

**MISSOURI SECTION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

VIRTUAL MEETING

Date: April 17, 2020

Place: Virtual Platform

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members:

Joel Ogle	Chair
Mike Klender	Chair-Elect
Jenny Doyle	Vice Chair
Jeff Clarke	Past Chair
Roddy Rogers	Director
Randy Moore	Director-Elect
Tony O'Malley	Secretary-Treasurer
Nick Davis	Asst. Secretary –Treasurer
Mike Galluzzo	3 rd Year Trustee
Bob Parks	3 rd Year Trustee
Corinne Duckworth	2 nd Year Trustee
Scott Phillips	2 nd Year Trustee
Karen Marie Dietze	1 st Year Trustee
James Okumu	1 st Year Trustee

Committee Chairs:

Bob Parks	Annual Conference Management
Scott Phillips	Awards Chair
Mark Bross	- Operations Service
Tony O'Malley	- Professional Services
Mike Klender	Budget
Joel Ogle	Exhibits
Nick Davis	Landmarks
Joel Ogle/Scott Phillips	MAC
Jenny Doyle	Membership
Karen Marie Dietze	Philanthropy Chair
Jenny Doyle	-Water Equation
Martha Silks	-Water for People
Jenny Doyle	Retirees
Mike Klender/Jenny Doyle	Strategic Planning
Corinne Duckworth	Student Activities
Mel Peterein	Young Professionals
Gailla Rogers	Administrative Manager
Mary Odom	Administrative Manager

Visitors:

Ashley Longmore	LeeAnn Jones, AWWA Vice President
Jenny Warren	Section Services Staff, AWWA
	Young Professionals, KC Rep

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Joel Ogle. He welcomed everyone to the first ever virtual board meeting.

Prior to starting the meeting, Chair Ogle had Mary Odom, new Administrative Manager, go over instructions on Go-To-Webinar and she described what panels the participants were seeing and their function. You can view on your computer or participate by phone. She indicated the meeting was on listen-only mode due to the large number of participants.

She instructed, if you want to speak or share your thoughts, please use the “Raise your hand” command and she would unmute you to speak. The 2nd way is to send your questions/comments, in the chat box. *There is no poll voting for this meeting.*

Joel asked how many participants there were and there were 20. A quorum was established and thanked everyone for joining us in the section’s first virtual board meeting.

Approval of Minutes – Joel Ogle

Motion: A motion was made by Roddy Rogers and seconded by Scott Phillips to approve the January 24 board meeting minutes. All in favor? 13 in favor – no nays. 8 is a majority.

No further discussion. **Motion approved to approve the last board meeting minutes held on January 20, 2020.**

Joel Ogle, Chairs Report:

Everything is going well. As exhibits chair, can report that no one has pulled out of exhibiting. 2 companies have reached out wanting to exhibit.

As you would imagine, some attendees backed out because of city policies. Overall, the refund/cancellation process is working well. No change in program as Bob mentioned earlier. We are keeping our hand on the pulse there.

Technical program, work with past chair, Mike Klender (Jenny)

C-Vent services has been reaching out to see if we need anything additional there. Nothing needed. The services we requested, will be up and running for the August conference if held. The adjusting – working with Mary and Jenny on getting up to speed on critical items about working on virtual meeting, Thanks, Bob, Jenny and Mary for getting this fine-tuned.

Introduce Mary Odom to the Full Board and Committee Chairs

Mr. Ogle said that the transition between Gailla and Mary was going very well. Jenny has been working with the onboarding process.

Mary gave an introduction of herself and her educational and work background.

Annual Conference Update

The annual conference has been rescheduled to August 22-26. Due to their history with TanTarA /Margaritaville they will waive any fees if the organizations are not able to fulfill the room guarantee for the August conference.

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

Director’s Report – Roddy Rogers **Directors Report April 2020—COVID-19**

ACE Update - It was a hard decision but the Association, with the view of human health to go ahead and cancel ACE for this year in Florida. Will have a financial impact, but they have reserves.

As always there are lots of things going on with AWWA. But as we are all very aware, **COVID-19** has become the new driver for our daily changing world. As of this writing AWWA and several Sections have postponed or cancelled events and conferences in response to the effects of the virus. ACE 2020 is still on, but staff are monitoring the situation and are prepared to give updates as appropriate. In concluding a letter to AWWA Board members, CEO LaFrance said that "AWWA is fortunate that it has a long history of strong financial leaders who consistently assured AWWA's strategic financial planning included accumulating operational reserves for times like these. While these reserves are not infinite, they allow use to be thoughtful in our operational decision making and strategic in our actions as we, together, manage through the COVID-19 pandemic." Even though old news, it bears mentioning that we have made the unprecedented and difficult decision to postpone the annual Missouri Section Conference until August. The AWWA utility survey on the Coronavirus showed 81% responding that COVID 19 is currently affecting budget and revenue with absenteeism and supply chain issues being the main challenges. A little over half of the utilities have a business continuity plan in place. I would encourage you to stay informed by accessing the latest updates on events at www.awwa.org. Also, I want to make sure all of you are aware of AWWA's webpage regarding the coronavirus at <https://www.awwa.org/Resources-Tools/Resource-Topics/Coronavirus>. It is designed to help utilities prepare for potential impacts to operations, including staff absenteeism, and to respond to customer inquiries about water safety. Read about what actions utilities can consider.

At the **Winter Board meeting**, a new initiative of Enterprise membership was presented that would allow benefits to companies on a more inclusive basis. It includes Envoi which is a live stream of standards and other benefits like development of a strategy that helps utilities build public trust in water, a grants management strategy, and further LCR and PFAS guidance. AWWA India had 260 attendees at their 3rd annual conference and standing room only at a women's event despite financial challenges. Tracy Mehan spoke to the rewrite of SDWA and similar changes in other regulations. It is unclear if this is a trend or more of a political period under the current administration. AWWA was subpoenaed on PFAS to provide 200,000 documents and were working through whether to negotiate, object, or agree to the request. Hopefully, everyone will make or have made risk assessment deadlines under AWIA. As of the Winter meeting, 17 states, including Missouri, have engaged with respect to the Farm Bill. The Board spent the good part of a day discussing what we/you want AWWA to be, looking at Affiliation Agreements and Strategic Planning with the idea of heavier focus on sections and similar branding across sections. A retooled membership model and shared education are being integrated into the strategic planning which serves as a foundation for business plans and the budget. Chi Ho Sham was selected as the next President Elect.

In **other updates**, Bob Lay received unanimous Executive Committee approval as the new CFO, beginning work on March 9. The Standards Council is celebrating its one-hundred-year anniversary. ACE20 in Orlando currently has 434 exhibiting companies and 1054 booths sold. The Innovation Lounge is back for its second year after its huge success in Denver with similar compelling programming and solutions-oriented thought leaders.

Materials for this year's **Drinking Water Week** celebration are available to download through AWWA's website. This year's Drinking Water Week is May 3-9, and the theme is "There when you need it". Materials can be used to engage with consumers, public officials, and media about the reliability of drinking water and the professionals associated with delivering water from collection to consumption.

Under **legislative** activities, staff provided testimony for the hearing on proposed revisions to the federal lead and copper rule for the House Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change; and met with congressional staff on the upcoming water resources development act and EPA staff on the status of WIFIA. At this point, work continues for the upcoming Fly-In.

PFAS continues to get priority attention on the **regulatory** front. Comments were submitted to EPA on the addition of certain PFAS to Toxics Release Inventory, a 1-hour webinar was provided to the Florida Section on PFAS regulations, staff met with the Government Accountability Office on the issue of PFAS, and support was provided to the Illinois Section regarding proposed state regulations for PFAS. Comments were developed and submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture on the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and on the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on cyanotoxins implementation guidance.

As we all adjust to our new normal, I am confident that we in the water industry will build on our experience in and passion for the public health and safety by continuing to do what it takes to provide safe, accessible, and adequate drinking water during this challenging time. What we do is needed now more than ever and I look forward to how we make our way to the other side of this pandemic stronger and better because of it.

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

I present a balance sheet from Quick Books, that Williams Keepers maintains for us, the CPA firm. **Total Assets. \$366,073.76 and liabilities of \$19,321.91 and Equity is \$346,751.85.**

We are entering an unusual period in that we do not have the influx of revenue coming from the joint annual meeting and this will not come until the fall of the year. There are no unusual expenses.

***The balance sheet as presented is shown below.

Missouri Section, Inc. of the American Water Works

BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

As of April 16, 2020

Accrual Basis

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Bank Accounts	\$365,098.76
Accounts Receivable	\$ 975.00
Total Current Assets	\$366,073.76

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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Current Liabilities:	
Credit Cards	\$19,321.91
Total Current Liabilities	\$19,321.91
Total Liabilities	\$19,321.91
Equity	\$346,751.85
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$366,073.76

Tony will continue to make improvements and Nick is setting up a Zoom conference with our accountants to work through the list of what our current coding looks like in Quick Books. Nick Davis spoke about working with Williams Keepers to move toward making our quicken account numbers match up to the section's budget.

The goal is to know where we are with expenditures and monitoring variances in our budget and that is our goal. That will make budgeting for the coming year easier.

Mr. O'Malley reported that Mary worked on reimbursement forms and put them into fillable pdfs which will be helpful. The changes will add clarity and information for the reimbursements that are submitted.

The Secretary Treasurer's Report was approved.

Board actions since the last board meeting: NONE

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 – Postponed to August 22-26
- RMSO II – May 6-9, Savannah, GA - CANCELLED
- Fly-In – April 29-30, Washington, DC - CANCELLED
- ACE20- June 14-17, Orlando, FL - CANCELLED
- Summer Workshop – July TBD, Denver CO

Administrative Manager's Report – Gailla Rogers and Mary Odom

- Working with Mary on Administrative Manager Training – Transition

Gailla reported that Mary Odom is a wonderful addition to the Missouri Section with capabilities to move the section forward. It will make it easier for me to transition off and retire. This means a great deal to me as I leave the section.

Mary had the capability to put together this virtual meeting and that is really a big, big deal. I really applaud her and thank her for all the efforts it took to pull this off.

Mary and I continue to have a lot of working sessions where we talk through the various items regarding running the section throughout the year. That is going well.

She is not shy to ask a lot of questions and I value that, and I think that is a particularly good way to do things. If we have been doing things the same for a long time and she sees a better way to do them, that is good. She will be a particularly good manager for the section, and I want to thank Mary, because I have already learned a lot from her.

Mary jumped right in to help with the cancellations, we had a lot at the beginning of this, but we have also had many, many people indicating they will be attending the rescheduled conference in August.

Next Board Meeting: July 17 – Mary and I will be working with Joel to see where he wants to have that meeting in July.

Important Dates - went over the all that had been cancelled. The biggest one being ACE in June in Denver.

If Summer Workshop is held, it is an important meeting to attend; you get to meeting AWWA staff and officers and staff from all the sections.

Gailla asked if there were any questions from her; there were none.

Joel thanked Gailla for working with Mary to transition her to the position and acknowledged her decades of institutional knowledge for the section.

Joel repeated what Gailla had said, she would be leaving on a good note with handing it over to a very capable person.

Further, the section appreciates you hanging in there imparting your knowledge to Mary. Joel acknowledged Glenda McGaughey for her years' work with the section and the preconference work and help with cancellations.

Since we did not have the March conference and with having Mary onboard; we will not need Glenda to be working on the rescheduled August conference. If you know how to send Glenda a shout-out to thank her for her service to the section, please do so.

A roll call was held so everyone knew who was on the call.

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

Committee Reports-

Director – Roddy Rogers

Fuller Award

Membership

National Nominations

Water Industry Coordinating Council

Fuller Award – Raed Armouti – Not on the call -no report

Membership – Jenny Doyle

Per the magazine, the section has 25 new individual memberships and 1 new utility for the last quarter. Total active memberships are at 716. Still growing and try to keep up with membership goals.

Ms. Doyle had a question on the COVID information and who is handling that. Ms. Longmore reported that COVID information is coming from the executive staff and officers of AWWA. A team effort across the board.

National Nominations – Tony O’Malley – No news on national nominations.

Water Industry Coordinating Council – Mark Bross

We met several times over the past few months, primarily focused on the Lead and Copper Rule with EPA and AWWA’s response to that. We received comments on and several meetings on that. Missouri Drinking water stakeholders process and convened all the water agencies reps - there are 7 organizations on that and prepared a consensus proposal that DNR primarily accepted. It goes through the rest of their process and it goes through the Safe Drinking Water Commission. It must go through their lab fee and primacy fees program, and we did provide a letter of support signed by all the participating agencies. Continually active throughout the last 3 months.

Received a question from Bob Parks, he wants to know what organizations are involved in WICC.

Mr. Bross: Missouri Public Water Alliance. Missouri Rural Water, St. Louis Water, City of Kansas City Water, American Water, City Utilities of Springfield, City of Independence and he is working on getting the American Council of Engineers involved as well.

Director-Elect – Randy Moore

No committees. Joel thanked Randy Moore for stepping up to fill Roddy’s shoes as the next National Director. Randy has been involved with AWWA for several years, at the section and national level.

Chair Elect – Mike Klender

Budget
Strategic Planning
Water Utility Council

Budget – Mike Klender

Mr. Klender reported the Budget, as presented by Joel Ogle, had been approved at the Annual Meeting earlier this morning. We need to be mindful of expenses and we may have limited funds that we have not experienced in a while.

Strategic Planning – Mike Klender and Jenny Doyle

Mr. Klender and Ms. Doyle were present. It is anticipated that there will be strategic planning session at the next board meeting scheduled to be held in July.

Water Utility Council – Mike Galluzzo

Mr. Galluzzo was present and reported the WUC completed a series of calls including other sections and Steve Via to prepare comments for the proposed Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. At the close of the comment period on February 12, EPA had received over 78,000 comments overall which was a tremendous response and rightfully so.

The WUC has also participated recently in DNR's Primacy Fee Stakeholder Review process. DNR's Public Drinking Water Program is addressing anticipated budget shortfalls through this stakeholder review process. The WUC worked along with the WICC to gather affected utilities, including MPUA and MRWA, to find consensus that could support the DNR PDWP. This plan is to be brought to the Safe Drinking Water Commission in July, and then if successful through 2021 State Legislation then the new fee program would take effect January 1, 2022.

Vice Chair – Jenny Doyle
Exhibits
Annual Conference Management
Technical Program

Exhibits – Joel Ogle and Ben Freese

Mr. Ogle was present. As of this reporting, no exhibitors have requested refunds for their booths. In fact, we continue to receive requests to exhibit in August.

Annual Conference Management – Bob Parks

As you know, the 2020 annual meeting has been postponed from late March to August 22-26 with the bulk of the technical sessions – Monday-Wednesday – mirroring our typical conference.

We were able to maintain the same days. Currently, not much to report. Regarding logistics – with the pandemic, federal state and local actions changes daily, weekly. Not much work done regarding rescheduling. Things will be ironed out by August, hopefully.

Exhibitors are not cancelling, technical program remains pretty much the same,

An addendum to our current contract with TanTarA/Margaritaville: Jeff and Mickey worked out with TanTarA/Margaritaville an addendum where there would be no monetary penalties if we do not make the number of rooms guarantees. It was due to the many years of past experiences with the venue that they were able to obtain this.

We appreciate everyone's participation in August.

Technical Program – Jenny Doyle/Mike Klender

Mr. Klender reported he and Jenny will be working to determine which speakers will be willing to continue with their papers for the August conference.

Scott Phillips offered up that if we lose speakers for the technical sessions, we can think about having the ½ day workshop on Design Build.

Secretary/Treasurer – Tony O'Malley
Registration
Site Selection

Registration – Tony O'Malley – No report

Site Selection – John Brummer – No report

Assistant Secretary – Nick Davis
Show-ME Magazine
Public Information
Webmaster

Show-Me Magazine – Ari Copeland - Currently working on magazine. Issue to drop around May 22.

Public Information – Melissa Carver – No report

Website – Mary Odom/Gailla Rogers

Ms. Odom reported that she and Gailla have been working with Tina Leitzel for updates and changes to the Missouri Section website.

Reimbursement forms that Tony O'Malley spoke about earlier have been added to the website, along with past minutes of the board meetings and annual meetings.

Past Chair – Jeff Clarke

Audit

Education

Nominating

Audit – Elizabeth Robertson – No report

Education and Small Systems – Kevin Wiggins – No report

Nominating – Jeff Clarke

Mr. Clarke was present; the new section officers were installed at this morning's Annual Meeting by visiting AWWA Vice President LeeAnne Jones.

3rd Year Trustee – Mike Galluzzo

Small Systems

Landmarks

Retiree

Small Systems – Kevin Wiggins – no report

Landmarks – Nick Davis

Mr. Davis reported at the January meeting that he reached out to the City of Jackson, Missouri for a Water Tower built in 1933 – it is 87 years old and still in use. It is designated by the City of Jackson as the first all-welded water tank for them. Stores 200,000 gallon of water and is maintained by the Service Utility Company. They filled out the paperwork.

Mr. Davis said his understanding of the procedure was that we must put it for a vote for approval as a national Landmark and then it goes to AWWA National for their review.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mike Klender that the City of Jackson's elevated water tank be designated as a National Landmark, seconded by Jeff Clarke.

First and a second, please vote with a yea or nay. Please vote in the chat box if you do not verbally answer. Joel asked if Mary and Gailla would agree there was a majority. Gailla responded, yes, there was a majority.

Motion passed. Mr. Davis was asked to please submit the paperwork to National for the City of Jackson's elevated water tank to be considered for the national water tank designation.

Mary Odom reported there were attachments to the agenda for this meeting and how people could open them up. Mr. Davis indicated the City of Jackson, Missouri is ready to proceed and have filled out all the necessary paperwork.

Retirees – Jenny Doyle – No report

3rd Year Trustee – Bob Parks
Young Professionals
Safety & Emergency Planning

Young Professionals – Mel Peterein

Ms. Peterein, having regular scheduled meetings. Unfortunately, no events. Most events are on hold, rescheduled to the fall. Kansas City area is stepping up and getting them involved.

YP want to help with Drinking water week this year. Working on that. Also, scheduling virtual events, figuring up the logistics for that. We are still busy behind the scenes.

Safety & Emergency Planning – Randy Moore

Randy Moore, short report. He reached out to Frank Genevese with St. Louis Water and he agreed to form a committee to put together a MoWARN group with other utilities.

Bob said it was going to be interesting when we come out the other side; interesting to learn how the Warn program worked in other states, whether active or not. Sure, there will be lessons learned from what other sections did.

Karen Dietze - training opportunities that can be provided digitally.

Ms. Dietze. In touch with other folks from other sections. Few other - state connected webinar series, mostly focused on COVID 19 how to stay connected and pass on information. She wants to bring to our section. A way to coordinate CEU credits for our members and provide an opportunity for those who were planning to attend conferences or for people planning to present and they cannot. The COVID-19 webinars will not carry CEU credits, but the other topics will most likely be approved for CEU credits.

Bob Parks indicated he is hopeful that we can get some presentations and topics lined up from contributors. Training hours approved from DNR for operators. Would be very advantageous for our membership. Operators need training opportunities to maintain their licenses.

Bob reported that we do have, through G-Suite, the capability to host digital training and presentations. Mary has been working with some of the section board, so we have the expertise to do this.

Are there any questions? If you have ideas or want to present, please reach out to Karen.

Ms. Dietze will keep Mike Klender in the loop. She has someone she is going to reach out to next week. She believes they have modified their requirements due to what is going on.

Kevin Wiggins is the new Education chair. Ms. Dietze wants Mike to let her know if any presenters back out. She can reach out to them so they can still present.

MISC – COVID-19 response

Bob - Karen coordinating with Mary, collecting, and organizing items for the section website on the COVID- 19 materials. See what organizations are doing. Thank you, Karen Marie for taking that on.

Mr. Moore asked if the YP's had made a report re: the YP Summit? Ms. Dietze reported that an article and photos were sent to Ari for the upcoming Show-Me magazine. Four YPs attended, two from KC area and two from St. Louis area and Bob was there also.

2nd Year Trustee – Corinne Duckworth

Student Activities

Sustainability Initiatives Coordination

JR Popalisky Scholarship

Student Activities – Corinne Duckworth

Ms. Duckworth reported that 7 abstracts and posters were submitted for this year's conference. Notified everyone about the conference change. The committee will determine how to move forward when we get closer to that reschedule conference date. Student Activities will reach out to see what is going on nationally about the poster contest in other sections.

Otherwise, not a lot going on with the universities due to COVID-19.

Sustainability Initiatives – Mark Griffin

I anticipate Sustainability issues to gain a little more attention this year due to recent Covid19 Pandemic that has upset so many lives. I am disappointed in my group's overall activity, which I am responsible for and not sure what to do to attract interest. I was disappointed to learn the Annual Conference committee rejected my write up to present State Sustainability Issues at our Annual conference. If there is reluctance to get support internally within our organization, it kind of shows some of the struggles I am having gaining interest. We all know the conference has now been delayed, so if there is any chance this will be reconsidered, then I need advance notice. The program I had planned will take several hours to complete.

Sustainability needs help getting our social media act together. I am thinking of a regular posting on LinkedIn with programs we can support, or articles that can get tagged and discussion started on them. I am especially interested if any of you see something that is of interest to please send it my way. Eventually I see a following of sustainability members, nonmembers, and affiliations with other environmental groups, that will allow us to start a program that is informative, educational and has a positive impact on MO Section AWWA. I can't do it alone.

We need volunteers. I want to set up a Mo AWWA sustainability group in LinkedIn, but not sure how to do it yet, or if costs anything? I am not the most technically savvy social media person and despise some parts of social media and the sometime negativity that can come with it. Plan is to identify all the sustainability issues, projects, activities that impact sustainability. I should say Drinking Water Sustainability primarily, but not exclusively. The hope is others can see it and interests catch on to sustainability educational issues, calendar, information, etc. Still looking for a slogan for branding, like a "Tree Hugger". Might have a contest at the rescheduled annual conference and award a small gift to the best slogan. This is yet another example of something that could be done over social media. Please send E-mail to Markgriffin12@hotmail.com, or call 816-944-1476

JR Popalisky Scholarship – Chester Bender

Mr. Bender sent a report. He received only two scholarship applications by the March 23rd deadline. They are both good applications from deserving students. He also received one application for the One AWWA Operator scholarship from a deserving system operator. He will be sending out an email shortly with additional information and recommendations on awards.

Joel wanted everyone to know that there were a couple professors in this quarter's group of new members. A couple of the new members are professors and Corinne should reach out.

Jenny will send Corinne the new members contact information list.

Joel would like to see a procedure from the new members listing to make an additional reach out to get those new members to the right committees. Water Utility Council could benefit and work on the MoWARN program.

Jenny Doyle indicated that the Mailer Lite program had a way to sort by membership code. It was reported that Frank Genevese should see the listing as it could provide members for MOWARN.

2nd Year Trustee – Scott Phillips

AWARDS

Awards – Service Citation

Awards – Professional Awards

Mr. Phillips started by saying he wanted to recognize the work that Kevin, Tony, and George put into the awards for this year's conference. As you know, it got pre-empted with what is going on. Mr. Phillips said he wanted to be sure the award committees had their ducks in a row before we order plaques and awards.

Awards – Service Citation – George Hausdorf – Not on call, no report

Awards – Professional Awards – Tony O'Malley

Mr. O'Malley indicated he is still looking for an individual to receive the Donald R. Boyd Award and he will be taking applications through August.

Mr. Phillips reported it has been a challenge to get awardees. He and his group plan to have a couple more meetings.

Mr. Moore wanted to let the group know that Scott Phillips is now on national board for MAC.

On a different note for Scott Phillips- MAC –

Scott Phillips is taking over the MAC committee and will be working with Joel.

Other members are Justin Keilbey, Rob White and James Okumu will be working with them as well. James works for a utility, but this will work out well.

1st Year Trustee – James Okumu

Bylaws

Awards

Diversity & Inclusion

Mr. Okumu is coordinating and meet virtually with different committees – ByLaws and Diversity. He has spoken with Kevin and he understand that getting people nominated for awards has been a challenge. As he understands the awards committees better, he will work on getting more people nominated.

Bylaws – Raed Armouti – Not present, no report.

Diversity & Inclusion– Martha Silks

Ms. Silks indicated that there is really nothing new to report as it has been quiet. Nothing will happen until we get released to return to group meetings. If anyone has ideas, please reach out to her.

Jenny Doyle suggested to Martha about having a virtual Happy Hour and indicated she could get Martha some assistance with this. Martha asked if anyone would be willing to take that on. If so, reach out to her.

1st Year Trustee – Karen Dietze

PHILANTHROPY

- *Water for People*

- *Water Equation*

Research

Drinking water Week

Ms. Dietze reported there is nothing new to report under Philanthropy

Research Committee - Karen Marie Dietze

“Staying Connected” webinar series

1. With COVID 19, other sections have initiated webinar series.
2. Opportunity to share resources on COVID-19 response from different industry perspectives

3. Alternate between COVID and technical Topics
4. CEU credits would not be approved for COVID-19, but likely for other non-COVID topics.

Webinar Series Format

Format: Bi-weekly 60-minute webinar

Covid-19 topics: AWIA Risk and Resiliency, treatment, Communications, virtual work tools, professional well-being, safety

Non-COVID technical topics: LCR, revisions alternative disinfectants, asset management, PFAS, algal toxins, funding options for capital projects, groundwater, sustainability

Drinking Water Week - Karen Dietze

Ms. Dietze trying to get a virtual Bingo scheduled for Drinking Water Week.

MDNR has filtered all the posters. She is going to send out for votes. Pick Your top 3
Option to vote via Survey Monkey or email Tisha.holden@dnr.mo.gov

Mary will send out the link to vote after this meeting. Or you can invite as shown above.
Password is Posters2020. That information will be in the email.

Winning posters will be displayed at the Joint conference in April.

Mr. Dietze indicated that Tisha with DNR had been continually active in helping with this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ogle asked if there was a new business. There was none. However, there were miscellaneous comments that we need to capture.

Updates: Ms. Doyle that there have been several phone calls with Mary for different committees. If you want to reach out to Mary to talk about your committees and you have not spoken with her yet, please feel free to reach out at any time.

WATER for PEOPLE – Martha Silks - - please work hard for WFP contributions for August.
Those countries where the money goes have been hit hard.

Motion to Adjourn -

There was a motion to adjourn given by Mike Klender, seconded by Jenny Doyle. A vote was held, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gailla Rogers, Administrative Manager