

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

**Date:** November 1, 2019

**Place:** Stoney Creek, Columbia, MO

**ATTENDANCE:**

Board Members:

Jeff Clarke	Chair
Joel Ogle	Chair-Elect
Roddy Rogers	Director
Molly Pesce	Secretary –Treasurer
Mike Klender	Vice Chair
Jenny Doyle	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee
Martha Silks	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee
Bob Parks	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee
Mike Galluzzo	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.
Scott	Awards Chair
Kevin Wiggins	- Operations Service
Tony O'Malley	- Professional Services
George Hausdorf	- Service Citation
Matt McLaughlin	Bylaws
Joel Ogle	Budget
Martha Silks	Diversity and Inclusion
Mike Klender	Education and Small Systems
Joel Ogle	Exhibits
Nick Davis	Landmarks
Joel Ogle	MAC
Scott Phillips	MAC and Membership
Jenny Doyle	Membership and Retirees
Karen Marie Dietze - Absent	Philanthropy Chair
Jenny Doyle	-Water Equation
Martha Silks	-Water for People
Jenny Doyle	Retirees
Joel Ogle	Strategic Planning
Corinne Duckworth	Student Activities
Mark Griffin	Sustainability Initiatives
Mark C. Bross	WICC
Mel Peterein	YP – Chair
Matt Sainz	YP – St. Louis
Mariah Schroeder	YP – Kansas City
Gailla Rogers	Administrative Manager

**Visitors:**

Steve Harrington  
Kelly Hall

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Chair Jeff Clarke and introductions were made around the table.

**Approval of Minutes – Jeff Clarke**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mike Klender and seconded by Corinne to approve the July 19 meeting minutes. No discussion. **Motion approved.**

**Director's Report – Roddy Rogers**

Mr. Rogers report:

There have been three significant issues that have required Section input on national policy. Since that type of national/section interaction is vital for AWWA, this report leads off with these issues as follows—

- 1) Affiliation Agreement—National initiated an effort to update and confirm each Section's status with respect to the Affiliation Agreement between the Sections and National. They sought feedback that sections have read and understand the agreement, any questions, and confirmation of compliance. Board discussion and research concluded that the Missouri Section complies with the agreement and the survey was completed on behalf of the section. The survey also provided an opportunity to confirm that our partnership with MWEA is covered by an agreement that protects members' interest, the AWWA brand, and maintains fiduciary responsibility.
- 2) Additional Section Directors—A (National) Ad Hoc Committee has been formed to update/determine policy on additional Section appointed Directors. Past AWWA governing documents have indicated Sections can have more than one Director based on a size of membership criteria. The criteria were based on reaching a certain membership threshold. It was requested that sections provide feedback on pros and cons with respect to Board size, diversity, and efficient management. Questions to consider included the following--
  - Does the composition of the Board increase diversity of thought?
  - If a Section has a large membership, should the Section have multiple votes on the Board? (i.e. should AWWA BOD Representation reflect the US Senate or US House of Representatives model?)
  - Do we effectively leverage the unique perspectives of the Director-at-Large(s)?
  - To what degree do Section Directors liaise with Sections and promote the Association?

Input from Sections with more than one Director was also obtained concerning financial, voting, and recruitment impacts.

As a Section we were to rank the following options in our order of preference.

- Keep the current process and implement a new threshold for the basis of having additional directors (3<sup>rd</sup> choice)
- Freeze the current Board size and grandfather in California/Nevada and Texas additional Directors (4<sup>th</sup> choice)
- Eliminate over time the California/Nevada and Texas additional directors (1<sup>st</sup> choice)
- Freeze current Board size and over time transition the two additional Section Directors to at large positions (2<sup>nd</sup> choice)

The board had a productive and effective discussion and chose to support eliminating the additional Directors over time as the first choice. While there was support for other options (as numbered above), consensus was that this option would allow for equal section voice, prevent Board getting too large, and avoid undue influence from any one section or region.

- 3) PFAS- National continued discussions and advice to congressional staff on defense legislation containing provisions mandating specific regulations for PFAS, provided a national estimate of the cost of water treatment to remove PFOA and PFOS to the Congressional Budget Office, and issued a legislative alert asking AWWA members to contact members of Congress' armed services committees to voice support of the association's positions on PFAS.  
In response to that alert, MO Section collaboratively drafted and sent letters in support of the association's positions on PFAS. This included the desire that liability of PFAS cleanup should rest with PFAS producers—not community drinking water systems that simply removed the substances as a part of their treatment processes; PFAs should not be designated as a hazardous substance so a community water system isn't subjected to both costs of removal and subsequent clean up; standards should not be set until sufficient and appropriate research is done to provide sound basis.

This letter was sent to both Senator Hawley and Congresswoman Hartzler who both sit on the Armed Services Committee with purview over the issue. At the request of Tracy Mehan, a letter was also sent to Senator Blunt.

In other more general matters at the national level—

STATE OF INDUSTRY- Since 2004, AWWA has conducted the State of the Water Industry Survey (SOTWI). This survey is open to all water industry professionals and asks for their perspective on the current and future state of the water industry. The survey will be open through November 1, 2019.

JOURNAL AWWA-The redesign successfully launched with the August issue. Members will see a more modern magazine with increased use of graphics, as well as “key takeaways” and more callouts for easier reading and scanning.

MEMBERSHIP- stands at 50,993, about 1% under the strategic goal.

ACE- is scheduled for June 14-17 in Orlando, Fla. Currently there are 390 exhibiting companies and 1,019 booths have been sold (compared to 372 companies & 985 booths at this time last year)

UPCOMING EVENTS/CONFERENCES--Water Quality Technology Conference: November 3-7, Dallas, TX; North American Water Loss: December 3-5, Nashville, TN; SEMINARS Financial Management Seminar: November 5-7, Dallas, TX (same venue as WQTC19) IT Forum: November 13, Annapolis, MD MEETINGS -- Council Summit: October 28-30, Denver, CO; RMSO, Region IV: November 1-2, Tucson, AZ

EDUCATION-- Six new eLearning courses have been released YTD. A certificate program for utility managers and a risk and resilience seminar are under development.

STANDARDS-Four new first-edition standards projects are on track to be delivered in 2019: Pipe Bursting, Structural Classifications of Pipe Linings, Knife Gate Valves, and Elastomers. Thirty others are being revised.

#### WATER POLICY & LEADERSHIP

Legislative--Staff began preliminary discussions with congressional staff on next year's Water Resources Development Act, in which the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program is to be reauthorized. Staff communicated with congressional staff on appropriations for water infrastructure finance.

Regulatory--Staff provided overview and comments on risk and resilience requirements for community water systems, perchlorate regulatory determination, EPA Toxic Substances, dioxane, and household affordability of water.

#### Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Molly Pesce and Ari Copeland

Ms. Pesce was present.

1. Taxes for 2018 are complete (early even)! Williams-Keepers (MO-AWWA's accountants) pulls together our tax documentation and officially files with the IRS.
2. The disbursement check for the JAM was deposited a couple months ago. The conference revenue was \$60,000 for both MO-AWWA and MWEA.
3. Nick, Tony, Ari and I met back in August to discuss transition plans (a special thanks to Nick for meeting on the KC side of the state) and the current processes in place for the Treasurer position for several hours in NKC. Nick and Tony have started to take over some of the responsibilities for the Treasurer position, and we are working on having them be completely independent Treasurers for the 2020 JAM.

#### Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2019

##### ASSETS

###### Current Assets

###### Bank Accounts

0298 Commerce MM	\$0.00
300 Bank of America CDs	\$ 48,887.70
351 Bank of America Checking	218,73 9.80
7730 Commerce MM-Scholarship	0.00
Morgan Stanley – Scholarship	110,643.33
Savings – Scholarship	2,197.94
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$380,468.77</b>
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##### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

###### Liabilities

###### Current Liabilities

###### Credit Cards

0112 Bank of America	\$ 20,283.44
Commerce Card	4,496.41
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	<b>\$24,779.85</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$24,779.85</b>

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Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	\$301,923.66
Retained Earnings	- 33,686.17
Net Income	87,451.43
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$355,688.92</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$380,468.77</b>

### **Water Tower Competition – November 2**

There is a Model Water Tower Competition being held tomorrow.

### **Chair’s Report – Jeff Clark**

#### **Summer Workshop – July 24 – 26, 2019 Denver, CO**

- Roberts Rules of Order

Joel, Jeff and Gailla told everyone that we learned a lot and got great ideas at the Summer Workshop. One idea was the Roberts Rules of Order. Copies were passed out to the officers and trustees. They were retrieved at the end of the meeting and will be brought to each meeting.

### **WIC19 – Joel**

Joel reported on the WIC 19 which was held on October 20-23 in St. Louis. There were about 530 people in attendance and 57 vendors. 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. Debbie Dewey, Missouri American Water President was the keynote speaker.

### **Water Equation – Joel**

Joel reported that he had spoken to Michelle Hicktor and while we are doing some water equation events, we need to try and do better. It is his understanding that Jenny Doyle is working on having more events.

### **Cvent Additional Services – Joel**

Just following up on the below with updated OnArrival 360 & OnArrival Premium (the “stripped down” version of OnArrival) with an Event in a Box). As promised, we’ve created 1,3 & 5 year options for review:

#### 1 Year Agreement - \$15,692

Accounts for your 800 attendee (plus 150 exhibitor) 2020 Joint Annual meeting

Includes our OnArrival 360 offering, including onsite support staff

Also includes 6 check-in kiosks, 3 thermal printers and 12 handheld barcode scanners

- For the 6 concurrent sessions

LeadCapture is included as an option, but at our \$0 “Direct to Exhibitor” pricing

#### 3 Year Agreement - \$14,909

Same details/line items as the above

15% discount on the software

5% discount on equipment and supplies

Total savings of \$4,496.70!

- 5% cheaper per year than the single year agreement

### 5 Year Agreement - \$14,185

Same details/line items as the above

25% discount on the software

- 10% cheaper than the 3 year on this line item alone

10% discount on equipment and supplies

- 5% cheaper than the 3 year

Total savings of \$11,119!

- 5% cheaper per year than the single year agreement

### OnArrival Premium

Talked about this as a backup option (no onsite support rep to manage/troubleshoot for you)

Idea would be to use our Event in a Box software to pre-print badges in advance

- Plus any walk-ins day of event

The OnArrival Premium software component of this model would cost \$1,381 per event

The Event in a Box Hardware comes in 2 configurations

- Regular Size: (2 iPads, 1 printer)
  - \$985/rental
  - Usually recommended for 250 or less person events
  - Details on what's included in the box [here](#)
  - Please note it only includes blank white badge stock (listed on site)
- Large Size: (4 iPads, 2 printers)
  - \$1,425/rental
  - Usually recommended for 500 or less person events
  - Details on what's included in the box [here](#)
  - Please note it only includes blank white badge stock (listed on site)

There will be discussion with MWEA at this afternoon's joint meeting.

Decisions on what to do are still under negotiation

**MOTION: Motion to plan Cvent discussion with MWEA to go with Cvent for a 1-year commitment. No further discussion.**

**Motion Passed.**

**Hydrant Hysteria** – Scott Phillips – Mariah Schroeder said she would help on this project. Scott would like to review getting a location to have the Hydrant Hysteria event at the conference. There was a women's team in Kansas that took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at ACE this year. We may not be ready to do it for this next conference, but let's get information to be able to move forward.

Update:

City of Olathe is very interested, we've agreed to cover their travel expenses. The Conference Management Committee will be discussing venues with Margaritaville during their onsite meeting. Mariah and Scott will be coordinating the logistics after that.

Farm Bill – Gauge and check all the boxes. Engaged stakeholders, Future utilities NRCS DNR, impact rule writing in to use money to prioritize water  
Facilitate several projects to utilities through RCPP. Association DC develop a lot of work engagements. Roddy said he could help.

Design Build Workshop attended in Tulsa. Scott indicated this was a really good workshop where he learned of different methods and design build has been around for 8 years. He said he learned more from this workshop than ever before.

The Water Design Build Council literally wrote the book on Collaborative Delivery of Water/Wastewater projects. They are the subject matter experts.

They would like to join in at the joint conference - separate track – 1 track for the entire day. He felt it would be hugely popular and is a big topic now. There will be discussion at the afternoon joint meeting to discuss this.

At the joint meeting in the afternoon, MWEA was reluctant to give it a separate full-day track, felt it may be too popular and would perhaps 'steal' attendees from other presentations. It was agreed to propose a ½ day, pre-conference workshop.

Update:

The WDBC will be conducting a pre-conference workshop on Sunday, beginning after lunch. Scott will be working out the logistics with the Conference Management Committee, who will be securing a room and costs during their onsite visit.

#### **AWWA Donation Request – Nature Conservancy**

See report below under **Philanthropy**. Nature Conservancy donation request attached.

#### **SW AWWA Conference Branson – Corinne, Kevin and Martha**

The group that attended said they had a good experience. The SW section attendance is not as large as ours. Having the event at Branson did not attract a larger number attending.

Corinne took the opportunity to speak with the SW Executive Director to find out what his job duties are.

#### **Update on communication capability/tools for the Section (i.e. Google G Suite and MailerLite)**

Domain specific (i.e @awwa-mo.org) email accounts for organization point of contacts and easier coordination and file sharing via Google G Suite is forthcoming. MailerLite is an online third party e-communication service provider (i.e. email messaging representing the MO AWWA section) is pending. Google G Suite service is a requisite for MailerLite service.

#### **Update on MO AWWA's farm bill engagement effort**

Three individual projects centered around specific utilities are developing applications to submit to the 2020 NRCS RCPP process, with some assistance by AWWA staff on two of those. Continued communication with AWWA staff regarding ways to increase awareness & participation within the utility community. Beginning conversations of a multi-state one-day meeting centered on water utility Farm Bill engagement have occurred. AWWA staff is organizing a 2 day meeting in Washington DC in Spring 2020, collecting Farm Bill engagement advocates within the water industry for a training/best practices focus. I have been invited and plan to attend.

GoToMeeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday - Nov 7 - discuss changing the day – Polls will be conducted after the board meeting to determine the best day to change to. *2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of the month.*

Joint Meeting with MWEA – A meeting will convene to discuss the 2020 conference after lunch.

#### **Board actions since the last board meeting:**

7/29/19 - Motion made by Joel Ogle, second by Martha Silks to approve signing the contract for future AWWA/MWEA meetings at Margaritaville. The contract signed August 1, 2019. Motion passed with 9 yes, 1 no and 3 no response.

8/12/19 – Motion by Joel Ogle, second by Martha to approve buying 2020 Conference Event Cancellation policy. Motion passed with 10 yes and 3, no response. Rhoda Hall with MWEA notified the request passed our board.

### **Important Dates for 2020**

Winter Board Meeting for Roddy – Jan 22-25, San Juan, PR  
Membership Summit – February 5-7, Denver, CO  
AWWA YP Leadership Training – February 24, Anaheim, CA  
AWWA/WEF YP Summit – February 25, Anaheim, CA  
AWWA/MWEA Joint Conference – March 29 – April 1, 2020  
RMSO II – May 6-9, Savannah, GA  
Fly-In – April 29-30, Washington, DC  
ACE20- June 14-17, Orlando, FL  
Summer Workshop – July TBD, Denver CO

### **AD-HOC Committees:**

- Transition Team - Joel, Bob, Mike, Corrine and Drew – Update

The job description for Administrative Manager for the section has been posted to several locations and was posted around 3 weeks ago. The group plans to increase visibility of the position by posting on more websites. Bob has received two applicants as of 10/31/19. The tentative plan is to interview candidates privately following the January board meeting, pending review of applicants.

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

Mrs. Rogers is working on the registration documents for the 2020 conference. She also reported that the rosters went out in the mail in September.

**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 Nov 8 – 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 great and that Tina Leitzel is very responsive to our needs.

**Chair Elect – Joel Ogle**

**Budget**

**Strategic Planning**

**Water Utility Council**

**Budget – Joel Ogle**

Mr. Ogle reported that he will have a draft budget for review at the January board meeting. A blast email was sent to all officers and committees chairs asking that they review their current budget and send him any budget increase requests by November 15.

**Strategic Planning – Joel Ogle and Jenny Doyle**

Mr. Ogle and Ms. Doyle were present. Nothing new to report.

**Water Utility Council – Mike Galluzzo**

Mr. Galluzzo was present. Roddy Rogers sent letters to legislators regarding PFAs. Bob is working on the Farm Bill. Bob noted the NRCS engagement and pending RCPP projects including one in Springfield - grant writing is underway.

Mike G noted that the State Conservationist, J.R. Flores is retiring.

Mike G mentioned that much attention is being given to the Long-term Lead and Copper Rule. EPA wants to revise this rule, likely in early 2020.

Mike G was to participate on an LCR call on November 12 with AWWA Government Affairs and other Section representatives.

Bob indicated that he attended the Council Summit in Denver the week prior and that the two biggest themes/concerns discussed were Lead Service Line (LSL) inventories would be required within 3 years of rule promulgation, and that utilities will be required to test 20% of all schools and child care facilities within their respective service areas. AWWA was of the opinion that the second concern stated here was unachievable.

**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 going well. A meeting at TanTarA in 3 weeks is scheduled. There has been a change in room allocation for the 2021-2023 contract, with a higher number at the main complex versus the estates. For the 2020 conference the allocation remains the same. The entire complex has been totally renamed Margaritaville.

### **Technical Program – Mike Klender**

Mr. Klender reported 153 abstracts have been obtained so far. The deadline was extended until the end of today. A meeting is scheduled on November 15 between MWEA and MOAWWA to discuss the Call for Papers submittals. Mike asked for volunteers and the following people volunteered:

Martha, Karen, Joel, Jeff, Mariah and Mel

30% water

30% joint

40% wastewater

### **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 there is Small Systems training scheduled for December 13 in Columbia, MO. Kevin Wiggins and RCAP will be helping with the training. Mr. Klender reported that there is more education training material available. AWWA did pay for Area II training conducted in St. Louis this year.

OEWA does 2-3 training for operators at the conference. Might be something to consider in the future.

### **Nominating – Drew Hess**

Mr. Hess was not present, the group of past chairs have already started working on 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:

Membership:

- Current membership is at 702
- Year to date, 78 new members added to the Section
- Currently at 1.7% growth, and we are aiming for 2% growth. That means we need a net positive 2 additional members before the end of the year.
- Nationally, we are ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in retention and 8<sup>th</sup> in attraction.
- Membership Appreciation Events:
  - KC scheduled for Dec 11
  - STL scheduled for Dec 3
  - Flyers and more details to be shared in the coming weeks

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

Ms. Pesce was present – no report.

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

Mr. Bross was present. He reported that he has 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 has been done to date:

IL-MO Chapter of the National Association of Water Companies – it appears that Illinois has an active chapter and Missouri does not. No contact completed as there does not appear to be any specific person to contact.

Missouri Water and Wastewater Conference (MWWC) – I have made contact, but they seem to be unresponsive and disinterested.

Missouri Rural Water Association (MRWA) – I have made contact and they are interested in participating.

Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA) – I have reached out, but they seem to be unresponsive and disinterested.

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 have reached out to them and asked them for a contact to participate. Mike Klender and Mike Galluzzo responded back. I'm not sure if they will be the contacts moving forward.

Based on the response I received back from the contacts, we will move on without MPUA and MWWC for now and have a conference call/meeting before the end of the year. Holding the call/meeting has been delayed beyond what I had planned as I have been swamped but we will do it soon.

I will continue to try to reach out to MWWC and MPUA to see if we can get them engaged in discussion.

Matt Everts from may be interested in joining.

**Manufacturers/Assoc. Council  
ByLaws  
Philanthropy**

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

Mr. Ogle and Mr. Phillips were present. Mr. Phillips reported that they would like to resurrect the trap shoot. Reached out to Tony and Rob White is with ESI. They would like to sponsor. In regards to the Trap Shoot, Tony stated that we will get a 1-day insurance policy to cover liability, Randy Moore suggested it.

**By-Laws – Matt McLaughlin**

Mr. McLaughlin was present. The Bylaws and Admin Guidelines have been reformatted to an updated version of Word to assist with future edits.

**Philanthropy - Karen Marie Dietze**

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

- Nature Conservancy presentation
  - Speakers – Steve Harrington & Kelly Hall
  - Projects focused around nature-based solutions to reduce impacts of flooding and erosion
  - Conversation will be continued through email, and a vote via survey or email regarding the donation request will be committed following this meeting at a later date
  - See attached for the physical handouts that were passed out

After the presentation, questions for Mr. Harrington and Ms. Hall.

**Q1. Can we earmark money to go directly to water, tributaries. Response: The Meramac River was receiving assistance.**

**Q2. Who are your clients? Non-Profits? Response: They work with partners, receive grant money and donations.**

**Q3. Lobbying? Response: political endorsements, Working at DC level for Farm Bill. Trip funds on RCCP. They do organized grassroots lobbying**

**Q4. Specific projects working on now? Response: Projects include the Meramac River**

**Q5. Sediment base - Equatic life – do they try and project that? I didn't capture a response.**

- Other Charitable Donations:
  - \$5,000 donation to Gambia Water Missions International Project was processed in August 2019.
  - \$5,000 donation to Mizzou Global Brigades was processed in August 2019.
  - Recommend revisiting the budget for charitable giving prior to making additional donations in this fiscal year.

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

### **Diversity**

### **Research**

### **Sustainability Initiatives Coordination**

## **Diversity and Inclusion – Martha Silks**

Ms. Silks was present and reported she received the following email from Northland Encampment for a Water Tower Contest:

“I am the program coordinator for NLE and we are gearing up for our 2020 encampment. It was suggested that I reach out to you to see if you would have any interest in potentially running a program for the girls. I believe you met one of our committee members and she said you ran the MO Water Association Tower Competition.

Northland Encampment is a weekend long event for Girl Scouts of all ages. The girls camp Friday and Saturday night and on Saturday we have a day of great programming for them. The goal is to expose the girls to a variety of programming that they may not otherwise get to learn about.

This NLE will be the biggest ever and we are so excited as we are opening NLE to all girls in our Council of NE Kansas and NW Missouri. We are expecting about 3000 girls total!

**Here are the details:** Camp will be at Camp Wilderness in Lawson, MO. Programs will run Saturday, May 2 from 8am-4pm. We would love it if you can join us. Each program will run 6 sessions of 45 minutes and 20-25 girls max per session, a total of about 125 girls for each program throughout the day. We provide 3 meals for each of our instructors that day along with a t-shirt.”

Discussion: The above event is huge and probably more than the Missouri Section can handle. It would take a very large number of volunteers to pull off. It will not be pursued at this time. Ms. Silks will reach back out with the determination.

## **Research – Karen Marie Dietze**

Ms. Dietze was not present. However, on her behalf a flyer was distributed on the USEPA's Proposed Lead and Copper Rule. The flyer was prepared by Black & Veatch and is an attachment to these minutes.

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

Mr. Griffin, chair for this committee was present.

- AWWA Sustainability Committee Group Members Needed – It is the vision that this group will have representation from all parts of Missouri. Everyone in the Missouri water utility needs to be made aware that sustainability is becoming more important every year as we look to find ways for better long-term viability of our state, national, and international water resources. AWWA is one of the environmental leaders for water related issues within our state. We need people who want to get involved with sustainability issues to help guide not only our section, but this can easily migrate into other state policies dealing with issues like climate change, green infrastructure, pollution control, water resources, farm bill, safe drinking water act, and many others. The goal is slowly gain momentum on sustainability activities.
- We need someone to help get our social media act together, obtain a following of concerned members, nonmembers, affiliations with other environmental groups, and others to start a more frequent and better communication.
- Is boycotting single-use plastic water bottles the right step towards sustainability?
- LITTLE PLASTIC 'NURDLES' ARE FLOODING BEACHES AND WATERWAYS
  - Get ready for more research on all plastics as micro plastics are now just about everywhere. We now read about plastic particles in our water, beer, and even in our snow.
- 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 precious Ozark aquifers. Irrigation needs create competing interests and some aquifer withdrawals exceed recharge capabilities.
- Affordability - Must 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? My thinking is water mains need to last beyond a generation, but 3-4 generations with the correct amount of research is possible. Is 200 years a viable goal?
- Mississippi Closes Beaches Due to Harmful Algae Bloom
  - Our wastewater is headed to the gulf and impacting the ocean. Get ready for stricter regulations on our discharges from not only our wastewater plants, but water plants.
- Blue-green algae
  - More of these algae problems are happening every year. Once we get a hot dry summer, look for massive blooms all over the state surface water supplies and the poisonous micro toxins that come with it.
- PFAS
  - Now that we can measure contaminants in the parts per trillion (PPT) levels. Look out, because it is only a matter of time for the clean water act to be amended and a landslide of various chemicals to be identified to be removed for our source waters that are overall more deadly than PFAS.
- Removing Drugs from Wastewater before discharging to water ways.
  - Did anyone read the article about birth control effecting eels' reproductive capability in Europe?
- New Buildings

- New building designs can help reduce our impact on the environment. Lots of options to reduce their carbon footprint.
- Renewable energy
  - There was once talk about the capability of water turbines in the MO River. Is the time now to take a second look at this potential energy source?

How we want to move forward is yet to be decided. We need volunteers. Look for the Sustainability presentation to be given at annual section conference at Lake of the Ozarks. Plan is to distribute it so others can use it on sustainability educational issues. Still looking for a slogan for 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 is our slogan? A budget of \$1000 was approved from the AWWA MO Section BOD to fund annual sustainability activities that needed for the year for the following activities. Set up social media links and web page of planned activities and other groups

**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.**

Volunteers Need. Please E-mail [Markgriffin12@hotmail.com](mailto:Markgriffin12@hotmail.com) , or call 816-944-1476

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

**Young Professionals – Mel Peterein**

Ms. Peterein was present and reported again, YP Committee again had 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.

**Student Activities – Corinne Duckworth**

Ms. Duckworth was present and gave the following report:

Student Poster Contest

- Worked with Research committee to update all forms and paperwork for the 2020 contest year.
- Working on reaching out to University contacts to get word out about 2020 contest.

Student Outreach

- Corinne and Bob Parks gave presentation at Mizzou WET meeting in early September.
- Talked with and schedule for Karen Marie and Bob Parks to talk at upcoming KU student meeting.
- Worked with Mizzou WET and Bob Parks to set up 2<sup>nd</sup> annual MO-AWWA sponsored tailgate for Missouri vs. Florida game on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Drinking Water Week – Karen Marie Dietze**

Ms. Dietze was not present. She will work on the poster contest again next year.

**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**

See report above under Education.

**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. The 2020 Scholarship documents have been sent to Gailla for adding to the Section website.
2. I will be emailing the scholarship documents to our university/school contacts in mid-November with a follow-up email in mid-January.

**One AWWA Operator Scholarship**

1. I need updated conference fees to update the One AWWA Operator Scholarship form from last year (copy of last year's form is attached for reference). *GR sent 11/6/19*
2. Need ideas and suggestions on how to promote this scholarship.
3. The promotion for this scholarship was limited and went out late last year. We received no applications for last year's conference.
4. **BOARD DISCUSSION TOPIC** - Can the application go out with the conference registration information for the 2020 conference.
5. I'm assuming the Board wants to continue with last year's program of paying for conference registrations?
6. For your reference, I've attached a copy of the AWWA agreement for this scholarship.

Ms. Duckworth reported back to Mr. Bender on his questions:

The board did have some discussion in reference to your request for ideas on how to promote this scholarship.

Some ideas that were proposed:

1. LinkedIn – If you get with Bob Parks, he can get information on our linkedin page for this
2. Through the WUC committee – talk with Mike Galluzzo (Missouri) or Bob Parks (national)
3. AWWA website – I believe you had already coordinated with Gailla on this, but if not just send to Gailla and she will coordinate with Tina.

**Retirees – Jenny Doyle**

Ms. Doyle was present. Daniel Richardson has submitted an inquiry about Retirees committee via the website. Jenny will follow through with him.

**Landmarks – Nick Davis**

Mr. Davis was present. No report.

**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 present. He will work with Gailla when she gets the excel sheet from AWWA for the coming years' service citation awardees.

**Professional Awards – Tony O'Malley**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The meeting adjourned at Noon

Respectfully submitted,  
Gailla Rogers, Administrative Manager