

Business Meeting Agenda/Minutes
MWOA Metro/Suburban Section Meeting
Eden Prairie Street & Parks Facility
February 16, 2005



1. Approve September 22, 2004 Metro/Suburban Section Meeting Minutes.
 - Motion by Greg Seeman to approve minutes
 - Second by Lawrence Hiles
 - Passed unanimously
2. 2004 Metro/Suburban Section Award Presentations.
 - Lawrence Hiles – 2004 Class A Operator of the Year
 - Rick DeWolf – 2004 Class B Operator of the Year (not present)
 - Marv Hossala – 2004 Maintenance Award (not present)
 - Linda Mullen – 2004 Collections Award
 - Joe Adelman – 2004 Rookie of the Year
3. Open Nominations for 2005 Metro Suburban Section Awards (nominations remain open until April 20, 2005 section meeting). Secretary Schmidt reviewed the published awards criteria.
 - Class A
Joel Schmidt nominated Richard Bristow – Rahr Malting
 - Class B
Joel Schmidt nominated Larry Revering – City of Carver
Lawrence Hiles nominated Wayne Anderson – MCES
 - Class C
 - Class D
 - Maintenance
 - Laboratory
 - Collections
 - Rookie
 - Special Recognition
Linda Mullen nominated Gene Erickson – MPCA
4. Open Nominations for 2005-2006 Metro/Suburban section Officer Positions
 - Chair
Linda Mullen nominated Richard Bristow
 - Secretary
Lawrence Hiles nominated Joel Schmidt

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5. Committee & Other Reports
- Annual Conference Local Arrangements Committee
Section Director Mullen reported on planning activities for the annual conferences; 2005 Marshall, 2006 Grand Rapids, 2007 The Central Section is researching having the conference in Willmar or Alexandria.
 - Executive Board
Vice President Poore reported on executive board planning activities for the MWOA 2005 annual conference to be held at Marshall, MN July 26th through July 29th. Membership was encouraged to get their reservations made.
 - MN WW Training Cooperative Committee
Coop Committee Chair Schmidt reported on the recent Wastewater Training Cooperative Committee meeting with the Minnesota Training Coalition held at the Bloomington WTP on February 2, 2005. Dialogue continues concerning the merger of the two committees. It is possible that there will be a decision on the merger at the next Training Coalition meeting tentatively scheduled for August 2005.
 - Spring Collections Workshop & Metro/Suburban Section Meeting
Section Chair Bristow reported on the upcoming Spring Collections Systems Workshop. The workshop will be jointly facilitated by the MWOA Metro/Suburban Section & the CSWEA MN Section at the Ziegler Power Systems Facility in Shakopee, MN on April 20, 2005.
 - September 2005 Metro/Suburban Section Meeting location & date
The City of Carver was selected as the meeting location. Larry Revering will coordinate with the section officers to select the date.
 - February 2006 Metro/Suburban Section Meeting location & date
The City of Woodbury was selected as the meeting location. Ken Novak will coordinate with the section officers to select the date.
 - April 2006 Metro/Suburban Section Meeting location & date
The Empire WWTF was selected as the meeting location. Ken Kuchera will coordinate with the section officers to select the date.

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6. Other New/Old Business
 - New Business – Pump Workshops
Gene Erickson informed the membership of upcoming pump workshops; May 2005 @ General Repair & September 2005 @ Electric Pump.
 - Old Business – Gopher One Call and the recent initiative requiring city's to be responsible for private service lateral locations.
Vice President Poore reported on the initiative and previous board action which was to result in a letter of support against the initiative by the MWOA and signed by President Nelson. Several members in attendance requested that an update concerning the status of the initiative be posted on the MWOA web site; www.mwoa.net.
7. Action Items
 - Ken Kuchera requested the section officers bring discussion concerning the updating of the MWOA web site to the executive board. Some discussion ensued and there was some indication that there may be a need to get the site more current.
 - Ken Novak recommended the section officers contacting ABM concerning providing training on jetter and vactor unit operations.
 - Robert Diesch requested that the section officers bring discussion concerning the further colorizing of the MWOA Wastewatcher. Mr. Diesch indicated that he would advertise in the Wastewatcher if the ads were colorized.
8. Adjourn
 - Motion by Ken Kuchera to adjourn
 - Second by Ken Novak
 - Passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted

Joel W. Schmidt
Metro/Suburban Section Secretary