



NEVADA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY BUSINESS LUNCH MEETING—Mar 2008



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DAY & TIME: Tuesday, March 4 2008
Open meeting: 11:42 am

LOCATIONS:

Toll free dial-in number (866) 994-6437, then enter access code 263461 and press # to enter the meeting

South: HDR Conference Room
770 E Warm Springs Suite 360
Las Vegas, NV 89119
702-938-6000

North: Washoe County Department of Water Resources
4930 Energy Way
Reno, NV 89506
Phone (775) 954-4600

Jennifer McMartin
Assistant Program Administrator
NWEA Certification Board
Phone (775) 465-2045

Joe Crim (absent – on work-related travel)
Phone (775) 273-7398 cell or (775) 770-0930

Attendance:

North: Linda Peterson, Rick Warner, Jennifer McMartin, Gary Hutchison, Jackie Diggle, Suey Huey, Candace Siwarga

South: Dave James, John Solvie, Stephanie Stallsmith, Leslie Long, Jake Jacobson, Kent Vian, Gary Grinnell, Mary Carr Portillo, Angela MacKinnon, Kirk Medina, Tom Rura, Holly McNaught.

AGENDA:

1. **Review and Approval of Minutes from the NWEA Board Meeting of February 5, 2008.** *Minutes approved by quorum as amended – correct spelling on Angela MacKinnon. Kent and Jake willing to help on collections systems, not nonpoint source.*

2. **Board Reports – Voting Officers**

Past President..... Paul Orphan – Absent – no report

President..... Leslie Long – Present - see Collections Systems Committee report for information about next workshop.

President Elect..... Linda Peterson – Present – please see March 4 conference notes for report.



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WEF Delegate Rick Warner – Present – Rick was appointed to WEF House of Delegates Steering Committee – next meeting at WEFMAX in Anchorage. House of Delegates pretty slow this time of year. WEFTEC housing opens up first week in April for reservations for Chicago in October. Recommended that we jump on it soon as housing closes up quickly.

Rick – budget request for WEFMAX and YP forum. Nevada is committed to 2009 or 2010 to host a YP meeting in Las Vegas so representatives should go from Nevada this year. Eric Leveque, Rick Warner and Hannah attended last year. Rick found it to be very useful. Rick recommends that a NWEA board member from Las Vegas go to Austin. Rick recommends that Dave James attend WEFMAX and YP summit. **Action:** Dave will check with the family to see if he can attend May 1-2 and will let the board know. If yes, Dave will coordinate with Hannah. Income of \$80,000 and expenses of 45,000 so budget could handle the expense to send two YP representatives and a NWEA board member. **Motion:** Board approved expenses associated with sending YP representatives and a board member to Austin.

PWO Representative. Stephen Long – Absent –

Treasurer Gary Hutchinson – Present - In the Certification Board account, ending balance of \$10,000 as of February 29, 2008. In the Executive Board account, ending balance of \$60,000 as of February 29, 2008. Income of \$80,000 and expenses of \$45,000 to date this year. Have several science fair checks from last year, totaling \$525 that were not cashed. *Treasurer’s report accepted by quorum.*

Secretary..... Dave James – Present – Proposed to set up links on NWEA website. **Action:** Dave sends minutes and agendas to Suey for posting. April agenda will also be sent to Suey. Dave will be sending NWEA board email list to Suey. Suey will send out notices with links to website.

WEF Director at Large Starlin Jones – Absent -

3. **NWEA Committee Reports (non-voting if not on Executive Board)**

Annual Conference Paul Orphan/Linda Peterson

a. Planning – *Linda reporting.* – On-line registration is up and ready to go. Agenda will be finalized by the end of the week. 11 exhibitors committed so far, more will be recruited. Need more sponsorships. **Action:** Everyone, please hit up your companies to sponsor. Also, please register. Please get your shirt size in as soon as possible. Conference program could be sent out next week. Synopsis of the conference committee meeting (please see attached Conference committee notes). Conference dates are May 13-16, 2008 at John Ascuaga’s Nugget in Sparks Nevada.

b. Nominations... Eric Leveque – Absent – Leslie will ask Eric and Paul to serve on the Nominations committee

c..... Awards Northern NV, Rick Warner – Giving out WEF national Bidell, Hatfield and WEF Lab analyst, and state operator of year and young professional of year.

..... Southern NV, Lee Siekerka - Absent



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Certification Board.....Bill Shepherd/Jennifer McMartin.

c. Certification Board administration - Jennifer McMartin – Jennifer will be proctoring certification exams at the Nevada Rural water Conference.

..... **1) Laptop and printer/scanner status** – Jennifer added surge protector and wireless mouse for new laptop. Board approved \$61 to reimburse her for those expenses. Jennifer is appreciative of the new laptop and equipment. **Association of Boards of Certification**.....John Solvie – John was able to secure ABC Board approval last year to contract the addition of 100 new federal regulatory questions to ABC's wastewater item bank. The project is nearing completion. NWEA uses ABC standardized exams for all exam disciplines except IWI.

Constitution & Bylaws.....Dave James – Present - Board, moved approval and acceptance of clean up of Bylaws requested by WEF. Dave to send them back to WEF with the changes accepted.

Membership.....Northern NV – Stephen Long
Southern NV – Robert Brennan – No report

Publications.....Mark Briggs – Absent –

WebsiteSuey Huey – Website update. New website will be
.....discussed at NWEA business meeting in May

Safety Committee.....Ellery Tiongson – Absent - no report

Collection System..... Northern NV, Eric Strung
.....Southern NV, Stephanie Stallsmith – workshop will be postponed until summer. Meeting will be held with Tri-State representatives. The conference presentation will be similar to what was offered at Tri-State. Idea for a collection systems dinner every other month and maybe have a speaker presenting on a specialty topic. Leslie asks Jake and Stephanie to come up with a schedule and some proposed speakers, possibly hold the dinner at a sponsor's office (like HDR) by the next board meeting.

Non-point source committee .. Angela MacKinnon – she is researching what other WEF member organizations have done with Stormwater. California has had a pollution prevention and stormwater program running for 30 years. Discussion topics in California are similar to municipal NPDES permit elements: stormwater monitoring, public education, outreach. Start small, look at increasing number of presenters at annual conferences to address areas of NPDES municipal discharge permits. Reach out and ask in the professional community if there are others who are interested in participating. Tri-state conference is at the end of September with abstracts due early May (with end of March for preliminary abstracts). Try to find presenters from among consultants, NDEP, EPA, collections agency staff. Angela asking for participants in a conference call in March and April. Jake Jacobson will help. John Solvie will help. Leslie will help with conference call.

4. NWEA Training and Development:

Public EducationNorthern NV, Dave Bruketta
.....Southern NV, Maria Stosich – Absent, no report



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Circuit Rider.....Linda Peterson/Starlin Jones – Present - no report

Professional DevelopmentNorthern NV, John Buzzone
.....Southern NV, Stephen Lacy – Absent – Leslie, Steve
and John putting together a disinfection seminar set for April.

Young ProfessionalsNorthern NV, Rick Warner, Candace Siwarga – Present
.....Southern NV, Hannah Wilner – Absent –
Rick introduced Candace Siwarga to the Board as a new member of the Northern Nevada
Young Professionals. Rick reports that he and Hannah are working to set up the lunch at
the annual conference.

Tri-State Conference.....Keni Whalen/Bruce Dacko/Eric Leveque/Dave Ruegge –
no report

College of Southern Nevada ...Bill Shepherd – Absent

Reuse Committeeformed with Gary Grinnell, Holly McNaught, Mary
CarrPortillo as members

a) Reuse NevadaNorthern NV, Joe Maez
.....Southern NV, - *Mary Carr Portillo nominated as member
of Reuse committee.*

b) Liaison to Water Reuse Association – nominee to be selected

Motion to reorganize as shown above: Approved by quorum and will lead to slight
reorganization of the agenda.

5. Partner Organizations:

Cal/Nevada AWWA LiaisonGary Grinnell – Present – Cal/Nevada section Hollywood
21-24 April with a session on recycled water. Annual AWWA conference in Atlanta June
8-12. Water Reuse Symposium Sept 8-12 in Dallas. Local water reuse association needs
to be re-energized. Looking for nominees to support operating the Water Reuse
Association, Nevada chapter. Mary Carr Portillo attending is an AWWA member and is
willing to work with Gary and Holly.

Collaboration between AWWA and WEF locally is now only at Tri-state, largely because
of schedule conflicts. For now, focus on liaison with Cal-Nev AWWA and NWEA in areas
of Reuse and emerging contaminants.

Stockholm Junior Water Prize Maria Stosich – Absent – no report.
..... Candace Siwarga – Present
Tom Swan, Candace Siwarga, Rick Warner and Dave Bruketta will be judging at 2008
Western Nevada Regional Science and Engineering Fair, for Stockholm Junior Water
prize.



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Water for People..... Leisa Tucker – Absent – no report. Dave James reports that a Water for People project on low cost arsenic removal, developed nationally at Lehigh University, has been nominated for a 2007 ASCE Outstanding Civil Engineering project.

Association of Boards Certification.... John Solvie – Present – report given with Certification Board, above

6. Old Business –

Linda requests that people call her if they don't get an email response within one day, because of her spam filters.

7. New Business –

a) Jackie will work on membership list.

b) Defined term of office and apprentice for Mark Briggs – Board members to consider locating an apprentice for Mark.

c) Board approved WEF-requested changes to NWEA bylaws (see Constitution and Bylaws above)

8. Next Meeting Date(s):

Proposed – Tuesday, April 8, 2008

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 am – Conference call on Annual conference

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Board meeting via teleconference

South – CH2M-Hill office, Stephanie will inform Hannah

North – Washoe County Dept Water Resources Conf room

North – Jennifer McMMartin's office

9. Adjourn – 12:50 pm