

Pennsylvania Water Environment Association February 25, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting Conference Call Minutes

Board members present: Art Auchenbach, Joseph Drnach, Mike Kyle, Dean Miller, Fran McGovern, Todd Kauffman, Tina Myers, Doug Pike, Mike Sassaman, Mike Sedon and Daniel Slagle

Committee Chairpersons present: Marilyn Baron, David Brown, Patrick Canavan, Larry Fair, Carl Janson, Jim Kern

DEP Representative: Lee McDonnell

Staff: Susan Boynton

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Dean Miller called the conference call meeting to order at 10:05AM; a quorum was confirmed.

President Miller asked for discussion on or approval of the December 10, 2010 Board Meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion/Second by: Art Auchenbach/Joseph Drnach
Motion (passed): To approve the December 10, 2010 Board Minutes as recorded.

President's Report

President Miller reminded everyone of the upcoming Marcellus Shale conference at Mansfield University. Dean extended a thank you to Pat Canavan for coordinating the effort in bringing the conference together. Dean reported that registration was now open for all of the mandatory DEP security workshops and that this course was also being offered in the correspondence format.

President Miller reported that he would like to meet with the WWOAP board and begin discussion of a possible joint conference in 2013. Appropriate planning would be needed for a successful joint conference.

President Miller requested the Central and West Section Representatives email him with business meeting dates that he, Joe Drnach and Chuck Music could attend. Dean then noted that he would like to have PWEA leadership meet with Section leadership at PennTec as was done at PennTec 2010. Dan Slagle noted the next WPWPCA board meeting was scheduled for April 15th. Fran McGovern noted the next CPWQA board meeting was scheduled for March 11th.

First Vice President's Report

First Vice-President Joe Drnach had nothing new to report.

Second Vice President's Report

Second Vice President Chuck Music had nothing new to report.

First Past President's Report

Absent; no report submitted.

Second Past President's Report

Second Past President Doug Pike had nothing new to report

Editor

Julianne Stile reported the Committee was continuing discussion and work on the RFP for Publisher.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Art Auchenbach requested comments or questions on the financials that were presented. Art commented on line items of interest and noted the Association was in good financial position. Art noted there were sufficient funds for PWEA to open another certificate of deposit. Executive Director Sue Boynton noted that she would address this in the near future.

Western Director's Report

Western Section Director Dan Slagle reported the PA DEP had approved contact hours for the Section's business meetings. Dan reported the Section currently had 580 members. Dan provided information about continuing education training taken in other states not being recognized in the Commonwealth and requested PWEA work with the PA DEP to honor course contact hours earned in other states.

Central Section Director's Report

Central Section Director Fran McGovern reported the Section's membership numbers were good. Fran noted the Go-With-The-Flow golf tournament is scheduled for August 5, 2011. The next Section business meeting is scheduled for March 11th at 8:30AM.

Eastern Section Director's Report

Eastern Section Director Tina Myers reported the next Section meeting was scheduled for March 18th at Abington Township. Tina noted the Section was working on several upcoming continuing education training events.

First Federation Delegate's Report

First Federation Delegate Mike Sassaman reported WEF had revised the 5S pages of its website to reflect a correction requested by PWEA in 2009, indicating that Pennsylvania was the first Member Association to form a Sludge Shoveler's Society. Dean Miller extended a thank you to Mike for his continued effort in getting this correction made.

Second Federation Delegate's Report

Second Federation Mike Kyle reported the WEF Board of Trustees still planned to have an Operator Summit with certification officials and representatives to discuss mandatory certification in North America. Mike noted the Operator Outreach group would be sending out a survey focusing on WEF becoming a repository for Member Association training packages.

Professional Wastewater Operations Director

PWO Director Mike Sedon reported that due to various factors, there were no Operations Challenge teams for 2011. Mike suggested "mini teams" be formed that would concentrate on one or two of the tests rather than all of the Challenge tests.

PA DEP Report

Lee McDonnell reported John Hines was named Executive Deputy Secretary and that no one had yet been identified to assume the position of Water Deputy.

Motion/Second by: Art Auchenbach/Fran McGovern
Motion (passed): To accept Officer and Director reports.

Administrative Report

Executive Director Sue Boynton reviewed supporting administrative documents provided with the Board packet. Carl Janson provided additional information on the effort needed to host the national Stockholm Jr. Water Prize competition.

Advertising Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted. Dean Miller noted that a thank you was in order for Rachel Kirkham for her assistance in soliciting new or renewed ad insertions, which increased the 2011 advertising revenue.

Awards Committee Report

Larry Fair reported the Committee had completed and submitted the forms to WEF for the WEF awards. Larry noted the recent committee meeting went well and that discussion was held regarding the entire awards process with an emphasis on fairness. Larry reported the section representatives in attendance at the meeting were requested to send all nominations to the PWEA administrative office. The staff would then distribute to the appropriate technical committee for further action.

Biosolids Committee Report

Absent; no report submitted.

Collection Systems Committee Report

Absent; refer to written report in Board packet.

Conference Committee Report

Joseph Drnach reported plans for the 2011 conference were moving along very well. Marilyn Baron requested everyone refer to the Exhibitors and Sponsors Committee report. Marilyn noted that plans were moving along well.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Finance Committee Report

Absent; no report submitted.

Government Affairs Committee Report

Absent; no report submitted.

Industrial Pretreatment Committee Report

Absent, refer to written report in Board packet.

Laboratory Practices

Pat Canavan reported the Committee was finalizing its plans for the ethics and data integrity workshop to be held at PennTec. Pat noted the PA DEP would like to see this workshop presented in the central part of the state; the Committee would be discussing this.

Membership Committee Report

Absent; no report submitted.

Nominations Committee Report

Carl Janson presented the list of nominees for the 2011/2012 term and noted that everyone had approval of their employer to participate.

Motion/Second by: Joseph Drnach/Mike Kyle

Motion (passed): To accept the slate of Officer Nominees as presented by the Nominations Committee.

Operator Certification Committee Report

Dean Miller had nothing new to report.

Policy and Planning Committee Report

Absent; no report submitted.

Public Education Committee Report

Absent; no report submitted.

Research Committee Report

Absent; written committee report provided.

Safety Committee Report

Absent; no report submitted.

Training Committee Report

Dave Brown reported plans for all the mandatory security workshops were finalized. Dave noted the DEP had approved conference contact hours for the Marcellus Shale conference.

Jim Kern reported the Committee was looking at developing a fact sheet to assist with questions concerning continuing education and professional development hour credit that would be ready for handout at PennTec in June.

Dean Miller extended a thank you to the Training Committee for its help with the security workshops and Marcellus Shale conference.

Utility Management Committee Report

Absent; no report submitted.

Water Reuse Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Web Site Committee Report

Carl Janson had nothing new to report.

Young Professionals

Absent; no report submitted.

Motion/Second by: Dan Slagle/Mike Sassaman

Motion (passed): To accept the Administrative and Committee reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The decision of whether to lend support to the proposed Bill titled "Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization and Improvement Act" continues to be tabled until after January 2011, at such time when the Chesapeake Bay Foundation would have additional information to provide.

Mike Kyle requested status on the regulatory comment paper given to the Government Affairs Committee. No information was available to report.

NEW BUSINESS

The slate of Officer Nominees was presented with the Nominations Committee report.

The conference call meeting adjourned at 11:40AM.