

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

**Date:** July 19, 2019

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

Board Members:

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

Committee Chairs:

Joel Ogle	Advertising
Bob Parks	Annual Conf. Mgmt.
Not Present - Scott	Awards Chair
Kevin Wiggins	- Operations Service
Tony O'Malley	- Professional Services
Matt McLaughlin	Bylaws
Joel Ogle	Budget
Martha Silks	Diversity and Inclusion
Karen Marie Dietze	Drinking Water Week
Mike Klender	Education
Joel Ogle	Exhibits
Nick Davis	Landmarks
Joel Ogle	MAC
Jenny Doyle	Membership
Ari Copeland	Magazine Content
Karen Marie Dietze-Phone	Philanthropy Chair
Jenny Doyle	-Water Equation
Martha Silks	-Water for People
Jenny Doyle	Retirees
Mike Klender	Small Systems
Joel Ogle	Strategic Planning
Corinne Duckworth	Student Activities
Mel Peterein	YP - Chair

Gailla Rogers

Administrative Manager

**Visitors:**

Jennifer Hoggatt, Director, Water Resources Center, MODNR

[jennifer.hoggatt@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:jennifer.hoggatt@dnr.mo.gov)

John Weaver

Williams Keepers LLC, our accounting firm

Michella Frerking

Williams Keepers LLC

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

The meeting started with Jennifer Hoggatt, DNR who gave a 45-minute powerpoint on the State Water Resource Plan. A copy of the presentation is attached with these minutes. It was an excellent presentation and there were good questions raised by the group present. [jennifer.hoggatt@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:jennifer.hoggatt@dnr.mo.gov)

**Approval of Minutes – Jeff Clarke**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Molly Pesce and seconded by Corinne Duckworth to approve the April 26 board meeting minutes. No discussion. **Motion approved.**

**Director’s Report – Roddy Rogers**

Mr. Rogers report:

I’m sure several of you were able to experience another in a long line of successful ACE events last month, held in Denver June 9-12 with over 1000 booths and over 12,000 attendees, numerous technical sessions, and opportunities for networking. Nine Standards projects (eight revisions and one reaffirmation) were approved by the Executive Committee at their June 7, 2019 meeting. In other old business, Drinking Water Week activities included a “No Water, No Beer” festival, “Water 101” Lunch & Learn, a “No Water, No Lemonade” bring your-kids to workday, and Hach Water’s “Walk for Water”. Candidates are being sought for President Elect, Treasurer, VP, and two Director positions. The selection process will culminate in election at the winter board meeting in Puerto Rico. Over \$190,000 in scholarships were granted last year to students studying for water related industries with similar awards anticipated for this year. Michelle Hektor at AWWA can answer questions on how to pursue these.

Under Policy and Leadership, staff continued discussions with congressional staff on directions PFAS-related legislation could and should take. Legislative Alerts were issued to utility members and Section officers urging them to contact members of Congress to influence PFAS legislation. A series of meetings were held with congressional offices to urge fully authorized funding for WIFIA and SRFs. AWWA, WaterReuse, the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, National Association of Clean Water Agencies, and Water Environment Federation joined together to submit recommendations to EPA as it drafts a National Water Reuse Action Plan.

Under Organizational Stewardship, AWWA received preliminary notice of award for, and staff are finalizing, a new EPA grant (\$360,000) to conduct annual Infrastructure Financing and Training Workshops. Four workshops will be conducted over the course of four years. These workshops will educate attendees about infrastructure financing

including State Revolving Funds, WIFIA, and other options. Nine USDA Technical Assistance and Training Pilot Workshops are complete. Five new eLearning courses have been launched in 2019 YTD. Staff engineers are developing additional eLearning courses and engaging with volunteer committees for eLearning course development.

The Community Engineering Corps “What’s in my Backyard” program volunteer training sessions are in the process of being scheduled in California, Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, and potentially in Florida and other states. Planning is ongoing to ensure that six volunteer training sessions are completed by the end of 2019.

The Journal AWWA redesign is on schedule for launch with the August issue. The final designs are being prepared to present to AWWA Sr Staff and the Journal Advisory Board. Plans are being developed for communication to AWWA members, including a “coming soon” announcement for ACE.

Marketing is underway on the Water Infrastructure Conference taking place in October. Also, preliminary marketing plans are being developed for the new Smart Water Networks Forum. AWWA’s Summer Workshop 2019 is right around the corner. Section leadership volunteers and staff will be in Denver from July 24 – 26 for an informative and interactive training. All upcoming events can be reviewed here: <https://www.awwa.org/Events-Education/Events-Calendar>.

There are initiatives in progress around the state to cooperate with the NRCS in implementation of the Farm Bill. This involves grant funding of \$4 billion over ten years and rural groups in North Central Missouri and Springfield are hopeful of participating in these efforts to positively impact source waters around the state. Kudos to Bob Parks and Charles Stevens on their leadership on this through the Water Utility Council and the State Technical Committee.

Our Section is near the front of the pack in the Section Membership Challenge with the current level at 701 and ranked 5th among all Sections. The Section Challenge based on our membership plan includes financial incentives. Total AWWA membership is at 51,398 with a goal of 52,300. Budget is tracking well at \$100,000 under. At its June 2019 meeting, the AWWA Board of Directors approved the 2020 membership dues structure. As a result of slight increases to the dues amounts, many section assessment figures also increased. Questions can be addressed by contacting our section relationship manager.

Finally, board review of our AWWA Section Affiliation Agreement has been requested by National and is in process.

It was requested that the Affiliation Agreement be sent out again, which was done during the board meeting, and people to answer the questions in the next few days, with an August 15 due date to Roddy.

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

Ms. Pesce and Mr. Copeland were present and had John Weaver and Michella Frerking from the accounting firm, Williams Keepers LLC to come and speak with us. On a projector screen they were able to show what the reports from the accounting site looks like. There were several questions asked and everyone is pleased with what they saw. They showed us the 2018 Profits and Loss Statement. It was requested that Molly please sent that document out to all for review.

Prior to the board meeting, there had been a request from Molly and Ari to be removed as Secretary/Treasurer and Asst. Secretary/Treasurer. During the Strategic Planning Session and subsequent board meeting the next day, it was established that Tony O'Malley would be the Secretary-Treasurer and Nick Davis would be the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

**Water Tower Competition Update from Ari Copeland-**

Mr. Copeland indicated there will be a competition on July 31 and twelve towers will be built. Mr. Copeland needs volunteers to judge the competition.

# Missouri Section, Inc. of the American Water Works

## BALANCE SHEET

As of July 19, 2019

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
0298 Commerce MM	0.00
300 Bank of America CDs	48,887.70
351 Bank of America Checking	150,003.89
7730 Commerce MM-scholarship	0.00
Morgan Stanley - Scholarship	108,808.85
Savings - Scholarship	2,197.94
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$309,898.38</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$309,898.38</b>
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<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
0112 Bank of America	461.07
Commerce Card	4,496.41
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	<b>\$4,957.48</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$4,957.48</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$4,957.48</b>
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	301,923.66
Retained Earnings	-28,393.19
Net Income	31,410.43
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$304,940.90</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$309,898.38</b>

### **Chair's Report – Jeff Clark**

**ACE - Missouri Section Happy Hour** - Joel Ogle reported on the Happy Hour. 39 people RSVP'd, probably about 8 no shows from the list, but some others dropped in. It went very well. It was a more upscale than Happy Hours in the past. A good time was had by all.

**Summer Workshop – July 24 – 26, 2019 Denver, CO** Jeff Clarke, Joel Ogle and Gailla Rogers are attending. They will report out at a later date. Prepare an article for the next magazine.

**Margaritaville/TanTarA Contract** - There was discussion on the Margaritaville/TanTarA contract and need for some additional changes before it is signed. There are two -three more suggestions to review before the contract can be signed.

**WIC19 Conference in St. Louis** – Joel reported that he is working on securing volunteers for the WIC 19 to be held in October 20-23 in St. Louis. Curt Skouby **assisted in securing a contact for a behind the scenes Zoo tour and Mel Peterein assisted in securing a AB Brewery behind the scenes tour.** Approximately 1,000 people will show up for this conference and there will be 65 vendors. Debbie Dewey, Missouri American Water President is the key note speaker. Mr. Ogle is seeking 20-30 volunteers and most to serve as room monitor. If you volunteer for a day, you will receive a free pass for another day. Mike Klender will be preparing for a small system training during the conference and it will be on October 23.

**Board actions since the last board meeting** - None

### **Transition Team - Joel, Drew, Bob Mike and Corinne.**

During the Strategic Planning Session yesterday, the group discussed for two hours how to proceed with moving toward the transition to a new person once Gailla retires. For everyone to have the full ability to speak freely, Gailla sat outside the room.

The transition team has been changed. The group is comprised of Joel Ogle, Mike Klender, Bob Parks, Drew Hess and Corinne Duckworth.

The group is to put together a job description and get it sent out for advertising in the next couple months. It can take a few months to interview and find the right person. We want to have an overlap for Gailla to train the new person.

If we do not have a person **hired** by the end of 2020; the group will move to hiring a **company like** C2CPro on contract, while continuing to search for a new administrative person. It was reported there is enough money to continue Gailla's salary while a new person is onboard being trained. **An end date for Gailla has been defined as April**

**2021.** It was felt that running through the end of the 2021 conference was beneficial. When it is time to renew her contract next year which runs July 1- June 30, it is mutually agreed by Gailla and the Board the date is up for negotiation as to what works best for the section. Should it be signed and the date changes to earlier, that will be okay with Gailla.

### **Administrative Manager's Report – Gailla Rogers**

Mrs. Rogers is working on the upcoming 2019 Roster and received great recommendations from Jenny Doyle.

She is working with Cvent to get the 2013-2018 conference records moved/archived for the two organizations.

She is collecting the hotel receipts and will provide Molly and Ari with the receipts and section paperwork for the Strategic Planning and Board Meeting.

**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. No report.

**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 the date for the next magazine submittal is July 26 – 1 week. He further reported that everyone is encouraged to send him magazine input at any time, does not need to correspond with a magazine deadline.

**Public Information – Melissa Carver**

Ms. Carver was not present. No report.

### **Website – Gailla Rogers**

Ms. Rogers reported that the website is looking good. Tina is very responsive to the section's needs. Jenny recommended that Tina be included in this year's roster, showing that she is our website. Gailla reached out and that will be reflected in this year's edition.

### **Chair Elect – Joel Ogle**

#### **Budget**

#### **Strategic Planning**

#### **Water Utility Council**

### **Budget – Joel Ogle**

Mr. Ogle reported that with access to the accounting firms website, he will be able to work up a budget that will match our financial reports.

### **Strategic Planning – Joel Ogle**

Mr. Ogle reported on Strategic Planning. The day's planning consisted of confliction resolution, officer transition and Gailla's succession planning.

### **Water Utility Council - Mike Galluzzo**

Mr. Galluzzo was not present. Bob Park presented the following:

In April 2019, I received notification that I had been appointed to the American Water Works Association's Water Utility Council (WUC). This appointment came as result of an application process, during which numerous recommendations and messages of support were submitted on my behalf, especially from my Missouri Section counterparts. I am very appreciative of that support, and I will strive to serve the water industry to the best of my abilities.

What is the AWWA Water Utility Council?

The most important function of the WUC is to oversee AWWA's government affairs program, including legislative, regulatory, and security matters in Washington, D.C. The council also oversees the Water Industry Technical Action Fund (WITAF). WITAF is a special restricted AWWA fund, totaling almost \$1 million annually, which supports the association's government affairs agenda. AWWA's Washington office works directly with the WUC to carry out AWWA's government affairs program under the auspices of the WUC. The WUC itself, of course, operates under the auspices of the AWWA Board.

I plan to provide brief updates on WUC activity to the MO AWWA membership here in the Show-Me magazine during my three-year tenure on the Council.

- The most rapidly evolving current issue is potential legislation by Congress to address risks associated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS). At one point earlier this calendar year, multiple pieces of legislation concerning PFAS were being introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives each week. The Government Affairs office of AWWA has done an excellent job staying informed as these various pieces of legislation evolved through the summer. AWWA's

Tracy Mehan, Executive Director of the Government Affairs office in Washington D.C., was called to testify in front of both a Senate and House sub-committee legislative hearing addressing PFAS. As of this writing, the House and Senate have passed their respective versions of the 2020 National Defense Authorization bill, and it is set to go to House-Senate conference committee to address differences. The House version contains provisions mandating that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) declare all PFAS hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act (CERCLA, known also as “Superfund”), as well as add PFAS to the list of toxic pollutants under the Clean Water Act and publish effluent and pretreatment standards for PFAS. These provisions are concerning to drinking water and wastewater utilities because a.) the requirements would be applicable to all PFAS compounds, not only the most identified pair of PFOA and PFOS and b.) utilities could be liable for filtration by-products, biosolids, or other treatment waste that had been applied to agricultural land, landfills, or deep wells not realizing that PFAS may have been in them. The Senate version includes provisions mandating the EPA set a national primary drinking water regulation standard for at least the two most known prevalent PFAS – PFOA and PFOS. The WUC itself has been tasked with providing feedback and review of AWWA responses and messaging to Congress, which largely has been in conjunction with other water industry associations.

- The WUC oversees the Water Industry Technical Action Fund (WITAF), which supports the Association’s government affairs agenda. Expenditures of WITAF funds follows a WUC approval process. AWWA has, within the last few months, solicited responses and subsequently asked for WUC approval for several consultation service contracts. These include contracts for technical support on PFAS policy as the issue evolves, continued support for evaluation and communication related to EPA’s Long-Term Lead and Copper Rule, and support for AWWA and its members in preparing for changes to the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Rule by EPA (mandated by the America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018). These services will aid the WUC and the AWWA in serving the drinking water industry on these issues.
- Providing of a memorandum to the EPA to provide input as it prepares its “Draft National Water Reuse Action Plan”. The memo and its comments are a result of a jointly funded expert meeting process and collaboration with WaterReuse, Water Environment Association, National Association of Clean Water Agencies, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, and the AWWA.

I want to again thank the Missouri Section for covering my costs of attending ACE19 in Denver in June, where I was able to attend the WUC meeting as an observer. My official tenure as a voting member on the WUC began at the conclusion of ACE19, but attending the meeting in Denver gave me a great start being a productive contributing member of the Council. It was overall a great experience, and again I am very

appreciative for the opportunity. The next full WUC meeting is in October during AWWA's Council Summit, and I will be in attendance.

About the Author:

Bob Parks is the Production Engineer for the City of Independence, Missouri Water Department. His role there is project management of large maintenance and capital improvement projects for the utility's drinking water production division. Bob is a Missouri Section AWWA 2nd year trustee and Chair of the Young Professionals and Annual Conference Management Committees, and is an active member of the Missouri Section Water Utility Council. Bob is also a member of the AWWA national Water Utility Council. Bob can be reached at [rparks@indepmo.org](mailto:rparks@indepmo.org) and 816-325-7702.

References:

American Water Works Association Water Utility Council and Government Affairs Office, 2019

**Vice Chair – Mike Klender**  
**Exhibits**  
**Annual Conference Management**  
**Technical Program**

**Exhibits – Joel Ogle and Ben Freese**

Mr. Ogle was present. He indicates that the Exhibits Team is Ben Freese, Scott Phillips, Dustin Keilbey and himself.

**Annual Conference Management – Bob Parks**

Mr. Parks reported that conference planning is ongoing and will ramp up later this year.

**Technical Program – Mike Klender**

Mr. Klender is working with his counterpart to obtain technical papers for the conference. The Call for Paper will be put on the website and put in the next issue of the newsletter.

**Past Chair – Drew Hess**

**Audit**  
**Education**  
**Nominating**

**Audit – Elizabeth Robertson**

Ms. Robertson was not present; no report.

**Education and Small Systems – Mike Klender**

Mr. Klender was present and reported:

Education – There is a Water Instructure Conference in St. Louis, MO, October 20-23, 2019. USDA/AWWA Area 2 Grant was completed in St. Louis at the Howard Bend WTP on May 30<sup>th</sup>. 12 individual attended the class. Area 1 Grant training will be scheduled this fall. AWWA has reimbursed the Section for both training activities.

### **Nominating – Drew Hess**

Mr. Hess was present, 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 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: There are 29 new members this quarter that will receive a new member packet.

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

Ms. Pesce was present – no report.

### **Water Industry Coordinating Council – Mark Bross**

Mr. Bross was not present, but sent the following report.

I have reviewed the administrative guidelines on the MO-AWWA website and understand that there are several agencies that should be involved in this. Below is a summary of who they are and what I plan to do:

IL-MO Chapter of the National Association of Water Companies – it appears that Illinois has an active chapter and Missouri does not.

Missouri Water and Wastewater Conference (MWWC) – I will reach out to them

Missouri Rural Water Association (MRWA) – I have some contacts there and will reach out to them

Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA) – I have some contacts there and will reach out to them

Association of Metropolitan Water Companies – It appears that the St. Louis Water Division, Kansas City Board of Public Utilities and Kansas City Water Services Division are members of this association. I will reach out to them about a possible meeting also. I reached out to each agency to make contact about having a kick-off type meeting to discuss the purpose of the committee, get organized and talk about the WARN program and possible legislative activities. Have not had a response back from MWWC or MPUA. I will reach out again to them and we will likely meet regardless within the next 2-3 weeks. We should have some activity to report at the next meeting on how the meeting went and what was discussed.

**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.

### **By-Laws – Matt McLaughlin**

Mr. McLaughlin was present. The new By-laws will be put into this years Roster. After discussions at the Strategic Planning session, there may be potential Administrative Guideline and perhaps ByLaws changes. Those changes need to be given to Mr. McLaughlin for review and to go through the process.

### **Philanthropy - Karen Marie Dietze**

Ms. Dietze reported that two Donation Request Forms were received since the last board meeting.

The first donation request was from, “The Conservancy of Missouri”. The organization’s mission statement is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends.

Project name: Nature Based Solutions for Clean Drinking Water

Project Description: Across Missouri, The Nature Conservancy is deploying nature-based solutions to combat erosion, reduce the impact of flooding and provide cleaner water to communities. Nature-based solutions use natural materials and mimic natural systems to address specific hazards. A primary focus of our nature-based solutions is to reduce erosion, which puts more sediment and pollutants into the water supply, increasing the cost for communities to treat it for consumption.

Requested Donation Amount: \$10,000

How Donation Will be Used: By 2025, TNC plans to deploy 100 nature-based infrastructure projects in Missouri. These include stream stabilization using natural materials (live green cuttings, root wads, compacted soil) and designs, restoring floodplains, and flood-friendly stream crossing infrastructure. We will also ensure that 10% of flood-prone communities in the state are investing in nature-based solutions to reduce the impact of flooding on residents, the infrastructure they rely on, and their water supply. Using recent, successfully completed projects on the Elk River in Southwest Missouri and in the Meramec River Basin, we will demonstrate to lawmakers, residents, engineers and other stakeholders that nature-based solutions are more cost-effective than traditional engineering techniques, and that they provide better outcomes to people, water, and nature. Additionally, we will use nature-based solutions to reduce or avoid 8 tons of phosphorous, nitrogen, and sediment pollution from state waterways. Funding from AWWA will help us identify.

It was decided to have representatives from The Nature Conservancy of Missouri make a presentation of their request at the next board meeting.

Second Request was from Mizzou Global Brigades. Their organization’s Mission Statement is to empower volunteers and under-resourced communities to resolve global

health and economic disparities and inspire all involved to collaboratively work toward an equ world.

Requested Donation Amount: \$5,000

How Donation Will be Used: The donation would be used to provide scholarships to members.

Previously the board has approved \$5,000 for this organization. This is a second request from this group.

**A motion was made by Jenny Doyle and seconded by Corinne Duckworth to approve a \$5,000 contribution to Global Brigades.  
MOTION PASSED.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – Martha Silks**

**Diversity**

**Research**

**Sustainability Initiatives Coordination**

**Diversity and Inclusion – Martha Silks**

Ms. Silks was present and reported there was not a lot of participation at the June Women in Water Event. She is seeking more support from women section members for this important group.

**Research – Karen Marie Dietze** Ms. Dietze was present. She is working on Student Affairs and will provide an article for the magazine.

**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 will have or needs to have representation from all parts of the state. Everyone in the Missouri section needs to be made aware that sustainability is going to be a reality for us in the near future. I view AWWA as the environmental leaders for water related issues within our state. I personally have been attending seminars and gathering information on sustainability to make a presentation at our annual conference on sustainability. The goal is slowly gain momentum on sustainability activities. In typical Missouri fashion, we are not yet in tune with some of the more pressing water issues that impact our upstream and downstream water.

**Headlines related to water sustainability come in daily across the web. Here are a few that are intended to make everyone think about sustainability.**

- Boycotting single-use plastic water bottles is a big step towards a sustainability
- LITTLE PLASTIC 'NURDLES' ARE FLOODING BEACHES AND WATERWAYS

- We now read about plastic particles in beer. We are warned about 20 some years ago that using plastic bottles to heat baby formulas dissipates plastic particles and is bad for babies. Do we all just want to come to the conclusion that we are drinking plastic and will be for several years to come. We can always wait until we start testing plastic at the parts per trillion (PPT) like we are PFAS, before we find out is bad for us.
- Implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management
  - Groundwater management is good sustainability initiative in several parts of the state and has already been started in many locations. Good start to protect our recharge areas. How many people think the Missouri River alluvium aquifer, which many utilities get their drinking water from, is pure and pristine and not susceptible to contamination, like PFAS?
- Affordability - Has to be a key part of any sustainability
  - Here is a thought. How many times should we plan to replace a water main, every 100 years? Is that sustainable?
- Mississippi Closes Beaches Due to Harmful Algae Bloom
  - Our wastewater is headed to gulf and impacting the ocean.
- 6 Kansas lakes under warning or watch due to blue-green algae
  - Both these articles point to increasing issues of toxic algae blooms. More of these algae problems are happening every year and the peak hot summer we are surely to see more. I anticipate a few Missouri lakes and streams to be impacted this summer.
- PFAS
  - We can now measure contaminants at PPT levels. Look out, because now I believe we are going to see a landslide various chemicals that are going to be determined to be more deadly than PFAS. That is only my opinion.
- Removing Drugs From Wastewater
  - What does anyone want to bet if we could measure these how they would impact living organisms.

I bring this all up because it is these types of issues that draws passion out of me and might provoke that feeling 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 plan to use our section phone bridge line to conduct occasional teleconferences with team member across the state. Just need members.
- Use the planned Mo Sustainability presentation to be able to be distributed across the state to be used as needed on sustainability issues that impact our drinking water.

- Still looking for 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?

**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.**

- 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:
  - Identify the types of projects to be considered:
  - Set up social media links and web page of planned activities and other groups

Volunteers Need. Please E-mail [Mark.griffin@kcmo.org](mailto:Mark.griffin@kcmo.org)

Or call 816-513-0182

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – Bob Parks**  
**Young Professionals**  
**Student Activities**  
**Drinking Water Week**

**Young Professionals – Bob Parks**

Mr. Parks was present and gave the following report: The plan is to have Mel Peterein take over the committee.

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.

Additionally, we are looking for a YP Rep for the Springfield, MO region.

**Student Activities – Corinne Duckworth**

Ms. Duckworth was present and gave the following report:

Xuanhao Wu was able to represent the MO section at ACE for the Student Poster Contest. He will be submitting a short article for the next magazine talking about his experience there.

The Student activities committee will start to have monthly conference calls similar to the YP committee for better communication and idea sharing through the group. We plan on doing more visits to the Universities this year so we can get in front of the students more. We will be reaching out as needed to the Section for volunteers to help with these visits. Please let me know if you would be interested!

We are starting to gear up for the next year’s student poster contest.

### **Drinking Water Week – Karen Marie Dietze**

Ms. Dietze was present; no report.

### **2nd Year Trustee – Mike Galluzzo** **Safety/Emergency Planning** **Small Systems**

### **Safety/Emergency Planning - Randy Moore**

Mr. Moore was not present; no report.

### **Small Systems – Mike Klender**

Mr. Klender was present and reported:

Small Systems – Area 2 and Area 1 Grant training funds have been received for the training in January and May for 2019.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Corinne Duckworth**

#### **JR Popalisky Scholarship** **Retirees** **Landmarks**

### **JR Popalisky Scholarship – Chester Bender**

Mr. Bender was not present but sent the following report:

1. Did anyone from the MO Section have a chance to attend the scholarship committee meeting at ACE? If so, please call or email with any information.  
**Unfortunately no one attended the scholarship committee meeting at ACE.**
2. I will prepare an article for the next magazine. promoting the One AWWA Scholarship. **Chester submitted an article for the new Show-Me Magazine**
3. Does anyone have any ideas or suggestions on how best to promote the One AWWA Scholarship? We didn't get any applications last year, but promotion for it started pretty late.

### **Retirees – Jenny Doyle**

Ms. Doyle was present; nothing to report currently.

### **Landmarks – Nick Davis**

Mr. Davis was present and gave the following report:

He contacted the engineer for Jefferson County PWSD #1 regarding making the Arnold Water Tower a Missouri AWWA landmark. The customer showed interest in making this happen. I plan on meeting with the district director, Mike Siedler, in the coming weeks to work out the details. But I do have a few questions with regard to how we make this happen before I meet with Jefferson County PWSD #1:

- What is the proper procedure here at our meeting with regard to moving forward with making the Arnold Water Tower an AWWA landmark?

- Do we require anything of Jefferson County PWSD #1 to make the landmark designation official?
- What do we provide Jefferson County PWSD #1 to confirm the landmark designation (i.e., a nameplate? A plaque?)

I wanted to clarify these items before sitting down with Mike Siedler to make things official.  
Some facts about the Arnold Water Tower:

- Erected in 1976 (43 years old)
- 182 feet tall
- 1,000,000 gallon storage capacity
- Operated by Jefferson County PWSD #1
- Originally green, but repainted blue in 2015 after much protest by local residents.

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 – George Hausdorf**

Mr. Hausdorf was not present. He has started a new job and will be at the next meeting. During his absence, Gailla is working on the Service Citation Awards.

**Professional Awards – Tony O'Malley**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Should the Missouri Section send representatives to the AWWA Southwest Section's Annual Conference in October to be held in Branson, MO?

After discussion, it was felt that sending representatives would be good.

**Motion:** A motion was made to send Kevin Wiggins, Martha Silks and Corinne Duckworth to the AWWA Southwest Section's Annual Conference, October 20-22 in Branson.

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gailla Rogers, Administrative Manager