

WISCONSIN WASTEWATER OPERATORS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2003
Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, WI.

President Neis called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, Monday March 10th, 2003. All Board members were present except Pete Conine and Judy Tholen who arrived later.

Also present were Gil Hantzsch, Chairperson of Local Arrangements, Bonnie Pundsack Southern Region, Kathy Kamin Southeast Region, Deb Gamble West Central Region, Greg Engeset West Central Region, Bruce Bartel Lake Michigan Region, Roy LaViolette Lake Michigan Region and Kerry Gloss Southeast Region.

President Neis welcomed all Regional Officers in attendance.

The minutes of the December 12th and 13th, 2002 Board meeting was reviewed. Herwig noted some wording corrections. Herwig made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. Kruzick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

McKee presented the Financial Statement for Board approval. McKee stated as of March 1st, 2003 revenues totaling \$96,874.03 and \$99,513.37 in expenditures, with excess expenditures over revenues totaling \$2,639.34. After a brief discussion, Herwig made a motion to approve the Financial Statement as presented. Kruzick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

McKee presented vouchers 72 -121 for Board approval. After a discussion, Herwig made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Nennig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS-McKee commented the Permanent Arrangements Committee will be visiting the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point and the Regency and K I Center in Green Bay the 28th and 29th of March.

TECHNICAL PROGRAM-Nennig provided the Board and Regional Officers with copies of a draft of the Technical Program schedule. The Committee met on February 6, 2003 at the Kalahari Resort. The Committee established a tentative technical program session agenda including the Pre-Conference Workshops. Award Banquet entertainment was also previewed with a recommendation resulting.

A total of 62 submittals were received and 37 separate papers were selected for presentation.

The Committee received an offer from Paul Kent to make a presentation on Friday morning. Paul will be presenting a regulatory theme update as part of the Operator's Farewell Breakfast.

Nennig provided the Board and Regional Officers with 3 selected keynote speakers demo tapes to view for their recommendation.

Nennig stated the Technical Program Committee previewed 5 separate comedians for this year's Award Banquet entertainment. The Committee selected well-known comedian Brad Upton from Seattle, WA. Bond made a motion to approve signing the entertainment contract for the Awards Banquet entertainment. Kruzick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The annual awards nomination form has been revised to reflect the current contact person, President-Elect Randy Herwig. The new nomination form was posted on the web site. Deadline for submittal of nominations is August 1st, 2003.

Troy Larson from Strand Associates will again be providing the signage for this year's Conference.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS-Gil Hantzsch from MSA Professional Services informed the Board and Regional Officers that Kim Wollner has sent a proposal to McKee for the Golf Outing at Christmas Mountain Resort.

The plant tours are scheduled to include Christmas Mountain Resort and Wisconsin Dells-Lake Delton treatment plant facilities.

SPOUSE PROGRAM-Gil Hantzsch reported for Kim Wollner. A proposed schedule for the Spouse Program has been set. Hantzsch asked for suggestions and comments from the Board and Regional Officers.

EXHIBIT COMMITTEE-President Neis reported for Carol Strackbein. The Exhibit hall at the Kalahari will hold approximately 107 booths. (Note there are only 81 booths spaces)

The cost for exhibit space last year was \$260.00 per exhibit. This price includes \$75.00 per firm for sponsorship fee. The fee for the exhibit space included one conference registration.

Each and every consulting firm, manufacturer and rep firm that attends the Conference pays the Sponsorship fee. This fee is used by the sponsors to pay for ½ of the box lunches, ½ of the cost of the bus service, the social hour, and ½ of the coffee breaks as well beer wine and soda for the Meet and Greet.

We ask your assistance in encouraging your members to visit the exhibits as often as possible.

MANUFACTURERS AND CONSULTANTS-No report.

OPERATORS COMPETITION-Thalke stated the competition this year would consist of the same events as last years, maintenance, operational problems, lab and safety. Operators Competition will take place Wednesday October 22nd, 2003.

Operators Competition fee is \$100.00 per team and the fee is to be received by Friday August 15th, 2003. Team names and participant's names must be submitted by Friday September 19th, 2003.

Herwig made a motion to accept the Committee Reports as reported. Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

OTHERS-President Neis read a letter to the Board that he received from Rich Heinritz pertaining to Tuition Aid. After a discussion, President Neis will write a letter to explaining to Rich Heinritz the criteria for the Tuition Aid.

NEW BUSINESS

CAREER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-Marshall commented this Ad-Hoc Committee was formed to find ways to promote our industry. We need to find ways to get our organization recognized in the high schools.

Marshall reported many volunteers have come forward with either great ideas or offers of assistance.

A survey of the Wisconsin WWTP's is well on its way. Dr. Aga Razvi's five volunteer students are making about 200 calls to facilities around the state.

Pete Conine, Dr. Razvi, and Marshall attended the Career Counselor's Conference in Madison with the WWOA booth.

David Sperling, editor of the DNR Magazine, has contacted the Committee with information required for writing an article on our profession. Several volunteer municipalities have agreed to be featured,

Lancaster, Durand, Manitowoc, and Green Bay. Tom Kruzick and Pete Conine will be writing the article and Marshall will be the photographer.

Ron Altmann of Waukesha is putting together a brochure about wastewater to give out to teachers.

Judy Tholen, Dr. Razvi and Marshall will be doing a 1-hour talk show on WRCO radio about the field of wastewater treatment.

Georgia Paul wrote and volunteered to develop presentations for high school students.

Don Lintner suggested a brochure with information on the educational opportunities available in Wisconsin or the Midwest area for Wastewater and related degrees.

Bonnie Pundsack suggested a website, www.sonsanddaughterstowork.com. The date for taking your child to work is March 24th.

A discussion pursued regarding making the Career Development a standing committee or leaving it as an Ad-Hoc Committee. It was the consensus of the Board to leave Career Development as an Ad-Hoc Committee for now, but to account for expenditures on a separate line item in the budget. This will be discussed further at the April Board meeting.

OTHERS-President Neis informed the Board this year has been declared Wisconsin's Year of Water . This is intended to provide opportunities for citizens and organizations across the state to celebrate our waters, and to focus on the importance of clean and plentiful water to Wisconsin's aquatic ecosystems, economy, culture, and quality of life.

Dr. Razvi attended the meeting that was held on February 14th in Stevens Point. If there is anyone else interested in participating you can contact Shali Pfeiffer. Her telephone number is 608-263-1692 x21.

President Neis was contacted by Wisconsin Rural Water Association regarding the possibility of creating a wastewater award to be given at their conference. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that it is Wisconsin Rural Waters choice if they want to create a wastewater award.

President Neis thanked the Regional Officers for attending the meeting.

There being not further business, Herwig made a motion to adjourn. Kruzick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Neis adjourned the meeting at 2:05 PM on Monday March 10th, 2003.

Respectfully submitted

Richard D. McKee
Executive Secretary