

MWOA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
11:00 A.M. – Wednesday - September 7, 2016
City of St Cloud Maintenance Facility
St. Cloud, MN

Members Present: Dan O’Connor Al Parrella Chris Kleist Jim Miller
Jason Smitke Rick Ashling Rick Olson Gregg Kropp Nick Chaves
Josh Gad Wade Klingsporn

Guests Present: Joe Rubbelke Linda Mullen Todd Carlson

Members Absent: Kay Curtain NW Section

President Parrella welcomed the group and asked for a motion to consider the approval of the June/July Board Meeting(s). A motion to approve with two minor changes was made by Josh Gad, Second by Dan O’Connor, approved.

President Parrella recapped discussion regarding the 2016 Conference review and led into the discussion regarding the 2017 Meeting scheduled for July 26-28, 2017. Kay Curtain was unable to attend this Board Meeting,, but has been working with several Board Members to get the Technical Program planning underway. She indicated that she will be looking at “Utility of the Future” and Sustainability topics to complement the 2017 Technical Program. Linda Mullen and Todd Carlson will be heading up the Arrangements Committee and Joe Rubbelke and Amy Schreader will Co-Chair the Vendor Committee. Jim Miller reported that there were changes in the Timberlake Event planning that have required a signed contract be enacted before rooms would be available for members to reserve. After brief discussion, a motion to authorize Sec/Treas Jim Miller to sign the 2017 TLL event contract was made by Josh Gad, second by Rick Ashling, passed. Jim will continue to negotiate fine details with the TLL staff and members of both the Arrangements and Vendor Committee (along with Jim) will plan to meet with TLL staff in late October to provide further information for the December Board Meeting.

President Parrella then discussed his Committee appointments/confirmations for the upcoming year. (Committee chairs are selected by the President shortly after the Annual Business Meeting and typically are published after the September Board Meeting). The Appointments will be submitted to Jerry Balbach to publish in the WASTEWATCHER and also post on the website. The Membership Committee brought forth a great deal of discussion in both member makeup and also functionality and direction for updating the brochure and membership drive. The addition of Steve McCusky to assist with some new energy was discussed and President Parrella will be discussing this with Tracy Hoedel to guide the group this coming year. Additional discussion was related to member discounts for section and other meetings to provide a cost savings to those who are members and also to how to promote the MWOA,

Ken Novak has been Chair of the Promotions (shirts and jackets) for a number of years and is looking to find some other person to replace him or find a way to direct order materials from a chosen vendor. Rick Olson will be talking to Ken about what the MWOA will need to do to continue providing these items for the members.

Trustee and Director Reports

Trustee Rick Ashling reported that the Training Coalition has met recently and continued discussion regarding the scheduling of training opportunities by organizations. It was noted that there are a number of conflicts with MWOA, MRWA/AWWA and others that continue to occur. Section Officers are reminded to assign dates for their upcoming three years of section or specialty conferences to help to let other groups know when and what areas training sessions are proposed to help eliminate many of these overlaps. He noted that Bill Spain and Keith Redmond will be retiring in the coming year or two and the St. Cloud program will be making some changes.

Newly elected Central Section Gregg Kropp reported that the Section has three new officers with Jon Stueve and Jayme Klecker being the other two. Cambridge was the site for the June Meeting and was competing for attendees with only 19 attendees. MRWA was holding its annual sessions in Waukon. The next meeting will be held in St. Cloud next Tuesday and S.E.H. will be hosting. The Spring Meeting will likely be in Brainerd. He is using "five minute fix" topics to try to encourage additional participation. He also noted that MPCA officer Hershel Blasing was now retired and there had been a reception that was very well attended at the MPCA Baxter office Tuesday September 6.

Metro/Suburban Director Nick Chaves reported that the August 10th meeting held at the MCES Pigs Eye facility had 24 in attendance and topics were related to sustainability and resource recovery. The next meeting will be in Forest Lake October 19 followed in January at St. Paul on the 11th.to start out the new year. The Section Balance sits at \$1636.37

NE Director Jason Smitke reported that the Biwabik meeting was well attended and they will be meeting at WLSSD November 3. They will also be planning their April meeting and will need to replace their Chair position as Wade Klingsporn had moved up to the VP position on the Board. The Section is carrying a balance of approximately \$800.
SE Director Josh Gad reported that the Section will be hosting their next meeting in October in Faribault. They will also be updating the events calendar for their Section Meeting dates. SE is carrying a balance of 1678.23.

Dan O'Connor reported that the SW Section holds their meeting the first Wednesday of February, May and November. They will be meeting in Windom in November and are planning the joint SW/SE Meeting for May of next year in New Ulm. The SW balance is \$2430.76

Media Committee Chair Josh Gad noted that now that Rick Olson has moved to the Past President position, Rick will be resuming the primary contact point for the website. Josh

will continue to assist the committee and also coordinate AV support of the Annual Conference.

Collection Committee Co-Chair Chris Kleist reported that the fall workshop will be held October 5 at Seneca and the Spring Workshop will be in Duluth on April 5.

Old Business

President Parrella reported that he will be making contact with several of the NW Section key members to determine who might fill the open Director position and work to get things re-started.

With no other business before the Board a motion by Josh Gad, second by Jason Smitke was made to adjourn at 12:07, Passed.

Respectfully Submitted – James Miller MWOA Sec/Treas.