

**53<sup>rd</sup> Annual WWOA Business Meeting**  
**Green Bay, WI**  
**October 10, 2019**

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:**

President, J. Simpson called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm on Thursday, October 10, 2019. Roll call was taken, all officers and directors were present. Approximately 220 members were present for the meeting.

In honor of members that passed away the previous year, President Simpson called for a moment of silence.

Following silence, President Simpson recognized and welcomed Kay Curtin, representing Minnesota's Wastewater Operator Association. He also introduced the new Executive Secretary for WWOA, Caley Mutrie.

**2. AGENDA CHANGES AND ADDITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

President Simpson asked if there were any changes and/or additions to the agenda - no changes to the agenda were requested.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the October 18, 2018 business meeting were presented.

Tom Steinbach made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Randy Herwig. Motion carried.

**4. FINANCIALS:**

President Simpson shared current bank balances in WWOA accounts: \$99,651.96 in the WWOA Checking Account, \$11,006.98 in the WWOA Money Market Account, \$39,381.86 in the WWOA Certificate of Deposit, and \$52,925.10 in the WWOA PayPal Account, for total cash on hand of \$202,965.90. Discussion was invited and there were no comments or questions from the floor.

Kevin Freber made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Motion seconded by Randy Herwig. Motion carried.

Conference attendance as of Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> is 853 attendees and 166 exhibitors.

J. Bratz then took the podium to provide an overview and explanation of the financial situation from 2018. Due to an incident of cyber fraud, WWOA incurred a loss of \$57,000. He explained the legal steps that have been taken as well as the insurance coverage that resulted in the organization recouping \$37,000 of the lost funds. He emphasized that WWOA has put in new procedures for the handling of funds. Members were invited to comment and ask questions. In answer to several questions, he responded that (1) our secretary is bonded, (2) no data held in our database at Webfitters was breached, (3) our accounting/all files are backed up and there is sufficient security and redundancy to protect our data and information, (4) we maintain small limits on the corporate credit cards, and (5) we have moved our accounts to a new bank.

As a further clarification the members were informed that Association Executives Group (AEG) has been hired to serve as the Executive Secretary. Caley Mutrie is an Association Manager with AEG.

**5. NOMINATION – ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS:**

Nomination chairperson J. Bratz placed R. Mealy into nomination for the office of Vice President. President Simpson called three times for nominations from the floor. Jeremy Cramer was nominated from the floor but declined to accept the nomination. Randy Herwig made a motion to close nominations and that a unanimous ballot be cast electing R. Mealy to the Vice President position. Kevin Freber seconded. Motion carried.

President Simpson informed membership that there were three two-year and one one-year director terms up for election. Chairperson Jeff Bratz placed into nomination six names for the director positions: Ben Brooks, Jeremy Cramer, Dean LaFleur, Jenny Pagel, Marc Stephanie, and Diane Thoune. President called three times for nominations from the floor. There being none, Kevin Freber moved that nominations for director be closed and that a ballot vote be taken. Motion seconded by Randy Herwig.

Past presidents distributed and collected papers for votes among the membership, then counted the votes. Top four nominee vote recipients were announced: two-year directors are Ben Brooks, Jeremy Cramer and Jenny Pagel and the one-year director is Marc Stephanie.

With the election of officers complete, a motion was made to destroy the ballots by Randy Herwig. Motion seconded by Bill Hess. Motion carried.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

President Jeff Simpson made the call for committee reports. None were brought forward.

7. **OPERATORS COMPETITION:** Rick Mealy thanked all the competitors, vendors, equipment providers and judges for their participation. 2019 saw eight teams in competition. They competed in four events. Following were the teams that competed:

<u>Team #1</u>	<b>Three Musketurds</b>
<u>Team #2</u>	<b>Fecal Unicorns</b>
<u>Team #3</u>	<b>Fecal Minded</b>
<u>Team #4</u>	<b>The Deuce is Loose FIRST PLACE (Placed 1<sup>st</sup> in all four events)</b>
<u>Team #5</u>	<b>The Underdogs</b>
<u>Team #6</u>	<b>F-Bombs SECOND PLACE</b>
<u>Team #7</u>	<b>Foo Fighters THIRD PLACE</b>
<u>Team #8</u>	<b>Freshwater Bandits</b>

First place winners received a plaque and a gift card for \$200. Second place winners received a plaque and a gift card for \$100. Third place winners received a plaque and a gift card for \$50.

8. **OLD BUSINESS:** President Simpson called for old business to be discussed. There was none.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:** President Simpson called for new business to be discussed.

- a. **Operators Competition:** Members called for the competition to be made a priority and ensure it is visible and accessible by all attendees. The members heard that the Board had discussed this at their meeting on Monday and is committed to making the competition a clear priority in future years.
- b. **WVOA Website:** It was acknowledged that the website is often difficult to navigate and find information. The Board is currently considering the hosting and format of the site and will be looking at how to improve its structure and user experience.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Bill Hess, second by Randy Herwig. Meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm.