



# Missouri Section

American Water Works Association

## MISSOURI SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION 2022 Annual Business Meeting

Monday, March 28, 2022  
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  
Margaritaville Resort, Ozark, MO

### Minutes

#### **Call to Order – Chair Mike Klender**

Chair Klender brought the meeting to order and thanked everyone for joining and attending the section's annual business meeting. Although we wish we were meeting in person, there are signs of society beginning to open up again. And we are hopeful to meet in person again soon.

#### **Introduction of AWWA Visiting Officer – Chair Mike Klender**

Chair Klender introduced Cheryl Porter, a current Vice President of AWWA. Cheryl Porter is the Chief Operating Officer of the Great Lakes Water Authority in Detroit, MI, where she has been employed since 1996, when it was known as the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. Cheryl has been an active member of the Michigan Section of AWWA since joining in 2005.

In addition to service on various AWWA committees, Cheryl currently serves as Trustee and Government Affairs Council Member for the Michigan Section. At the Association level, she is a Director-at-Large and a Vice President on the AWWA Board of Directors, and a member of the Finance Committee.

Cheryl holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, an MBA with a concentration in Human Resources from Madonna University in Livonia, MI and a Juris Doctor from University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

#### **Remarks from Visiting Officer, Cheryl Porter, AWWA Director-at-Large and Vice President**

Ms. Porter expressed gratitude for being invited to install the new Section officers and encouraged all members to consider serving at the national committee or board level.

#### **Approval of the Minutes from Last Year's Business Meeting Minutes**

Chair Klender entertained a motion to approve the Minutes from the previous Annual Meeting (2021).

**MOTION:** To approve the April 16, 2021 Annual Business Meeting Minutes.

Made by: Tony O'Malley

Seconded by: Randy Moore

Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

#### **Water Equation Update, Jon Shellhorn**

John Shellhorn is a Water Equation (WE) committee member. He explained that WE provides scholarships to operators and young professionals and also partner with Engineers Without

Boards across the US. The Missouri Section has donated over \$3,000 to WE since last August. If you want to participate, you can join We Walk as a team or support another team.

### **Secretary-Treasurer's Report – Tony O'Malley**

The balance sheet was presented. (see below)

This year's revenues were \$205,539 and expenses were \$135,367. The positive position in our finances is due to the insurance coverage that we had for the 2020 cancelled conference. Our settlement was sizable and increased our bottom line by 40% over last year.

**Total Assets are \$4426,549.82 with liabilities of \$142.92 and Equity of \$428,406.90**

There were no questions and the Secretary-Treasurer's report was accepted as given.

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**This next portion of information was not given at the online meeting, but for consistency, we want to show this historic information.**

2021 Annual meeting Revenue	\$476,114.93 (includes insurance settlement)
2020 Annual Meeting Revenue	Cancelled
2019 Annual Meeting Revenue	\$316,682.60
2018 Annual Meeting Revenue	\$290,615.75
2017 Annual Meeting Revenue	\$223,614
2016 Annual Meeting Revenue	\$228,715
2015 Annual Meeting Revenue	\$230,287
2014 Annual Meeting Revenue	\$223,329
2013 Annual Meeting Revenue	\$228,699
2012 Annual Meeting Revenue	\$227,890
2011 Annual Meeting Revenue	\$215,050
2010 Annual Meeting Revenue	\$213,420
2009 Annual Meeting Revenue	\$204,590
2008 Annual Meeting Revenue	\$198,760
2007 Annual Meeting Revenue	\$189,887
2006 Annual Meeting Revenue	\$188,403

<b>2021 Net MO-AWWA Conference Profit</b>	<b>\$76,000</b>
2020 Net MO-AWWA Conference Profit	Cancelled
2019 Net MO-AWWA Conference Profit	\$60,000
2018 Net MO-AWWA Conference Profit	\$46,300
2017 Net MO-AWWA Conference	\$31,000
2016 Net MO-AWWA Conference	\$37,000
2015 Net MO-AWWA Conference	\$26,000
2014 Conference	\$22,000
2013 Conference	\$31,000
2012 Conference	\$32,000
2011 Conference	\$16,600
2010 Conference	\$18,280
2009 Conference	\$10,500
2008 Conference	\$23,200
2007 Conference	\$21,577
2006 Conference	\$23,752

<b>Conference 2021 Water for People Income</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>
Conference 2020 Water for People Income	Cancelled

2019 WFP	\$37,667
2018 WFP	\$37,200
2017 WFP	\$24,090
2016 WFP	\$15,751
2015 WFP	\$20,807
2014 WFP	\$11,000
2013 WFP	\$11,340
2012 WFP	\$10,391
2011 WFP	\$10,881
2010 WFP	\$ 6,113
2009 WFP	\$ 6,001

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### **Budget Approval – Chair Elect Jenny Doyle**

Chair Elect Doyle presented the Budget which was sent to attendees previously. We are increasing the budget for travel as events are being held in person once again. We expect to send members to a Strategic Planning meeting, AWWA Annual Conference, Regional Meeting of Section Officers, YP Summit, and membership Summit. We are encouraging all committees to use all of the funds in their budget so that we can break out of the pre-pandemic slump.

We are projecting to operate at a loss this year which is not consequential since we have a positive financial position.

**MOTION:** To approve proposed budget as presented.

Made by: Budget Committee Chair

Seconded by: Bob Parks

Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

### **Director’s Report – Randy Moore**

The Association is doing very well, although financially we are still bleeding a little bit. The Association has plenty of reserves to weather this storm.

Once a year, all of the 6 Councils come together for a meeting. This year, the Water 2050 Initiative was discussed, which focuses on how the water sector will change in 5 key areas (sustainability, technology, economics, governance, and social demographics). The objective is to develop a long-term vision of water’s future. This will be launched at ACE 22, and then 5 think tanks will occur over the next year.

### **Annual Conference Management - Bob Parks**

Bob thanked all of the people who have helped to put on the conference this year and invited feedback from members on how we could improve.

### **Registration Report – Mary Odom**

We are almost back to pre-pandemic levels for registration. This year, we’ve had 982 folks register for this year’s conference. This year, we added an event app, so please download the app and give it a try. We’ve worked hard to streamline the check-in process this year.

### **Young Professionals Report – Mel Peterein/Matt Sainz**

Mel Peterein reported 125 people attended the YP Social last night. She encouraged employers to continue supporting YP attendance at the conference. Matt Sainz is the incoming Chair who mentioned his goal of restarting in-person YP events this year.

### **Poster Competition Report – Karen Marie Dietze/Corinne Duckworth**

We are excited to have students attending the conference this year. We have 6 students presenting posters this year from 3 universities (Washington University St. Louis, Kansas University, and University of Missouri Columbia). Karen Marie recognized the students that were in attendance.

The judging will take place at 5:00 today, and the winner will get to attend ACE 22 at the Section's expense. We expect to have even more students participate next year.

Corinne Duckworth reported that the water taste test contest had several contestants, and the winner will be announced at the Wednesday Awards Lunch.

#### **Water For People Report – Mel Peterein**

Much like Water Equation, we work with communities around the world to provide sanitation and drinking water needs. This year, we had 112 golfers and 15 sponsors. In total, we have raised over \$370,000 over the years of partnering with MWEA!

#### **Diversity & Inclusion Report – Heather Gipp**

In October, D&I hosted a Model Water Tower Competition in the KC area which was put on at aSTEAM Village. Next year, we are planning to hold competitions in both KC and St. Louis. We are coordinating with the MWEA DEI Committee to offer panel discussions on this topic as well as a conference orientation to help first-timers leverage all they can from their JAM experience.

#### **Membership Report – Chair Elect Jenny Doyle**

Membership across the Association has been trending downward, but is now starting to level off. We finished 2021 with 674 members which is the lowest it's been in 3 years due to the pandemic. Our goal for next year is to grow by 2% and add 77 new members. Member engagement is everyone's responsibility.

#### **Election of Officers – Chair Mike Klender**

Chair Klender read the slate of officers and the formal report is shown below. He did indicate if there were any nominations from the floor to please submit those now. He allowed a minute or two for any nominations from the floor. There was no discussion or nominations.

### **OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023 SLATE OF OFFICERS**

The Officer Nominating Committee corresponded in January and identified a number of candidates suitable to fill three positions. In addition, nominations from the floor were accepted at the Annual Business Meeting. The committee was composed of three past-chairs of the organization. Joel Ogle contacted the nominees to confirm acceptance of the position. The Secretary Treasurer and Assistant Secretary Treasurer positions are changing this year. The committee brings forth the following candidates for consideration by the general membership for the election of officers to be conducted electronically during the spring of 2022:

#### **2022-2023 SLATE OF OFFICERS:**

Chair: Jenny Doyle (Automatic Nominee)  
Chair Elect: Bob Parks (Automatic Nominee)  
Vice Chair: Tony O'Malley (Nominee)  
Secretary Treasurer: Nick Davis (Nominee)  
Assistant Secretary Treasurer: Corinne Duckworth (Nominee)  
Director: Randy Moore (Incumbent)  
Third Year Trustee: James Okumu (Incumbent)  
Third Year Trustee: Karen Marie Dietze (Incumbent)  
Second Year Trustee: Mel Peterein (Incumbent)  
Second Year Trustee: Kevin Wiggins (Incumbent)  
First Year Trustee: Heather Gipp (Nominee)  
First Year Trustee: Timothy Ganz (Nominee)  
Past Chair: Mike Klender (Automatic Nominee)

Nominating Committee Chair: Joel Ogle, Members: Jeff Clarke and Drew Hess

**MOTION: To approve the slate of candidates as presented.**

Made by: Nominating Committee

Seconded by: Coby Cowl

Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

*Chair Klender indicated we will consider all officers are duly elected.*

**Installation of Officers – Ms. Cheryl Porter**

“You have been chosen to fill the various offices of the Missouri Section. Always remember that the welfare and success of this section depend upon you. You will be our voice for the Missouri Section - American Water Works Association and represent to the citizens of Missouri the mission of AWWA - The promotion of public health and welfare by assuring drinking water of unquestionable quality and sufficient quantity. As leaders for the drinking water profession, you must be an effective instrument of change by advancing the technology, science and governmental policies relative to the public drinking water profession's role in stewardship of water resources. We must be examples in which people may have confidence, that they may learn that they can depend on us in matters affecting their health, safety and welfare.

Please raise your right hand virtually and repeat after me,

“I promise to perform faithfully all the duties of the office to which I have been elected by the members of the Missouri Section. THANK YOU!

DIRECTOR--You shall represent the Missouri Section at the national level and shall represent national and Missouri in the deliberations of the other and shall act to coordinate and unify their actions.

Director-Elect--You shall represent the Section at the national level, and mentor under the current Director until such time as you are installed as the Section's Director at next year's Annual Conference and Exposition.

TRUSTEES--You shall take part in all actions of the Board and act as a liaison between the Board and the committees you are given responsibility for by your chair.

SECRETARY-TREASURER--Your office is one of trust. You are responsible for the payment of our obligations and collection of monies due. You shall attend all meetings and duly record the proceedings thereof. Guard well your trust!

ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER--You shall perform the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer when absent and assist whenever needed.

VICE CHAIR--You will be responsible for the program of our annual conference.

CHAIR ELECT--To you is given the active cooperation with the Chair for whatever is required. In the absence of the Chair, you will be prepared to assume the duties of the Chair.

CHAIR--Great trust has been reposed in you for your election to the highest office of this section. To you is entrusted the supervision of the duties of all officers. To you is entrusted the responsibility for the success of the year's program. As you assume your duties as Chair, I charge you to carry the obligation that is yours, and to uphold the mission of the AWWA.

I congratulate this section upon the officers you have chosen. At this point, we would usually ask you the members of the section to stand – today will you do so virtually?

**Passing of the Gavel:**

Will Chair Klender now present the gavel to the new Chair Jenny Doyle, thereby symbolically transferring authority and responsibility for leadership to your new officers?

**INCOMING CHAIR COMMENTS – Jenny Doyle**

Thanks Mike. I may be one of youngest chairs in the Section's history. I greatly appreciate the confidence you have place in me. I want to thank the outgoing trustees for their dedicated service: Mike Klender, Tony O'Malley, Nick Davis, Scott Phillips, and Corinne Duckworth. Will all of the current officers meet at the back of the room for a photo? Thank you all for coming.

**Adjourn**

Chair Doyle entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting;

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting  
Made by: Joel Ogle  
Seconded by: Tony O'Malley  
Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Odom, CAE  
Administrative Manager