

**NEVADA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FINAL MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 15, 2008 -11:30 am – 1:00 pm



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Present

North: Gary Hutchinson, Suey Huey, Rick Warner, Stephen Long, Jennifer McMartin, Joel Bellin, Brain Dela Barre

South: Charles Trushel, Dave James, Jay Peterson, , Jill Christiano, John Solvie, Greg Turner, Jake Jacobson, Jeff Wyett

1. Review and Approval of NWEA Board Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2008
Minutes approved by Charles Trushel, second by Rick Warner, motion carried.

2. Board Reports – Voting Officers
Past-President, Leslie Long - No report

President, Linda Peterson - No report

President Elect, David James - is working with Alicia Burrows and Leslie Long locating conference sites.

WEF Delegate, Rick Warner - will be attending the meeting at WEFTEC; this is his third and last year. Nation string committee and planning for WEFMAX will be held in Las Vegas.

PWO Representative, Charles Trushel – Developing a supplies equipment list for the conference. Charles will need help in the future with the operators challenge; will need to push for donations. Hoping to have a team from Clark County; the Reno/Sparks Rattlers are planning to compete.

WEF PWO Delegate, Starlin Jones – No report

Secretary, Stephen Long – Corrected September minutes. Nothing new to report. Charles Trushel motioned to accept the October minutes, Rick Warner second, motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report – Gary Hutchinson

- a. Executive Account Balance - \$51,000; \$3,800.00 for Website design (the largest recent expense).
- b. Certification Board \$15,000; Reserve Account \$25,000
- c. Total of all accounts of \$91,000.

Approval of Treasurer's Report – Stephen Long motioned to accept the report and Charles Trushel second, motion carried.

4. Conference Report

- a. Dr. Dave James reported the meeting at Tri-State, set the Conference date for April 14–17, 2009. Possible themes for the conference: “Royal Flush”, “Take the Poop out of the Loop” and “Go with the Flow”. Everyone in attendance voted for “*Go with the Flow*”.
- b. The Board reviewed the conference location list that was e-mailed by Dr. Dave James and South Point looked like the best location. Space for the equipment show and classrooms is becoming an issue. It was suggested to talk with Eric Leveque about the South Point location as he has some experience with them. The bid was approximately \$13,000 without food; \$25,000 would be a good price with food included in the cost.
- c. It was suggested that the Board talk with their groups about travel/training restrictions in the future and if a 3 or 4 day conference would be supported.
- e. A work force topic during the conference and possibly a panel decision (Rick Warner); “Work force Crises” ? to get more information.

5. NWEA Operations Committee Reports

Certification Board

Jennifer McMartin and John Solvie, - The CEU Survey was a success and everyone Jennifer talked with was very supportive. There will be a Board Meeting on November 13th; potential agenda item: report from the Certification Board to the NDEP for the Executive Board to review. November 20st is the date scheduled for the Maintenance Exam.

Association of Boards of Certification

John Solvie - reported that ABC is very pleased with Nevada's interest and participation in pilot testing ABC's Plant Maintenance Technologist exams. ABC's Board of Directors has unanimously approved a two year extension to ABC's computerized testing contract with AMP. The Board also unanimously approved a major revision to the Bylaws, Policies & Procedures and a restructuring of ABC's Board of Directors, which will consolidate the governance of ABC's Board from 29 members to 13 members. The proposed Bylaw revisions are being sent to the membership for approval.

- Constitution & Bylaws, Dave James – No report.

6. Services to Members and the Public - Communications

- Publications, Mark Briggs – No report
- Website, Suey Huey – Z designs is working on the new website. Suey indicated they would be looking for photos for the new slide show for the website. Certification and Executive Boards will need to review Website once completed. Extra function of the Website includes the availability for people to be able to subscribe to the site and supply information directly to the website via e-mail list and event links as well.

Membership Development

- Northern NV, Stephen Long – Membership, No report
- Southern NV, Thomas Rura – No report
- Young Professionals - Northern NV, Candice Siwarga - Candice will be attending the YP function at WEF in Chicago. WEFMAX meeting is scheduled for Wednesday morning at WEF. UNR Day with pizza is to try and organize an YP luncheon series in the future.
- Southern NV, Hannah Wilner, Angela MacKinnon - YP lunch at Tri-State had a good attendance.

Professional Development and Continuing Education

- Tri-State Conference, Bruce Dacko/Eric Leveque/Dave Ruegge – No report, but might be moving the event in the future.
- Circuit Rider, Linda Peterson/Starlin Jones - No report
- College of Southern Nevada, Bill Shepherd – No report; classes have had at least 20 people attending.
- Professional Development, Northern NV, John Buzzone – No report
- Southern Nevada, Margaret Regan – No report

Public and K-12 Outreach

- Public Education, Northern Nevada, Dave Bruketta, Candice Siwarga – No report
- Southern Nevada, Maria Stosich – No report
- Stockholm Junior Water Prize, Maria Stosich, Jill Christiano – working to get more people - involved. Dr. Dave James suggested the Future Cities Organization, as a possible source.
- Water for People, Leisa Tucker – Lynell Garfield will consider helping after January 2009.

Topical Committees

- Safety Committee, Vacant- Jake Jacobson may have a person to fill the slot. The potential committee member is a vendor who wanted Board to invite him to be a member and fill the vacant chair. Dr. Dave James gave him the OK to proceed and the Board approved.
- Collections Committee, Eric Strung, Stephanie Stallsmith, Kent Vian, Jake Jacobson, and Tom Rura – The committee wants to expand the collection section at the conference. They are waiting for the schedule to be arranged to see if they could be accommodated.
- Nonpoint Source Committee, Angela MacKinnon -
- Reuse Committee, Gary Grinnell, Holly McNaught, Mary Carr Portillo
 - a) Reuse NevadaNorthern Nevada, Dewayne Smith is replacing Joe Maze
Southern Nevada, Mary Carr Portillo – No report
 - b) Water Reuse Association, Nominee to be selected.
- Cal/Nevada AWWA Liaison, Gary Grinnell – No report.

7. Old Business – Work Force panel for future discussion.

8. New Business – Conference meeting 11:00 a.m. (before meeting)

9. Next Meeting Date: Proposed date, Wednesday, November 12, 2008

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10. Adjourned – 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By
 Stephen Long, Secretary