

**Pennsylvania Water Environment Association
September 24, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Holiday Inn Conference Center – New Cumberland, PA**

Board members present: Art Auchenbach, Joseph Drnach, Scot Fertich, Dean Miller, Fran McGovern, Charles Music, Doug Pike, Mike Sassaman, Mike Sedon, Alison Shuler and Julianne Stile

Committee Chairpersons present: Marilyn Baron, Jeff Cantwell, Judy Musselman, Dana Pizarro, Sophie Simon

Staff: Susan Boynton

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

President Miller asked for discussion on or approval of the April 1, 2010 Board Meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion/Second by: Art Auchenbach/Scot Fertich
Motion (passed): To approve the August 12, 2010 Board Minutes.

President's Report

President Dean Miller asked that everyone keep Sara Urbanczyk in their thoughts and prayers at the passing of her father.

President Miller confirmed formation of the Marcellus Shale Ad-Hoc Committee including its members: Pat Canavan, serving as the Chair; Jim Hopkins, Matt DeMarco, David Brown, Clayton Bubeck and John Spitko. President Miller reported he would ask the Training Committee to work with the Ad-Hoc Committee to develop content for a Marcellus Shale specialty conference for spring of 2011.

President Miller reported he attended the last meeting of the EPWPCOA to discuss and present PWEA's Strategic Plan.

President Miller announced that sponsorships were still being accepted for the PA Night Reception at WEFTEC.

First Vice President's Report

First Vice-President Joe Drnach reviewed highlights of the recent Conference Committee meeting. He reported that planning for PennTec 2011 had begun and logistics were finalized. Parking at the Lancaster Convention Center was a discussion item at the Conference Committee meeting. Joe reported that the daily parking fee had been negotiated with the Lancaster Marriott so that it would be included in the lodging rate. His recommendation as Conference Committee Chair was to have daily commuters be responsible for their own parking expense. The negotiated reduced rate is \$7; half of the regular daily rate.

Second Vice President's Report

Second Vice President Chuck Music reported he would be working on identifying a golf course for PennTec 2011.

First Past President's Report

First Past President Alison Shuler reported she attended a recent meeting of the Ed Tech Council. She reminded everyone that PWEA has a voting seat on this Council. In the best interest of effectively

scheduling training, the Council announced it would be beneficial that industry associations share their event calendars.

First Past President Shuler reported on the topic of MS4, noting that public meetings would be important; that point source issues could have legality issues; and that EPA's numbers are different than the PA DEP's numbers.

First Past President Shuler reported the PA DEP (Veronica Kasi) would be requesting a meeting of industry associations during the month of November to discuss possible offerings of the operator certification exam. Ms. Kasi noted the DEP continues to be understaffed, and scheduling of exams was critical in order to ensure a sufficient number of proctors were available. The Regulations and final fee structure have been posted to the DEP website.

Second Past President's Report

Second Past President Doug Pike reported the subject of a laboratory supervisor exam was discussed at the last meeting with John Hines.

Editor

Julianne Stile reported she was continuing to work with Shannon on transitioning the Editor's responsibilities. She acknowledged the delayed project of issuing an RFP for Publisher and requested a few months for her to become more familiar with all the processes related to publishing the KWQM before reactivating the project. She noted that a subcommittee had been formed to develop an RFP.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Art Auchenbach reviewed the month ending October financial reports noting line items he wanted to highlight with respect to success or any variance.

Western Director's Report

Mike Sedon, PWO Director, provided a report on behalf of the Section. The Section currently has 672 members. The next Section meeting and awards program is scheduled for October 21, 2010. Mike reported the Section would be offering training courses in October and November.

Central Section Director's Report

Central Section Director Fran McGovern reported the Section's Trade Fair was scheduled for October 20, 2010. Fran reported he would check on decision or status of donations toward the Operations Challenge program and report at the December Board meeting.

The Section's Trade Fair was scheduled for October 20th.

Eastern Section Director's Report

Eastern Section Alternate Director Scot Fertich reported the Section would be discussing a change to the official business name for the Section from EPWPCOA to EPWEA (Eastern Pennsylvania Water Environment Association) at the Section's November meeting. If approved, the name change would be reflected in an update to the Section's bylaws.

The EPWPCOA Board approved the Scholarship Committee to be the approving body for scholarships to area community colleges, so that there would be a better focus on those individuals actually working in the industry.

First Federation Delegate's Report

First Federation Delegate Mike Sassaman reminded everyone of the dates of WEFTEC.10. Mike also reported that Dean Miller, if available, would serve as proxy for Mike during the House of Delegates meeting.

Second Federation Delegate's Report

Absent; no report submitted.

Professional Wastewater Operations Director

PWO Director Mike Sedon reported the DELCORA team found it necessary to pull out of the Operations Challenge event at WEFTEC due to personnel issues.

PA DEP Report

Absent, no report submitted.

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

WEF Board of Trustee Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Administrative Report

Executive Director Sue Boynton reviewed communication items received or sent by US Mail. She also reviewed the schedule of future Board meetings and requested that Section Directors review the schedule for any conflicts with Section events.

A request was made for the Board to review the options for future purchases of Golden Manhole pins.

Motion/Second by: Joseph Drnach/Doug Pike
Motion (passed with two nays): To approve purchase of the better quality, gold-filled Golden Manhole pins.

Advertising Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Awards Committee Report

Absent; no report submitted.

Biosolids Committee Report

Absent; no report submitted.

Collection Systems Committee Report

Jeff Cantwell reported the Committee met face-to-face at PennTec and has held two meetings since PennTec. He reported the committee had sufficient topics to develop sessions for PennTec 2011. The Committee would also be working on a workshop for spring 2011 on the subject of inflow and infiltration. Information would be provided to the Training Committee so that an application for approval could be submitted to the PA DEP.

Conference Committee Report

Joseph Drnach provided the Committee report during his Vice-President's report.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Finance Committee Report

Alison reported the Finance Committee would be meeting by conference call during the month of November to discuss a proposed draft budget.

Government Affairs Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Industrial Pretreatment Committee Report

Judy Musselman reported the Committee had already begun planning for PennTec 2011 session content and that the subject matter would again be Marcellus Shale, since it is a priority subject matter for the Commonwealth.

Laboratory Practices

Absent; no report submitted.

Membership Committee Report

Dana Pizarro introduced himself at the new Chairperson and reported that he would be working to reactivate the Committee after a two-year lapse of activity. Dana requested the Western Section Directors identify a Section member willing to serve on the Committee, as both other Sections were represented.

Dana reported the first item of business to be address by the Committee would be the offer WEF made to provide electronic access to the WE&T publication to all PWEA-only members. Dana noted he would report back to Sue Boynton the Committee's recommendations.

Dana asked if the Zoomerang survey service was still available. Sue Boynton reported she had let the subscription lapse due to non-use, but that it could be reactivated.

Nominations Committee Report

Absent; no report submitted

Operator Certification Committee Report

Dean Miller reported the Operator Certification Regulations would soon be approved and posted to the DEP's website.

Policy and Planning Committee Report

Alison Shuler had nothing new to report.

Public Education Committee Report

Sophie Simon reported the Committee had met in August. The Committee was looking to expand the content of the Article Bank. The Committee is also looking to have a table at PennTec 2011 to display and provide printed articles for attendees to review and take with them.

Dean Miller noted that part of PWEA's Strategic Plan was to reach out to the public and better educate them on the industry, its challenges and its career opportunities. Sophie noted the Committee was working to develop a press release to be submitted to newspapers.

Research Committee Report

Absent; written committee report provided.

Safety Committee Report

Absent, no report provided

Training Committee Report

David Brown reported that the Committee would begin working on scheduling workshops to offer the mandatory security training. Dave referred everyone to the document submitted by Jim Kern.

Utility Management Committee Report

Absent; no report submitted.

Water Reuse Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Web Site Committee Report

Absent; no report submitted.

Young Professionals

Absent; no report submitted

Motion/Second by: Joseph Drnach/Mike Sassaman
Motion (passed): To accept the Administrative and Committee reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The task of developing a position statement regarding hydrofracking in Pennsylvania was assigned to the newly formed Marcellus Shale Ad-Hoc Committee.

The task of reviewing the Hall & Associates communication regarding nutrient criteria standards was assigned to the Nutrient Ad-Hoc Committee with a request to recommend whether or not a response was warranted.

Alison Shuler provided her comments on responding to the request for support of the pending Bill titled "Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization and Improvement Act." Review of this request had initially been sent to the Nutrient Ad-Hoc Committee for review and recommendation. Alison reported the funding was going to non-point source entities and that it may not be prudent or beneficial for point source organizations to support the Bill.

Motion/Second by: Alison Shuler/Joseph Drnach
Motion (passed): To table the decision of whether to lend support to the proposed Bill titled "Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization and Improvement Act" until after January 1, 2011, when the Chesapeake Bay Foundation would have additional information to provide.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30PM.