

**Minutes of the
Regional Officer's Meeting
Tuesday, October 25, 2004
WWOA 38th Annual Conference
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin**

The meeting was called to order at 4:14 p.m. Regional Coordinator Kay Marshall welcomed those in attendance and introductions were made. The attendees were asked for their current mailing and e-mail addresses. In attendance were: Kevin Skogman, Bruce Bartel, Dawn Jandrey, Skip Poster, Peter Conine, Randy Herwig, Dale Neis, Craig Walkey, Jeremy Cramer, Timothy Nennig, Jim Thalke, Kris Gauger, Kathy Kamin, Greg Engeset, John Bond, Jeff Haack, Dennis Holtz, and Kerry Gloss.

PRESENTATION OF REGIONAL REPORTS: The following people submitted regional reports that included highlights, financial statements, membership information, new officers, future meeting sites, and future goals:

- A. Bruce Bartel – Lake Michigan District
- B. Ken Bloom – North Central District
- C. Craig Walkey – Northwest District
- D. Kris Gauger – Southeast District
- E. Skip Poster – Southern District
- F. Greg Engeset – West Central District

Highlights, news, and concerns of the regions included:

- Good attendance at the 2004 Regional meetings.
- All districts discussed their member vs. non-member attendance numbers. The Northwest District expressed concern that only 15% of their attendees were members, and asked for advice to raise that percentage.
- The districts all discussed the difference in attendance fees for member vs. non-members.

REGIONAL ISSUES: Marshall presented the following items for discussion to the Regional Officers:

- The North Central District was asked to find a secretary/treasurer to take over the clerical/financial duties for the Region. Richard McKee has been assuming the duties since the Steering Committee was formed.
- The Regions were asked to submit member vs. non-member numbers for all of their 2003-2004 meetings to Richard McKee. He needs this information for insurance purposes.
- The Regions were encouraged to communicate by e-mail and web site about future meetings, etc.
- Regions are encouraged to use e-mail in lieu of sending the meeting notifications through the US Postal System to save money.
- There seems to be some discrepancy in allowing septage operators to receive CEUs for Regional WWOA meetings. In the Northwest District, they were told that septage haulers could not receive training credits for WWOA meetings, but in the other WWOA

Regions they are allowed to do so. It was agreed that this matter should be examined more closely.

CLARIFIER: Jeff Haack encouraged the use of pictures, meeting notes and any other articles from the Regional meetings to be submitted to Dan, Jean, or himself at the Clarifier. He said that this also assists the various Regions by giving them ideas for their meetings. He reminded the attendees that, because of space restrictions in the Clarifier, not all pictures may be printed. He said that photos and brochures for plant tours and open houses are good information for cover stories.

WEB SITE: Tim Nennig stated that, although the WWOA mail list is once again up and running after the virus problems earlier this year, very few individuals are back on the list, but reminded the attendees that the Regional section of the Web Site is heavily visited. He encouraged people to use the Regional portion of the web site to announce future meetings and display the minutes and photos of past meetings. He stated that when sending the information to the Clarifier, they should also send a copy to Scott Thompson for the Web Site. He also noted that the WWOA Policy Book is now on the Web Site. Greg Engeset complimented the Web Site.

PROMOTIONS: John Bond said that the new promotional items are in and they have a large selection for sale this year. He also stated that there is a new line of women's clothing and a new logo.

MEMBERSHIP: Pete Conine announced that WWOA has set a new record with over 2000 members (2036).

OTHER BUSINESS: It was announced that there would be seven teams competing in the Operator's Competition. Jim Thalke asked that the teams meet one half hour before the competition starts. The Board was asked why the operator's competition awards were to be handed out at the annual business luncheon instead of the banquet. Some of the Regions had purchased banquet tickets for the members of the Operators Competition Teams and had registered them for Thursday night. President Herwig explained that there were time constrictions on the awards presentations at the banquet, but that the winning teams would still be announced at that time. Jeff Haack asked that each Region let Peg O'Donnell have the information about their meeting dates as soon as they plan them so that she can put the information on the WWEA calendar. He also requested that each Region check the calendar for conflicts before planning any meetings.

There being no other business to discuss, President Herwig made the motion to adjourn. Greg Engeset seconded the motion. Motion carried. Marshall adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Marshall
Regional Coordinator