related to experiences, success tips, and professional collaboration necessary to achieve success in today's male-dominated engineering/construction water industry. The Women in Water committee is extremely grateful to the panelists for offering up their time to provide great insight, stories, and perspective to all attendees.

The Women in Water groups are currently organizing happy hour events later this spring for the St. Louis and Kansas City areas. If you would like to get more information about Women in Water events, please email Heather Gipp at hgipp@cmtengr.com or Martha Silks at martha.silks@lrewater.com.

If you are interested in helping organize events in other areas throughout the state of Missouri, please contact Heather or Martha as well!

Research – Karen Marie Dietze

Ms. Dietze reported by phone –

- Inaugural Fresh Ideas Student Poster Competition was a success
- Three students participated (two from Washington University in St. Louis and one from University of Missouri)
- First place winner is being sponsored by the section to participate in the ACE 19 Fresh Ideas Poster Competition
- Poster Contest winners are as follows:
 - **1st Place** – Xuanhao Young-Shin, PhD student at Washington University in St. Louis
“Sustainable Solar-Driven Photothermal Membrane Distillation” \
 - **2nd Place** – Deoukchen Ghim, PhD student at Washington University in St. Louis
“Sustainable Solar-Driven Steam Generation”
 - **3rd Place** – Laura Wiseman, M.S. student at University of Missouri
“Monitoring of Urban Level Spreaders for Adaptive Management”

- Will work on getting Xuanhao to submit an article about his research for the next Newsletter.

Sustainability Initiatives Coordination– Mark Griffin

Mr. Griffin, chair for this committee was not present, but sent the following report:

- AWWA Sustainability Committee Group Members Needed – It is the vision that this group have representation from all parts of the state. Everyone in this section needs to be aware that sustainability is going to be a reality for nearly everything we do. We are the environmental leaders of the water within the state. I recommend we be leaders versus followers. Today this is was yet another headline in the news, **Dirtiest week for water in EPA history, BY JIM MURPHY, OPINION CONTROBUTOR — 04/25/19 07:00 AM EDT, [Dirtiest Week for Water in EPA History](#)**

This kind of story is becoming common. Trash in rivers seem to be at unprecedented highs. Our oceans are collecting so much trash it is killing our marine life, whales, reefs, and so much more. I bring this all up because it is these types of issues that draws passion out of me and same power to provoke that emotion in all of you. So, the theme of our direction on how exactly to move forward is yet to be decided. All of us need to be spoke persons.

Here are some highlights of planned activities:

- I need a cell phone bridge line to conduct monthly teleconferences with team member across the state. I feel I can now get good representation.
- We still need volunteers from across the state of Missouri that represent Missouri's interests and expertise as a part of the MO Section AWWA Sustainability Team. In that role our team will partner with other environmental groups to identify mutual beneficial collaborative projects. It is my view we need to establish pro water environmental sustainability message(s) at as many events across the state as possible. Is it our duty to educate the public on the importance?
- I am looking for a competition to identify a slogan or branding, like a Tree Hugger. We all know what that means. What is our slogan, "water saver", "Water Matters", "Keep the trash out of our water", what? One option is to hold a state sponsored competition to begin our program by collaborating with all educational bodies across the state about the importance of trash getting into our water. To me seeing plastics decomposing in our streams, drinking water, and in our beer, pharmaceuticals, PSAF's, and all the other things we worry about such as HAAS, THM's, are got to be getting worse. We have been dealing with this stuff for our entire careers. However, I sense the problem is getting worse, especially on an international scale. I predict we will have a crisis by the time I retire as it is unfolding in front of us right now.

- At some point the AWWA sustainability committee will identify, promote, contribute, and recognize various sustainability projects throughout Missouri that best meet our mission statement for sustainability projects throughout Missouri that benefit water related environmental projects.
- I had a couple of projects in KC that met the criteria, but they were too self-serving, so I declined to promote them on.
- A budget of \$1000 was approved from the AWWA MO Section BOD to fund annual sustainability awards and activities that needed for the year for the following activities:
 - Plaque/trophy for name recognition given at annual conference to first place to be permanently etched in the program award.
 - Plan an award presentation short less than 1 min PowerPoint and/or video of their work to be shared at annual conference.
 - Possible 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place awards, depending on applicants.
 - Student Awards
- Types of projects to be considered:
 - Water themed projects that have sustainability involved that impact water resources
 - Green projects for storm sewer
 - Dry scape minimal watering using native plants and trees
 - Solar powered electrical projects
 - Reduction in greenhouse gasses
 - Environmental initiatives that impact our environment for long term benefits
 - Water infrastructure replacement projects that show sustainability aspects
- Set up social media links and web page of planned activities and other groups

Volunteers Need. Please E-mail Mark.griffin@kcmo.org Or call 816-533-0182

2nd Year Trustee – Bob Parks
Young Professionals
Student Activities
Drinking Water Week

Young Professionals – Bob Parks

Mr. Parks was present and gave the following report:

During the 2019 Spring months the YP committee held several activities on the East and West sides of the state. In the Kansas City region, an informational tour of Tnemec Company's coatings manufacturing facility was held in mid-March. 15+ members attended, including Randy Moore who is Tnemec's Director of Sales and an AWWA Vice President. Later in April, a field lunch & learn event was held at the City of Independence's Courtney Bend Water Treatment Plant. Though organized by the YP committee, this event was an open invitation to all members. There I and Layne

Christensen gave a presentation and field demonstration of water well rehabilitation techniques and practices. In the St. Louis region, Mel Peterein and Matt Sainz organized a fantastic tour of Anheuser Busch's water treatment facilities in their massive St. Louis brewery. This event was very well attended, with nearly 40 people present. AB staff gave a full tour of the potable and wastewater facilities in their brewery and gave a presentation on their water usage reduction efforts. Missouri American Water offered to sponsor the networking social at the end of the evening, but AB graciously did so in addition to hosting. In April, 5 members traveled to Centralia, IL on the East side of the St. Louis metro area to visit EFI-Solutions, Inc. There they were provided a full day tour of EFI's production facility, where they specialize in packaged solutions for the water industry, including pump assemblies, skid mounted chemical treatment and water quality units, and other mechanical & electrical solutions. EFI hosted our members for most the day and provided lunch.

During the 2019 Joint Annual Meeting, the YP Committee again partnered with Missouri Water Environment Association's YP committee to organize a social on Sunday Evening. This event was again a huge success, breaking the attendance record from the previous year. 115 people were signed in at the entry desk, and it is thought several attendees were missed. There were also two new activities organized by the YP committee – a "Networking Scavenger Hunt" and a joint YP committee member breakfast on Wednesday morning. The Networking Scavenger hunt involved participants collecting business cards from conference attendees that fit several categories, to collect as many cards as they could for eligibility for a cash prize. The goal for this activity was to encourage networking and relationship building for YP attendees. 15 or so individuals participated and was enjoyed by all. The Wednesday morning breakfast was attended by 10 YP members, and while was enjoyed by those present, this activity will be revisited in the future and perhaps changed entirely or moved to another day. By the last day of the conference, many YP attendees have left the conference to return to work.

Drinking Water Week is the first full week of May this year and is a busy time for the YP committee. With the Drinking Water Week committee led by Young Professional member Karen Marie Dietze, the YP committee members all join in to help Karen with executing different activities to celebrate the drinking water industry and the value of water. Moving forward into the summer, we again are planning to have social events at a Kansas City Royals, St. Louis Cardinals, and Springfield Cardinals baseball game. These have become annual events the last several years, with attendance growing every year. These are open to all our membership, so be on the lookout for those event emails and messages!

The best way to keep up with the YP committee activities is to follow our Facebook page at MO-AWWA Young Professionals, or the Missouri Section's LinkedIn account at Missouri AWWA.

Student Activities – Corinne Duckworth

Ms. Duckworth was present and reported that Student Activities is working closely with YPs and Membership committees.

Drinking Water Week – Karen Marie Dietze

Ms. Dietze was present via a conference phone call.

Drinking Water Week Committee Report

- Drinking Water Week is May 5-11 (week and a half away)
- Planned Events
 - Kansas City – tour of KCMO WTP on Thursday, May 9th + networking event
 - St. Louis – tour of Chain of Rocks WTP on Friday, May 10th
 - Springfield – haven't received feedback
- Community outreach
 - Jenny will pass out customized coffee sleeves and koozies to distribute at local coffee shops and breweries in St. Louis, KC, Springfield and Jeff City.
 - Giveaways feature the AWWA 'No water, no beer' and 'no water, no coffee' slogan with factoid on how much water goes into each cup of coffee.
 - News/media publication in progress with support from Jennifer Birger
- Section communications
 - Email will go out to membership with information about AWWA resources, materials, and social media templates for Drinking Water Week.
- Governor's Signing Ceremony
 - Melissa Carver (PI Committee Chair) will participate in the signing ceremony in Jeff City next Wednesday.
- MDNR Student Poster Contest
 - Winners have been selected & checks should be issued soon.
 - Relationship with MDNR seems to be improving, a lot more communication and enthusiasm for our involvement this year.
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2nd Year Trustee – Mike Galluzzo **Safety/Emergency Planning** **Small Systems**

Safety/Emergency Planning - Randy Moore

Mr. Moore was present. The Missouri Section will be participating with MO-WARN due to partnering with Missouri Rural Water.

Small Systems – Mike Klender

Mr. Klender was present and reported:

Education and Small Systems: Training was conducted in Kansas City on January 30th on USDA Grant Money submissions. At the MOAWWA.MWEA conference at Tan-Tar-A, technical sessions provided for 13 hours of Operators and Professional Development Hours. On May 30th, in Chesterfield, MO at the City of St. Louis' Howard Bend Water Treatment Plant another Small Systems training class will be offered on USDA Grant submission and training. The class will be conducted by Mike Klender and Todd Brewer. Please check the website for further information on how to sign up and future training opportunities.

1st Year Trustee – Corinne Duckworth NEW JR Popalisky Scholarship Retirees Landmarks

JR Popalisky Scholarship – Chester Bender

Mr. Bender was not present but sent the following report. He received only one scholarship application this year from Maggie Mannebach a junior at UMKC. Mr. Bender attached her award letter for reference. Molly will be sending her a scholarship check.

We didn't get any applications for the One AWWA Operator scholarship. We will need to start promoting this much earlier for next year's annual conference.

Retirees – Jenny Doyle

Ms. Doyle was present; nothing to report currently.

Landmarks – Nick Davis

Mr. Davis reported that he will be looking for some new Landmarks and will check with Ashley Longmore at AWWA to determine the criteria of submitting for a Landmark designation.

1st Year Trustee – Scott Phillips Operations Service Award Service Citation Professional Awards

Operations Service Awards – Ray Seidelman

Mr. Seidelman was not present; no report.

Service Citation – Open

The new committee chair will need to be replaced.

Professional Awards – Tony O’Malley

Mr. O’Malley was present. Nothing to report currently.

NEW BUSINESS:

MO-WARN Randy Norden and Eric Fuchs gave a presentation on, “Source Water Protection for Producers”. After discussion there was a **Motion for AWWA to provide \$2,500 to co-support the MO-WARN program. Motion was approved.**

The Missouri Section logo will be on all MRWA’s documents and the Missouri Section will have a member on the steering committee. Ms. Pesce will be sending them a check.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gailla Rogers, Administrative Manager