

# MWOA Business Meeting Minutes

## Southeast Section

Location: Albert Lea Arena

Date: February 17, 2016

Called to Order: 11:30 AM

Chairman -Amy Schreader

Sign-up Sheet: 33

Gate Revenue \$680.00

Secretary: Minutes from Hayfield  
Read and Approved through a motion and second Rick Ashling, Jim Miller

Treasury Report Todd Arlander reported \$2148.22 in treasury,  
Discussion followed regarding support of Scholarship Fund. Arlander will write a check to the Organization this year as pre-authorized for \$500.00 annual support at the Conference.  
Motion was made by Dean Nelson, seconded by Dennis DuChene to approve Treasurer's report- Carried.

Director's Report Director Gad reported that the Annual was well into planning stages for July 27-29 in Grand Rapids. This will be the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and there will be some effort put into highlighting this milestone. It is not decided yet how to recognize the event. Work on the Website continues with an effort to get it "user friendly". There will most likely be a "Golf Event" on Tuesday before the Conference- look for more on that.

Jim Miller reported that the dues renewal for the year is underway as 350 notices were sent out. He will follow-up with a second notice to 70 that did not reply. Dues continue to be \$25.00 for 2 years, cheap. There is also a six year rate of \$60.00.

Other from Miller: Section Chair Schreader will have custody of an MWOA projector that has been purchased by the Organization.

Rick Olson reported that a Collections Seminar will be held April 6, 2016 in Faribault. Look for notices on that event.

Old Business Chair Schreader reported that we will continue to emphasize our Membership Drive throughout this year, as we constantly seek to gain new members and renew others. There is an on-going contest again this year for the person credited with the most new member sponsorship, awarded by recognition and the prize of an electronic notebook.

**New Business**

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of allowing reduced meeting fees for Students interested in investigating MWOA, at one of our Section Meetings. Everything from no fees, advertising in colleges, inviting classes to attend to check out our Section was discussed.

Josh Gad:

After discussion a motion was made to allow/provide reduced meeting fees of \$10.00 to any student or guest of a member for attendance at a Section Meeting, including lunch.

Seconded by Rick Olson, motion carried- bring your friends for \$10.00

This made us all hungry so.....Chair Schreader called a recess for Lunch.

Meeting was re-convened at approximately 1 PM

Business remaining was to determine Section “Operator of the Year” Awards

- Chair Schreader had received some nominations for Operator of the year in written format.
- Other nominations in writing were requested from the floor.
- Verbal nominations were received in various categories.
- Josh Gad listed them on the Computer that was on the Projector at the meeting, so all could review candidates.

Ballots were passed out to the members in attendance, and voting took place with Josh Gad receiving them and doing the count.

Ballots were destroyed after the tally was made with the following as our Award Winners for SE Section- 2016-

<b>Class A</b>	Harold McAloney SE Section	<b>Maintenance</b>	Mark Haeska Albert Lea
<b>Class B</b>	Dan Steinborn Le Center	<b>Laboratory</b>	Not awarded
<b>Class C</b>	Andrew Fischer Faribault	<b>Collections</b>	Dennis DuChene Faribault SB
<b>Class D</b>	Amy Schreader UC Labs	<b>Special Recognition</b>	Todd Arlander Stantec
<b>Rookie of the Year</b>	Casey Sather Pine Island		

Winners of the SE Section Awards were announced (ABOVE)

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to Adjourn at 1:30 PM, the meeting was adjourned.