

**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**MWOA Metro/Suburban Section Meeting**  
**Bonestroo**  
**February 13, 2008**



11:47 a.m. the Business Meeting is called to order

1. Approve October 10, 2007 Metro/Suburban Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Hiles; second by Poore

2. Committee Reports

1. Chair -Nothing at this time

2. Secretary -Nothing at this time

3. Director

Linda Mullen gave a recap of the December '07 Executive Board meeting, highlighting the discussion about MnWARN mutual aid program

4. Past President

Randy Poore mentioned upcoming dates for the MPCA annual conference in Brooklyn Park and the Innovative conference in St. Cloud, and again encouraged members to recruit new members to the MWOA

5. President -Not present

Jim Miller used this opportunity to mention to all in attendance that the Arrangements Committee will officially be assuming responsibilities for all annually reoccurring arrangements, specific to the annual conference, as well as attempting secure 2-3 locations to rotate between annually. Also, in continuation

of Randy Poore's plea for member recruitment, Jim Miller noted that MWOA is currently adding only 20-40 new members annually, while we are losing 70-80 annually.

### 3. Old Business

1. Linda Mullen passed out the 2007 Section Awards
2. 2008 Annual Conference Update  
Linda Mullen provided information regarding the 2008 annual in Mankato, hosted by the SE Section, and noted that the 2009 annual is still in the works
3. Joel Schmidt inquired as to why the "President's Comments" were not current on the MWOA website? Considering that neither Jerry Balbach or Dianne Navratil were present to comment (or defend themselves), Jim Miller commented that the delay in updating the "President's Comments" was due to a disconnect in communication between Jerry and Dianne

### 4. New Business

1. Elections – Open Nominations; Ken Novack read aloud the applicable job descriptions and opened nominations for the Officer positions of Secretary, Chair and Director. Nominations were as follows:
  - Secretary: Nominee: Joe Rubbelke; by Hiles
  - Chair: Nominee: None at this time
  - Director: Nominee: Linda Mullen; by Schmidt
2. Award Nominations – Open Nominations; Ken Novack read aloud the requirements and nomination categories. Nominations were as follows:
  - Class "A": None at this time
  - Class "B": None at this time
  - Class "C": None at this time
  - Class "D": None at this time
  - Collections: None at this time
  - Laboratory Excellence: None at this time
  - Maintenance Excellence: Kevin Thoreson, Burnsville; by Mullen and Dave Kirchner, Bloomington; by Larson

Rookie of the Year:       None at this time

Nominations will remain open through the next Section Meeting (April/May)

5. Adjourn

Motion by Poore; Second by Schmidt at 12:00 noon

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph B. Rubbelke

MWOA Metro/Suburban Section Secretary/Treasurer