

**Pennsylvania Water Environment Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2009 – 10:00AM Conference Call**

Board members present: Art Auchenbach, Kate Crowley, Michael DiSantis, Edward Gillette, Todd Kauffman, Dean Miller, Charles Music, Douglas Pike, John Schon, Alison Shuler, Daniel Slagle, and Shannon Williams

Committee Chairpersons present: Patrick Canavan, Twila Dixon, Carl Janson, and Lucinda Pye

Staff: Susan Boynton

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Douglas Pike called the conference call meeting to order at 10:05AM; a quorum was confirmed. President Pike announced he was inserting the Water Reuse Committee report prior to the Officer/Director reports because of a time constraint by the chairperson and also noted the committee reports would begin to rotate alphabetical order from meeting to meeting.

Doug Pike asked for discussion on or approval of the December 5, 2008 Board Meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion/Second by: Alison Shuler/Art Auchenbach

Motion (passed): To approve the December 5, 2008 Minutes as submitted.

President's Report

President Pike reported he will be preparing an article for the KWQM based on his and other presentations given at a recent meeting of the House Consumer Affairs Committee regarding important issues related to the water and wastewater industry.

First Vice President's Report

First Vice President Alison Shuler had nothing new to report.

Second Vice President's Report

Second Vice President Dean Miller had nothing new to report.

First Past President's Report

First Past President Edward Gillette provided a brief update on the issue of nutrient standards including the EPA's intention to do an internal peer review. Ed indicated it was doubtful that progress will be made in reducing nutrient standards.

Second Past President's Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Editor

Shannon Williams had nothing new to report.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Art Auchenbach provided a review of the financial reports and noted the Association is in good financial position. Art indicated he had been in contact with PA Invest and that he would be emailing the Executive Committee with proposed dates for a meeting with PA Invest representatives.

Western Director's Report

Western Section Representative Dan Slagle reported Dave Brown was the 2009 WPWPCA President. The Section had a good year, with a net income of \$2,500. It was reported the Section was looking at ways to reduce certain costs so that extra money would be available to provide additional member benefits. The Section currently has 598 members.

Central Section Director's Report

Central Section Director Chuck Music reported the next board meeting was March 20, 2009 and membership meetings would be held in April and May. It was reported the Section is doing well.

Eastern Section Director's Report

Eastern Section representative Todd Kauffman reported the Section was doing well and that Joe DiMatteo was the new Section President. The next membership meeting would be held on March 20, 2009.

First Federation Delegate's Report

First Federation Delegate John Schon reported on the upcoming WEFMAX meeting to be held in New York City. John noted that Doug Pike, Alison Shuler, Dean Miller, Mike Sassaman, Carl Janson and he would be attending. He thanked Alison Shuler for volunteering to develop PWEA's fact sheet and presentation.

Second Federation Delegate's Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Professional Wastewater Operations Director

Mike DiSantis had nothing new to report.

PA DEP Report

Kate Crowley provided an update on the Commonwealth's budget and indicated there were plans to cut personnel and that a wage and travel freeze had been put into effect.

Kate reported the PA DEP was working to ready applicants for when the stimulus and other funding streams became available. It was reported the northeast had 20 potential applicants and that the PA DEP knew of \$140 million in pending wastewater projects. She noted the federal money was for a variety of infrastructure projects, not just wastewater. Kate noted that the federal money will be handled by PennVest and that permits do not need to be in hand for the federal monies

Kate provided an updated on Marcellus shale activities and indicated the north central regional offices in Pittsburgh and Meadville were preparing for staff increases in positions as inspectors, water specialists, etc. It was reported the PA DEP has several pending permit applications and the plan was to review each application on a case-by-case basis.

Discussion was held regarding a proposed EPWPCOA letter to the EQB regarding the Operator Certification Regulations. Concerns were expressed regarding a letter being sent directly to the EQB without first working with the PA DEP, and it was proposed that the PWEA develop a letter on the subject and mail to Veronica Casey at the PA DEP. Dean indicated he would work on the letter.

Motion/Second by: John Schon/Edward Gillette
Motion (passed): To accept Officer and Director reports.

Administrative Report

Executive Director Sue Boynton briefly reviewed an inquiry from PaWARN regarding future budgeting options to support the project. A couple comments were made regarding the thought of facilities funding the program in the future. No discussion was held on adding a line item to support the PaWARN in future operating budgets. An update on a fee reduction of credit card was reported. A brief review of the communications received was reported.

The Committee Reports for this meeting are reported in alphabetical order, although they were presented in reverse order at the Board meeting.

Advertising Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Awards Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Biosolids Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Bylaws Committee Report

Doug Pike asked John Schon if he would be willing to chair this Committee and work with Sue Boynton on updating PWEA's outdated bylaws.

Collection Systems Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Conference Committee Report

Alison Shuler reported that tasks for PennTec 2009 were on schedule and moving forward.

Twila Dixon reported the \$50 raffle was being discontinued for 2009 and would be replaced by a raffle that would provide a few larger cash prizes. In order to enter and win the raffle, attendees would be required to visit a specified number of vendor booths to obtain answers to three or four questions that would have been provided in advance of the conference.

Finance Committee Report

Ed Gillette had nothing new to report.

Government Affairs Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted

Industrial Pretreatment Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted

Laboratory Practices

Pat Canavan participated in the conference call and reported on behalf of the Committee. Pat reported on the Committee's planned workshop for two dates and locations in May. Pat noted the course had been submitted to the PA DEP in December and approval had been received in late January for nine contact hours. Pat noted the Committee was excited to be able to provide a workshop offering this many contact hours and also noted training on this subject was not readily provided by training providers.

Membership Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Nominations Committee Report

Carl Janson submitted the Committee's slate of 2009/2010 Officer nominees.

Motion/Second: Alison Shuler/Charles Music

Motion (passed): To accept the Officer nominations are presented by the Nominations Committee.

Operator Certification Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted

Policy and Planning Committee Report

Ed Gillette recommended the PWEA Travel Policy be reviewed and consideration be given for adding additional reimbursable events. It was commented that the Committee meet to discuss and then make a formal recommendation for a change to the Travel Policy.

Public Education Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Research Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Safety Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Training Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted.

Utility Management Committee Report

Absent, no report submitted

Water Reuse Committee Report

Lucinda Pype provided a review of 10 comments developed by the Committee regarding the PA DEP's Draft Reuse of Treated Wastewater Guidance Manual. No concerns were indicated and the Board requested the Committee move forward with sending their comments to the PA DEP via a letter from PWEA with Doug Pike's signature. Doug Pike thanked the Water Reuse Committee for the time spent on this project.

Web Site Committee Report

Carl Janson reported work on the first phase of the redesign of the website was almost complete and should be ready to unveil at PennTec in June.

Young Professionals

Art Auchenbach reported the fall food drive was a big success and the Committee would be looking at another food drive in fall of 2009. Art also reported the EPWPCOA had started a Young Professionals Committee in order to attract a larger group of young professionals to the Section.

Motion/Second: Edward Gillette/Charles Music

Motion (passed): To accept Committee reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

There was general consensus that PWEA did not have a nominee at this time to submit to WEF for Officer or House positions.

Sue Boynton provided a review of supporting documents for a proposed Collection Systems Committee workshop to be presented in the fall of 2009. Discussion was held regarding the workshop budget and the workshop registration fee, considering the workshop would only provide one or two contact hours.

Motion/Second: Dan Slagle/Edward Gillette

Motion (passed): To approve the addition of a Collection System Committee workshop to the training schedule and approval of the budget as presented.

Motion /Second: Art Auchenbach/Carl Jason

Motion (passed): To adjourn the board meeting.