

## **48<sup>th</sup> Annual WWOA Business Meeting Green Bay, WI**

Before the start of the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual WWOA Business meeting, Andrew Craven, CSWEA, recognized Kevin Freber, WWOA and Sam Warp, Marshfield, with the Golden Manhole Award.

President K. Freber called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at the KI Convention Center, in Green Bay, WI. Roll call was taken, all Officers and Directors were present. Approximately 210 members were present for the meeting.

President Kevin Freber asked if there were any changes and/or additions to the agenda. None given. Randy Thater made a motion to approve the agenda put forth. Seconded by Tom Steinbach, motion carried.

President K. Freber asked for a moment of silence for all the members who had passed away in the past year.

Pete Albers asked if everyone would join in to sing Happy Birthday to Leo Templeton who was turning 93.

President Freber welcomed Jim Miller, secretary for MWOA to the meeting.

Minutes of October 24, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them was made by Jeff Simpson and seconded by Wade Peterson, motioned carried.

Executive Secretary, K. Harter, distributed copies of the financial report. Ms. Harter reported the revenues for this fiscal year ending December 31, 2013 were \$199,236.79. Expenditures totaled \$189,500.76, with a net of \$9,736.03. Sam Warp made a motion to approve the financial statement as presented, Randy Thater seconded. Motion carried.

### **NOMINATION-ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS**

Chairperson, Wade Peterson placed into nomination the name of Sharon Thieszen and Jeff Bratz for the office of Vice President. President Freber called three times for nominations from the floor. Randy Herwig made a motion to close the nominations for Vice President, Rich Boden seconded, motion carried.

President Freber informed the membership that there were two – two year term directorships open. President Freber placed into nomination three names for the office of director. These were Don Lintner, Jim Johnson and Ryan Henessey. President called three times for nominations from the floor. One name was put forth from the floor. Pete Albers put forth Kris August for director, however, Kris August was not present and did not have a proxy so his name was removed from the nominations. Motion to close the nominations was put forth by Randy Herwig. Seconded by Dale Neis. Motion carried.

All of the candidates were given the opportunity to speak.

After each candidate spoke, President Freber explained that there were two candidates for Vice President, Sharon Thieszen and Jeff Bratz. The top vote getter would become Vice President. There were two director positions and three people nominated. The top two vote getters would fill those two year terms.

The election proceeded. President Freber appointed Past Presidents Wade Peterson, Randy Thater, and Randy Herwig as ballot clerk, with Randy Herwig being chief counter. President Freber announced the winner of the Vice President position was Sharon Thieszen and the winners of the two – two year terms were Don Lintner and Jim Johnson. Randy Herwig made a motion to destroy the ballots, Dale Nies seconded. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Scholarships – Jeff Simpson advised that there were four scholarships given out with six applications. A new scholarship from North Central Labs of \$2500 for a period of two years, totally \$5000. WWOA had two, \$1000 scholarships and Crane Engineering had one, \$1000 scholarship.

Website Committee – Jeff Bratz recognized Steve Meifert for his work on the website to continue to improve it.

Promotions – Jeff Smudde advised that there were a number of clothing/hat items left for purchase. The promotions room will be open until 4pm on Thursday. Also to look on the website for more WWOA merchandise options.

Operators Competition – Jeff Bratz announced the teams and winner of the Operators Competition. Teams were:

- Team 1: LMD “The Three Amoebas”  
Brian Van Camp, Ryan Rice, Brad Graszczynski
- Team 2: LMD “The Drinkable Dischargers”  
Dustin Jerabek, Andy Vickman, Jake Kehring
- Team 3: SD “The Duce is Loose”  
Marc Zimmerman, Jeff Wellnitz, Josh Shere
- Team 4: UWSP “Wasters”  
Stefan Skorpinski, Chris Ferguson, Mike Gotham
- Team 5: NCD  
Travis Dulek, Casey Jakubek, Joel Goham

Winners were: First Place – Duce is Loose (Southern)  
Second Place – Drinkable Dischargers (LMD Team 2)  
Third Place – Wasters (UWSP)

Jeff Bratz thanked the competition judges, Matt Schmidt, Jake Bacon, Mark Duerr, Tom Steinbach, Holly Blazer, Jeff Mayou, Mike Murphy, Luke Hocker, Glen Claus, and Jim Miller.

Central States Liaison – Sharon Thieszen reported that Central States and WWOA are working together with the Young Professionals group.

Regional Officers – Sharon Thieszen reported that the upcoming meetings were on the website and that everyone should look at the WWOA website for all of the meeting dates before scheduling so there would be less conflicts.

Operator Training – Jeff Smudde and Don Lintner reported that this year’s training was the Energy Cost Training. Attendance was very good. They also asked for more ideas for operator training.

Technical Committee Chair – Lyle Lutz thanked everyone for the help with all of the technical sessions this year. He reminded everyone to fill out the conference evaluation forms. We need to know what we can do better and what everyone is looking for. He also reminded everyone about the After Social Hours we would be playing cards and raffle off prizes.

Sporting Clays – Jim Thalke reported that there were 45 participants at Tuesday’s Sporting Clays. 47 out of 50 was the best shot of the day.

Golf Outing – Randy Herwig thanked all of the sponsors for this year’s golf outing and said everyone had a great time.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Articles By-Law Changes**

President Freber advised that changes were made to the Articles and By-Laws to bring them up to date, to correct spelling errors and to acknowledge changes in technology. He called for a hand vote to accept these changes. Motion passed on a unanimous hand vote.

##### **Life Membership Changes**

Due to the confusion with last year’s changes to the Life Memberships, President Kevin Freber presented a clarification to these changes.

##### **Suggested changes to Life Membership**

##### Current Articles of Incorporation Reading:

##### Article 8: C

A Life Member shall be one who has been an Active Member for 25 years or more in this Corporation or 25 years in the Wisconsin Wastewater Work Operators Conference and Wisconsin Wastewater Operators Conference Incorporated, the predecessor organizations of this Corporation, or a total of 25 years in both. *Life Members shall have the same voting privileges as Active Members and Honorary Members. Life Members prior to 2014 shall not have to pay dues, from 2014 forward; all Life Members shall pay dues*

Proposed Articles of Incorporation Reading:

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Clarification and the reading of last year's changes were requested from the floor by Joan Hawley. After discussion, a motion to put the current membership issue on the floor to a vote was put forth by Dave Tracy and seconded by Gary Hanson. President Freber requested a vote to approve the amendment put forth. Motion passed by a hand vote. Will go into the Articles of Incorporation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Randy Herwig made a motion to adjourn. Second by Wade Peterson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. on October 9, 2014.

Minutes submitted by Karen R. Harter, Executive Secretary.