

**MWOA Executive Board Meeting
September 20, 2002
St. Cloud – S.E.H. Board Room**

Present: **Jerry Balbach** **Dianne Navratil** **Ken Kuchera**
 Jim Miller **Dean Nelson** **Darsey Thoen**
 Rick Ashling **Pat Meyer** **Dave Simon**
 Joe Stepun

Absent: **Ron Hagemeyer** **SW Director**

Guests: **Keith Redmond** **Dan Johnson**

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Balbach. Motion by Pat Meyer, second by Dean Nelson to approve the Minutes of the June and July Board Meeting(s).

2002 Annual Meeting. Jim Miller reviewed the preliminary accounting of the meeting and related that while there were still a few items left to account, the positive proceeds were \$4954.18. He also related that one outstanding issue was to purchase materials from the TIC funds collected and this discussion resulted to direct Rick Ashling to purchase selections from the WEF Bookstore while attending the WEFTEC Conference in Chicago.

2003 Annual Meeting. Darsey Thoen reported that only one or two small issues were left to resolve. One issue discussed was the insistence of Helms-Briscoe being commissioned for the rooms at the conference. While the issues such as room and meal guarantees have been ironed out the manager of the motel would not be available to make any additional changes until October. Darsey expressed an interest in signing the contract before the Board. A motion by Dean Nelson, second by Ken Kuchera passed with one abstention.

2004 Annual Meeting. Joe Stepun reported that the Section has begun discussion regarding potential sites.

Arrangements Committee Report. The Board discussed the history of the Committee as being originated in 98/99. The committee was to have included the Committee Chair, Sec./Treas., President, Past Local Chair, Present and Future Local Chairs. President Balbach will confirm the present Committee members as well as appoint a new TIC Chair.

Promotions Committee was discussed. President Balbach would like to input and additional material available for the Display. In addition, he would like members to contribute to the WASTEWATCHER. During the discussion there was a general inquiry about the condition and whereabouts of the Section AV equipment.

WASTEWATCHER Editor, Dan Johnson reported that he was working on the November issue and asked for volunteers to assist in proof reading the issues. Dianne Navratil volunteered.

Neither Dean nor Dave was able to attend the Training Coalition meeting. Rick Ashling reported that the Cooperative Training Committee had met September 9 and there were some changes including the addition of MMUA as a member of the Committee. The MPCA will be bidding out the hotel sites for sessions that are over \$25,000 per State Statute. This may result in the Annual Collection and WW conferences routinely held at the Thunderbird being moved. The next meeting of the Committee will be October 21st. Additional opportunities for joint training such as the CSWEA MN Section and MWOA Collection workshops are being undertaken. President Balbach supports the continued review of such activities. Since there is some information that would be of benefit to both groups (COOP and Training Coalition) it was the consensus of the Board that the Trustee serve on both committees. The Education Committee is also looking at joint opportunities and will be following up with a possible Safety Training session with Central States.

Old Business. Ken Kuchera reported that the Metro/Suburban Section will be holding a meeting at the Lindbergh Terminal Oct 30th. The SW Section Director position is open and Steve Carson indicated that he would step down. Jerry asked that input be given on the officer duties and report back. This should be undertaken annually.

There was discussion regarding the allowance of a septic hauler being allowed to take a certification exam. There was a lively discussion resulting in Keith Redmond directed to write a letter to the MPCA for further clarification.

Dan Johnson asked for Section Directors and Officers to send in current listings and addresses along with any material appropriate for inclusion in the WASTEWATCHER. Jim Miller reported that two of the scholarship recipients Joe Wokson and Tina Harrington had sent letters of thanks to the Board and members for their awards. Jim also reported that the dues renewals would have a question to members whether they would like their information available in a member directory.

With no further business before the Board there was a motion by Pat Meyer, second by Darsey Thoen to adjourn at 12:38 p.m., passed.

Respectfully Submitted.

James E. Miller, Sec./Treas. MWOA