

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

**Date:** January 24, 2020

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

Board Members:

Jeff Clarke	Chair
Joel Ogle	Chair-Elect
Mike Klender	Vice Chair
Nick Davis	Asst. Secretary –Treasurer
Jenny Doyle	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee
Bob Parks	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee
Corinne Duckworth	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee

Committee Chairs:

Bob Parks	Annual Conf. Mgmt.
Scott Phillips -Absent	Awards Chair
Kevin Wiggins -Absent	- Operations Service
Tony O'Malley -Absent	- Professional Services
George Hausdorf - Absent	- Service Citation
Joel Ogle	Budget
Mike Klender	Education and Small Systems
Joel Ogle	Exhibits
Nick Davis	Landmarks
Joel Ogle	MAC
Jenny Doyle	Membership and Retirees
Karen Marie Dietze -Absent	Philanthropy Chair
Jenny Doyle	-Water Equation
Martha Silks-Absent	-Water for People
Jenny Doyle	Retirees
Joel Ogle	Strategic Planning
Corinne Duckworth	Student Activities
Mel Peterein	YP – Chair
Gailla Rogers	Administrative Manager

**Visitors:**

Karen Brinkman, NRCS  
Grover DePriest, Acting Conservationist

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 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 Nov. 1 meeting minutes. No discussion. **Motion approved.**

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

Mr. Rogers was not able to attend as he was attending the Director's Meeting in Puerto Rico, but sent the following report:

Trusting that most have heard of the tragic death of AWWA Executive Administrator Keli Jackson, I would be remiss not to offer our sincere thoughts and prayers for her family, friends and AWWA staff on behalf of the Missouri Section. Certainly, there are no words adequate but hopefully by reaching out and sharing in the burden of grief we can in some small way be a catalyst for strength and comfort.

AWWA has remained active on several fronts.

**ACE20** planned for Orlando, Florida, currently has 150 registered attendees; 392 exhibiting companies and 1015 booths sold. The conference will feature six Facility Tours for attendees to choose from (additional registration cost).

**Upcoming events** include the 2020 Winter Meeting in Puerto Rico which will include a special strategic planning session for AWWA; International Symposiums on Potable Reuse and Biological Treatment: February 10-23, Atlanta GA; Utility Management Conference (WEF managed): February 25-28, Anaheim CA; Membrane Technology Conference: March 29-April 1, Minneapolis MN; Sustainable Water Management Conference: March 29-April 1, Minneapolis MN. Registration is open for the 2020 Membership Summit to be held February 5 - 7, 2020. Current membership as of 12/11/19 is 51,491.

**Section Services** has completed Affiliation Agreement presentations at all four Regional Meetings. Thirty-one (31) Directors reported that they had Affiliation Agreement conversations with their Boards. Missouri is one of the 31.

The following **products** have been released--ANSI/AWWA B453-19 Standard for Polyacrylamide; ANSI/AWWA B501-19 Standard for Sodium Hydroxide; ANSI/AWWA C209-19 Standard for Tape Coatings for Steel; Water Pipe and Fittings ANSI/AWWA D130-11(R19) (Reaffirmed without Revisions); and the Standard for Geomembrane Materials for Potable Water Applications.

Under **legislative activities** discussions continued with congressional staff on PFAS legislation and appropriations for infrastructure finance and a PFAS workshop was held to review policy deliverables. Regulatory efforts included submitting comments on EPA's proposed Preliminary Effluent Limit Guidelines Program Plan 14. Together with NLC, Mayors, NAWC, and NRW, AWWA submitted a request for a 30-day extension to the Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Revisions comment period. Engaging members, AWWA sections and partner associations in exploring the proposed Lead and Copper rule revisions will continue into 2020.

AWWA supported the **Water Sector Coordinating Council** by taking next steps in elevating water sector prioritization under the National Response Framework and shared the updated Cybersecurity Guidance and assessment Tool with ~200 attendees of the Water/Wastewater Forum at the 2019 Rockwell Automation Fair in Chicago. Farm Bill conservation opportunities were presented at the Forests and Drinking Water forum in Arkansas and the North American Lake Management Society.

Cyanobacteria and cyanotoxins, tools, resources, and prevention strategies (including programs under the Farm Bill) were presented at the American River Watershed Technical Committee (which consists of over a dozen AWWA member utilities).

The AWWA Government Affairs Office is ready to start accepting registrations for the 2020 Water Matters! **Fly-In**. This year's event will be April 29-30. Headquarters hotel will be the Washington Court Hotel. Deadline for registration is March 27th, 2020.

The WUC will pay travel expenses for one delegate for every 10 members of the House of Representatives from each state, with each state getting at least one reimbursed delegate.

**\*\*\*FLY-IN From the Missouri Section attending are Karen Dietze, Randy Moore, Jeff Clarke, James Okumu. Bob is coordinating with the people attending. He is attending due to his position with AWWA.**

AWWA's **new publication**, A Water Utility Manager's Guide to Community Stewardship, shares strategies to support and help expand water utilities' role as community stewards. It's available for free download on AWWA's website. The new guide provides utility staff with tools to support their local communities and apply a social equity lens to water service delivery. More information can be found in the December 6 issue of AWWA Connections.

#### **Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Tony O'Malley and Nick Davis**

Mr. Davis was present.

1. The disbursement check for the JAM was deposited a couple months ago. The conference revenue was \$60,000 for both MO-AWWA and MWEA.
2. Tony and Nick have taken over the responsibilities for the Treasurer and Asst. Secretary positions. Molly Pesce will go over the conference responsibilities with them.

#### **Balance Sheet as of January 23, 2020**

##### ASSETS

###### Current Assets

###### Bank Accounts

0298 Commerce MM	\$0.00
300 Bank of America CDs	\$ 48,887.70
351 Bank of America Checking	211,154.13
Morgan Stanley – Scholarship	110,643.33
Savings – Scholarship	2,197.94
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$372,883.10</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$372,883.10</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$372,883.10</b>

##### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

###### Liabilities

###### Current Liabilities

###### Credit Cards

0112 Bank of America	\$ 20,782.10
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Commerce Card	4,496.41
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	<b>\$25,278.51</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$25,278.51</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$25,278.51</b>

Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	\$301,923.66
Retained Earnings	45,680.92
Net Income	
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$347,604.59</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$372,883.10</b>

### **Chair's Report – Jeff Clark**

#### **NCRS Speaker – Karen Brinkman**

Missouri Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Assistant State Conservationist Karen Brinkman made a presentation on the mission of the NRCS, which is a federal agency operated by the United State Department of Agriculture to promote, guide, and enact soil and water conservation practices on private land throughout the US and the State of Missouri. Specifically Karen discussed the ongoing efforts to realize the new source water protection (SWP) funding opportunities and mechanisms with Missouri AWWA and the drinking water industry. These SWP opportunities are a key feature of the 2018 Agriculture Improvement Act (or Farm Bill). Karen authored a column further detailing the NRCS and this new initiative with the drinking water community for the next edition of the Section's Show-Me quarterly magazine. Questions regarding the NRCS, how to contact Karen Brinkman or the NRCS, or details on the SWP opportunities can be directed to Section Trustee Bob Parks.

**Ride with Purpose** – The section has received a request again this year to support the After discussion, it was decided to support the group again this year with a \$1,000 donation. Nick will reach out to make that donation. After the meeting, Ms. Dietze was notified of the request. She followed up with a Donation Request for the organization to fill out. The form was forwarded to Tom Caraker on February 2 with a request to work with Ms. Dietze.

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

Joel has been working with the necessary local conference staff to get this set up for the conference. Discussion came up on received invoices from Cvent for payment. There is question on if the dollar amount is correct.

A motion was made by Jenny to tell Tony to hold the Cvent payments until Joel approves paying them. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Parks.

Motion passed.

After the meeting, this was taken care of and checks sent.

#### **Hydrant Hysteria** – Scott Phillips (submitted electronically)

Hydrant Hysteria demonstration is set & scheduled for 5pm Monday in the exhibit hall. Mariah will be the onsite lead.

**Water Design-Build ½ day Session:** Per Scott Phillips - Council preconference workshop is set & scheduled for Sunday afternoon. Scott will be the onsite lead.

## **Death of AWWA Staff Meeting – Keli Jackson**

Roddy Rogers sent this report -

Trusting that most have heard of the tragic death of AWWA Executive Administrator Keli Jackson, Mr. Rogers asked that we consider making a donation to the worthy cause of Project Pave which is an organization that helps women who are dealing with violence in their relationships. As of the meeting \$18,360 has been contributed toward a goal of \$20,000.

A motion was made by Jenny, seconded by Joel to contribute \$500 to Project Pave in Ms. Jackson's name. That donation was made on 2/4/20 after Nick Davis received his section credit card. AWWA was notified by Gailla.

## **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.

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

Joel notified the board in December it was time to renew our contract with Kelman Publishing. Renewal contract has no changes and we need to have a board vote. It is a 5-year renewal.

A motion was made by Scott to execute and renew with Kelman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenny. The motion unanimously passed. The agreement with Kelman has been executed by the Chair Jeff Clarke and has been filed with section agreements.

**From the December 11 Section Conference Call Meeting**, two motions were discussed, brought up for motion and approved. Copies of those motions are distributed at your tables this morning.

## **Important Dates for 2020**

Winter Board Meeting for Roddy – Jan 22-25, San Juan, PR

Membership Summit – February 5-7, Denver, CO **Attending: Kevin, Jenny and Mariah**

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 Committee has identified a potential candidate for Section Administrative Manager and made a recommendation to the Section Board at the 1/24/2020 meeting. This candidate was

found after publicly advertising the opportunity, reviewing applicants, and conducting an interview process. The Section Board accepted the recommendation of the Committee and is moving forward with a job offer to the recommended candidate.

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

Mrs. Rogers is working on the registration documents for the 2020 conference.

**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 – Tony O'Malley**

**Registration  
Site Selection**

**Registration – Tony O'Malley**

Mr. O'Malley was not present, no report.

**Site Selection – John Brummer**

Mr. Brummer was not present. No report.

**Assistant Secretary – Nick Davis**

**Magazine  
Public Information  
Webmaster**

**Show-Me Magazine – Ari Copeland**

Mr. Copeland reported the date for the next magazine submittal is January 24.

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**

No report. Tina is doing an exceptional job.

**Chair Elect – Joel Ogle**

**Budget  
Strategic Planning  
Water Utility Council**

**Budget – Joel Ogle**

Mr. Ogle passed out a draft budget which will be approved at the annual meeting at the conference. He had an email sent out asking for any changes to his draft budget.

**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 not present, but sent the following report:

Mike Galluzzo has continued to participate on the AWWA conference calls with other Sections to develop comments for the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) revisions proposed for 2020. The comment period closes on February 12. AWWA has shared their major themes, about 14 total, and encourage utilities to comment on the proposed regulation.

Regarding PFAS, Steve Via asked of our LCR comment working group if any were familiar with recent and troubling proposed legislation coming from the NRDC down to State legislators. The troubling part is that part of the proposal includes "copy-cattin" other states that may choose to establish MCLs at any level for PFAS-related compounds. I checked with Eric Medlock at DNR and activity like this is not occurring in Missouri. We fortunately haven't detected much at all and Eric also noted that the proposed legislation seemed unfounded.

Finally, David Lamb and the Public Drinking Water Program are promoting a review and increase in their fee structure, the majority of said fees known as the primacy fee. There are stakeholder meetings scheduled in Jefferson City on January 31, February 20, March 17 and April 9. The stakeholder process is by statute to periodically review the program's rate structure and to make changes where determined appropriate. The last revision was in 2006, which was extended again in 2012. Mike Galluzzo will attend the first meeting on January 31.

**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. As of the writing of these minutes 2/5/20, we are at 100 booths sold 2/6/20

**Annual Conference Management – Bob Parks**

Mr. Parks reported that everything is on track for this year's conference. The Chair's Dinner will be held at Michaels Steak Chalet.

**Technical Program – Mike Klender**

Mr. Klender reported all moderators have been identified for each technical groupings. We will be using a new system to document PDHs and CEUs for each attendee. Cvent will utilize a bar code or QR code to track attendees leaving each session. At the end a certification will be made available upon request. Technical Sessions have been presented in the MWEA/MOAWWA Annual Conference brochure

**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 gave the following report:

Education and Small Systems – December training in Columbia was cancelled due to lack of participation. The class has been rescheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>. Still at the Columbia Water Treatment Plant. Kevin Wiggins and RCAP will be presenting. This training will count toward the Section's Area I Grant funding by AWWA.

**Nominating – Drew Hess**

Mr. Hess was not present, he submitted the Nominations Report electronically at the meeting.

**Director – Roddy Rogers**

**Fuller**

**Membership**

**National Nominations**

**Water Industry Coordinating Council**

**Fuller Award – Matt McLaughlin**

Mr. McLaughlin was not present; but reports, the past chairs are working on the Fuller Awardee nominee.

**Membership – Jenny Doyle**

Ms. Doyle was present and gave the following report:

- Membership Summit Feb 5-7 in Denver to be attended by Mariah Schroeder, Kevin Wiggins, and Jenny Doyle
- As of the December 16<sup>th</sup> report, total membership is at 723. This represents 4.8% growth from the previous year, exceeding the goal of 2% growth. We've retained nearly 75% of 1<sup>st</sup> year members, for reference the goal set by the Association is 62% retention. Because of our growth and retention, we anticipate some awards at the Membership Summit
- Since the last board meeting, we've added 32 new members.

**National Nominations – Tony O'Malley**

Mr. O'Malley was not present – no report.

**Water Industry Coordinating Council – Mark Bross**

Mr. Bross was not present. He sent the following report:

The WICC met on 12/12/2019 via conference call. We had participation from KC Water, St. Louis Water, MPUA and myself. MRWA was not able to call in but plans on participating in future meetings.

I have attached a copy of the meeting summary. It was a good meeting with a number items being discussed.

Since that meeting, several other items have come up:

1. MO WARN was discussed in our meeting and apparently MWRA has pulled back on that some. MRWA has focused their emergency response as direct response on-site. The maintenance of databases and memberships has fallen outside of their focus. They are looking for a transfer of that role to another "keeper". They don't see that as an emergency situation and it should not be rushed into, but determining who and when will have to be addressed at some point. At this time, they have not asked MO AWWA to take on this role, nor would I consider volunteering it for our organization without discussion at Board level.
2. Bob Parks emailed me in early January about the possibility of including the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) as part of the WICC. He did not have a lot of familiarity with this organization. I am very familiar with this organization and its Executive Director, Bruce Wylie. I have served on several committees in ACEC. They have a strong lobby at the capitol and have a liaison committee with Missouri DNR.



They would be able to reach out to the engineering community on important issues related to water and also assist with lobbying/legislation. I think they would be a good organization to include in WICC. Bob and I wanted to run it by the Board first since our bylaws do not specifically list them. We would recommend inclusion and would like agreement from the Board.

3. I was contacted by David Lamb at Missouri DNR this week. They are beginning a stakeholder process to raise the DNR lab fees and primacy fees. The last time this was done was 2006 and according to David, MO AWWA WICC assisted in being a stakeholder in this process and getting the word out for participation. He had a similar ask for us this time. The fees need to go up based on their planning process due to upcoming regulatory changes (PFAS, perchlorate, Lead and Copper Rule, etc.) that effect testing costs and/or testing changes; need to retain and possibly hire additional staff, and erosion of funding due to inflation/cost increases for chemicals, etc. They plan to go through a stakeholder process similar to what they do with rulemaking and by 2025 or so have this in place. Current funding is \$5 million and they want to add an additional \$7.5 million. The first stakeholder meeting is next week from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM on January 23, 2020, at the Lewis and Clark Building (DNR) in Jefferson City. It will also be live streamed on MoDNR-TV. Fee changes will affect every public water utility in Missouri.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – Jenny Doyle**  
**Manufacturers/Assoc. Council**  
**ByLaws**  
**Philanthropy**

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

Mr. Ogle was present. There will be a trap shoot this year. Reached out to Tony and Rob White is with ESI. They would like to sponsor. In regards to the Trap Shoot, Tony worked on and got a 1-day insurance policy to cover liability.

**By-Laws – Matt McLaughlin**

Mr. McLaughlin was not present. There are no updates to By-Laws.  
Mr. McLaughlin would like to be replaced this coming year.

**Philanthropy - Karen Marie Dietze**

- **Water for People - Martha Silks**

Ms. Silks put out an email asking for help staffing the WFP booth this year and included a sign-up sheet.

Items are needed for the WFP auction this year. Please pass on this plea to anyone willing to contribute and also to the appropriate person in your organization. It is important to have a variety of nice items in our booth so please make a donation and reach out to others and ask for a donation.

We need to know what to expect before the conference so please let me know if you are donating an item or procured a promise from someone else to donate an item. It is also helpful if you can tell me what is being donated.

- **Water Equation**

Ms. Hecktor from AWWA reached out and would like to attend our next board meeting which is April 17 in Columbia, MO. She will be able to provide additional information on the Water Equation and ways other sections are implementing it.

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

**Diversity**

**Research**

**Sustainability Initiatives Coordination**

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

Ms. Silks was not present. Nothing to report at this time.

#### **Research – Karen Marie Dietze**

Ms. Dietze was not present. No report.

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

Mr. Griffin, chair for this committee was not present.

- I have new contact information which I have given to Gailla.
- Have not heard if the Sustainability Paper submitted for the Annual Conference has been accepted? Please let me know.
- AWWA Sustainability Committee Members still needed.
- 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.

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. Set up social media links and web page of planned activities and other groups.

**At some point the Mo Section 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 needed. 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 that 4 YPs are going to the YP Summit and that there is \$5,000 left in their budget.

Wow, 2019! What a year it's been! As we step into 2020 let us take a quick look back at all the awesome events brought to you by the Young Professionals of the Missouri Section of American Water Works Association (MO-AWWA YPs)!

### **Kansas City Recap**

- *March 21, 2019 – Water Industry Coatings Production Tour and Learning Event*
- *April 11, 2019 – Water Well Rehab Lunch & Learn*
- *May 9, 2019 – KC Drinking Water Week Tour*
- *June 13, 2019 – Model Water Tower Competition*
- *August 14, 2019 – Royals vs. Cardinals Game*
- *October 4, 2019 – Olathe WTP Expansion Tour*
- *December 11, 2019 – Member Appreciation Night*

This year, we welcomed new committee members and celebrated successes of current members. **Mariah Schroeder** of **Burns & McDonnell** in Kansas City became YP Committee Treasurer and former YP Treasurer **Corinne Duckworth** of **Carollo Engineers** was appointed as a first-year Section Trustee! We also welcomed new volunteer, **Curtis Bowling** of **Tetra Tech** who's helping take over many YP responsibilities in the area. The year's events started with **Tnemec Company** on March 21<sup>st</sup> where MO-AWWA YPs were welcomed to tour their production facility and learned how products are tailored for specific project applications. This event was followed by a Water Well Rehab lunch and learn at the **City of Independence, MO Water Department's** Courtney Bend Water Treatment Plant in conjunction with **Layne, A Granite Company**.

### **Student Activities – Corinne Duckworth**

Ms. Duckworth was present and gave the following report:

Applications are going out to all the universities. Karen and Bob are working on a KU Student Chapter.

#### 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. The Drinking Water Week poster contest winners will be posted this year at the conference.

### **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:

#### **JR Popalisky Scholarship: A motion was made, seconded and approved to raise the scholarship amount to \$2,500**

The AWWA website includes information about the One AWWA Operator Scholarship. The attached application is from an employee of St. Louis Water to pay for a training manual and the exam cost for the WSO Distribution certification program. It appears that the application was submitted to the national office, which forwarded it to us for any action.

At this point the Board has only approved One AWWA Operator scholarship funding to pay for some costs to attend the annual conference. Any thoughts? One thought I have is to wait and see what type of interest we have for the conference scholarships and then decide.

A discussion with AWWA needs to be held regarding how they are promoting the scholarship program on their website to clarify that applicants need to apply through their Section and confirm how the Section has chosen to allocate any scholarship funds.

As a reminder, AWWA will provide up to \$1,000 annually to match an equal amount expended by the Section.

After the Board meeting from Corinne: The Board was in agreement of your suggestion to hold off on granting one AWWA operator scholarship until we get closer to conference.

### **Retirees – Jenny Doyle**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **Landmarks – Nick Davis**

Mr. Davis was present. He is working on a Landmark site from Jackson, Missouri for a Water Tower built in 1933.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Scott Phillips**

#### **Operations Service Award**

#### **Service Citation**

#### **Professional Awards**

Awards committees report (submitted electronically).  
Awards committees are on track for our Feb 28<sup>th</sup> deadline

**Operations Service Awards – Ray Seidelman**

**Service Citation – George Hausdorf**

**Professional Awards – Tony O'Malley**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mike Klender reported that he and Martha Silks were proposing a Fall technical program in Springfield.

This Fall program will target Operators and utility managers across the state. The technical sessions will consist of 3 tracks, Treatment, Distribution, and Technology/Management.

Martha has done a lot of research in this program and proposing an October conference. We are estimating approximately 200 attendees with 40 vendors will provide resources for attendees.

The goal is to provide 10 CEUs for Operators in Treatment and Distribution as well as PDHs for engineers.

The meeting adjourned at Noon

Respectfully submitted,  
Gailla Rogers, Administrative Manager