



Kansas Water Environment Association

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Meeting Date: January 19, 2018 Capitol Plaza Hotel
Topeka, Kansas

Executive Board Present:

(x)	Susan Pekarek	President
(x)	Ron Thomann	President-Elect
(x)	Chris Ramsey	Vice-President
(x)	David Hauser	Past President
(x)	Sylvan Coles	Secretary-Treasurer
(x)	Brian Spano	WEF Junior Delegate (2017-2019)
(x)	Jeanette Klamm	WEF Senior Delegate (2016-2018)
(x)	Joe Foster	PWO Trustee (2015 – 2017)
()	Michael Rudy	Manufacturer's Trustee (2015-2018)
()	Dustin Coles	Convention Coordinator (2015-2018)
()	Ed McGrath	Young Professionals Trustee

Committee Representatives Present:

(x)	Brian Spano	Administration – Finance Chairperson
(x)	Ryan Rutkoski	Administrative – Membership Chairperson
()	James Martin	Administrative – Constitution & Bylaws Chairperson
()	Waldo Margheim	Administrative – Audit Chairperson
(x)	Laura Gray	Collections – Chairperson
()	Alex Darby	Collections – Vice Chairperson
()	Lorrie Hill	Government Affairs – Chairperson
()		Government Affairs: Treatment Sub-Committee Chairperson
()	Dan Ott	Government Affairs: Collections Sub-Committee Chairperson
()	Andy Sauer	Government Affairs: Storm Water Sub-Committee Chairperson
()	Michael Carter	Industrial Pretreatment – Chairperson
(x)	Jason Patty	Laboratory Education – Chairperson
()	Jay Lovett	Laboratory Education – Vice Chairperson
()	Patrick Beane	Municipal Management – Chairperson
()	Phil Burns	Municipal Technology Transfer – Chairperson
()	Kurt Bookout	Nominating Committee – Chairperson (KWEA Past President)
()	Tyler Pjesky	Plant Operations & Maintenance – Chairperson
()		Plant Operations & Maintenance: Biosolids Sub-Committee Chairperson
()		Plant Operations & Maintenance: Plant Awards Sub-Committee Chairperson
()		Plant Operations & Maintenance: Safety
(x)	Susan Pekarek	Program – Chairperson (KWEA President)
()	Page Burks	Public Communication & Outreach – Chairperson
()	Carla Dods	Public Communication & Outreach - Vice Chairperson
()		PC&O: Publicity/WEF Awards Sub-Committee Chairperson
()	Caitlin Perry	PC&O: Publications Chairperson
()	Tina Leitzel	PC&O: Webmaster
()	Martha Tasker	Scholarship – Chairperson
()	Rebecca Lewis	Stockholm Junior Water Prize - Chairperson
(x)	Miranda Sloan	Student & Young Professionals – Chairperson
()	Sarah Espinoza	Student & Young Professionals – Vice Chairperson

KWEA Board/Committee Chair Meeting

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the November 17, 2017 Board Meeting's Minutes – Approved with Amendments.
- III. Reports

A. Member Services and Operations- Led by Vice-President (Chris Ramsey)

i. Secretary/Treasurer Report (Sylvan Coles)

- a) Joint Checking Account: \$7,3015.83
- b) KWEA Checking Account: \$56,774.42
- c) 27 Month CD: \$63,204.00
- d) 32 Month CD: \$10,075.30
- e) Scholarship: \$39,750.26

ii. Sr. Delegates Report (Jeanette Klamm): WEF is promoting national certification and looking at operator certification as a trade. WEF has established a workgroup to enhance the operator task force and operator advisory panel in their mission to attract, prepare, and retain the next generation of operators. Some of the things in the works include:

- a) The development of promotional materials to support the Operator Ingenuity Contest.
- b) Survey Associations on operator workforce development.
- c) Review operator training materials to provide a gap analysis for content.

iii. Splashing (Tina Leitzel/Caitlin Perry): The Winter issue will be soon out. Deadline for the next issue is February 15, 2018. This issue, the Spring issue will need to contain the award forms for the upcoming conference.

iv. Committee Chairs:

a) **Administrative / Finance – Brian Spano**

Brian has received all the budget requests from the committees and is in the process of finalizing the final budget. Sylvan has provided the year end breakdown and some clarification of the breakdown needs yet to happen. Brian will be submitting a draft budget by email for the Board to vote on. Brian has also agreed to stay on as Finance Chair.

b) **Audit Committee – Waldo Margheim**

The audit report for 2016 has been completed and sent out.

c) **Plant Operations & Safety Committee – Tyler Pjesky**

No official report from the Committee. Floyd Koder has agreed to Chair the Safety Sub-Committee for the coming year. Jason Patty also mentioned that the 2016 Plant Award Sign had not been sent to Dodge City, KS, so he will do so.

B. External Relations and Outreach- Led by Past President (Dave Hauser)

i. Junior Delegate Report (Brian Spano):No Report.

ii. Committee Chairs:

a) **Public Communication & Outreach – Page Burks**

The Committee had its first meeting today by phone. The committee has 4 active committee members. Their this year is to have one public-facing event and then support other activities (Imagine a Day without Water, World Toilet Day, etc with social media blasts, etc). The committee brainstormed ideas and is looking into a rain barrel program that is associated with Imagine a Day Without Water as well as some tie-ins to Water Monitoring Day and/or the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Team members are doing some research to come up with more info and we will narrow down our focus at our next meeting. The committee will report back to the Board at that point with our recommendations and confirm the Board agrees with moving forward in the proposed direction.