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Meeting Date: February 24, 2017 – Topeka Capitol Plaza Hotel

**Executive Board Present:**

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

**Committee Representatives Present:**

()	Brian Spano	Administration – Finance Chairperson
()	Vacant	Administrative – Membership Chairperson
()	James Martin	Administrative – Constitution & Bylaws Chairperson
()	Waldo Margheim	Administrative – Audit Chairperson
(x)	Chris Ramsey	Collections – Chairperson
()	Roxann Slater	Collections – Vice Chairperson
()	Joe Foster	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
()	Jason Patty	Laboratory Education – Chairperson
()	Michael Bader	Laboratory Education – Vice Chairperson
()	Patrick Beane	Municipal Management – Chairperson
()	Phil Burns	Municipal Technology Transfer – Chairperson
()	Kurt Bookout	Nominating Committee – Chairperson (KWEA Past President)
(x)	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
()	Susan Pekarek	Program – Chairperson (KWEA President-Elect)
()	Erin Dougherty	Public Communication & Outreach – Chairperson
()		PC&O: Publicity/WEF Awards Sub-Committee Chairperson
()		PC&O: Public Education Sub-Committee Chairperson
()	Caitlin Perry	PC&O: Publications Chairperson
(x)	Tina Leitzel	PC&O: Webmaster
()	Martha Tasker	Scholarship – Chairperson
()	Rebecca Lewis	Stockholm Junior Water Prize - Chairperson
()	Ryan Rutkowski	Student & Young Professionals – Chairperson
()	Miranda Sloan	Student & Young Professionals – Vice Chairperson

- I: Call to Order: 09:00 A.M., February 24.
- II: Minutes from January 13, 2017 Board Meeting were not approved as there was not a quorum present of the Board.
- III: Reports:

A) Professional Development & Education: Led by President-Elect Dave Hauser (for Susan Pekarek)

- i. 2017 Conference Update: Papers will be submitted on line and go to one person. The meet & greet will be at the Wingnuts baseball game at \$40/person. There will a private seating area behind the opposing team dugout. It includes 6 drink tickets. Transportation is being arranged. They are looking at other sponsor opportunities for those that don't have booths including skyboxes available including 20 tickets for sponsors and to throw out the first pitch. There will also be sponsorships available for lunches, charging station, and the program. The sponsorships can be paid on-line also. They are working on how to get PDH's for PE's accepted. Aaron Davis is confirmed for keynote speaker.
- ii. Annual Report Update: Susan sent out the draft annual report with areas that need to be updated hi-lighted. She needs this done as soon as possible so we can include it in Spring Splashings.
- iii. Committee Reports:
  - a. Collections: Chris Ramsey – reported that the committee is setting up topics for the conference to include a round table discussion. They are coordinating outreach training with Sylvan. They plan to substitute an Operations competition for Gimmicks & Gadgets for the 2018 conference and use the prize money from G&G for prizes for that competition.
  - b. Laboratory: Jason Patty – No report
  - c. Municipal Management: Patrick Beane – No report
  - d. Municipal Tech Transfer: Phil Burns – No report
  - e. Plant Operations & Maintenance/Safety: Tyler Pjesky – Safety award nominations are being accepted. They want to do articles for an Operator Spotlight to include a picture and bio or talk about the plant or projects that the operator wants to include.
  - f. Industrial: Dave Hauser reporting for Michael Carter – committee will meet on March 21 at Emporia to discuss papers for conference.
  - g. Manufacturer's Trustee: Michael Rudy – No report
  - h. PWO Trustee: Joe Foster – No report

B) Member Services & Operations: Led by Vice President Ron Thomann – potential 2018 keynote speaker will be General Meyer, KSU president.

- i. Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Dave Hauser for Sylvan Coles – The Finances are as follows:
  - 1. Checking- \$63,341.95
  - 2. 32-month CD- \$10,037.71
  - 3. 27-month CD- \$62,888.96
  - 4. Scholarship Fund- Approximately \$36,000. Sylvan was unable to check on this before he left town.
- ii. Senior Delegate's Report: Page Burks – Dave and Ron will go to Cincinnati for WEFMAX and Jeanette and Page will go to Austin for WEFMAX. The member initiative has plans to waive WEF and MA dues for those new members who go to WEFTEC. Approval needed by committee. Would like to send an email blast to membership. Public outreach committee is developing an elevator speech on various water quality topics and will be available for MA's and members to use. WEF MA resources page for information and press releases, etc. will be available to the public. WEF is asking for donations of photographs for a database that will be made available with no copyright.

- iii. Splashing: Tina Leitzel & Caitlin Perry – Conference wrap-up out last month in the winter issue. Continuing into 2017 the fall issue will be more general and the winter issue will be conference related. They need submissions for the spring issue. Award applications will be on-line.
- iv. Committee Reports:
  - a. Administrative/Finance: Brian Spano – Budget submitted and ready for review and discussion.
  - b. Audit: Waldo Margheim – No Report

C) External Relations and Outreach: Led by Dave Hauser for Past President Kurt Bookout

- i. Junior Delegate Report: Jeanette Klamm – Strategic planning initiative will be discussed at WEFMAX. A survey to determine the level of strategic planning that MA's need and webinars to help guide MA's in strategic planning processes. Examples of strategic plans will also be available for MA's to review.
- ii. Committee Reports:
  - a. Public Communications & Outreach: Erin Dougherty – No report
  - b. Students & Young Professionals: Dave Hauser reported for Ryan Rutkowski – WEF/AWWA YP summit was attended by Ryan and Miranda (YP VP). A summary of the summit is requested for next meeting from one of those attending. Summit was held in Tampa, FL.
  - c. Scholarship: Dave Hauser for Martha Tasker – Feb. 17 closed solicitation for scholarships. Wants to develop a pamphlet for schools/kids and send it out. Revisit the Tax Law issues based on some requests from companies to donate money to the scholarship fund.
  - d. Government Affairs: Joe Foster – No report
  - e. Membership: Vacant – Dave mentioned that Dan Riney had stepped down and we need to find a replacement chair for this committee.

D) Old Business

- i. Committee member updates – Need to update committee chairperson and Board Member list and get them the names of those members who signed up for various committees (see below).
- ii. Water/Ways (A Smithsonian traveling exhibition) – Traveling hands-on water exhibition to allow citizens of Kansas to see all of the ways they interact with water in their daily lives. A handout was distributed and will be put into Spring Splashing: to show what communities in Kansas that are getting the exhibit.
- iii. KC Urban Stormwater Conference – KWEA earned \$446.13 from the conference. However we have concerns for the process in which it was handled. A letter has been drafted to vocalize our concerns. The conference was approved, but letter is being considered to be sent to MARC, to let them know we were not happy how things were handled and how the information was disseminated.
- iv. WEFMAX – has been organized. Ron/Dave to Cincinnati and Jeanette/Page to Austin. \$750 allocated to airfare and hotel. Susan is unable to attend this year due to work commitments.

New Business –

- i. Committee signups from conference – Dave Hauser provided a list of KWEA members that signed up and were interested in participating on various committees. Dave to send out that list to Committee chairs so they can contact those interested in being on their respective committee.

ii. StarChapter – Dave Hauser presented information regarding StarChapter on software and services they offer to non-profit organizations to make it stronger. Overall, the group was not interested, but asked Dave to get pricing information and what other WEFMA's used their service.

iii. KWEA Future Board Meetings:

- Friday, March 24, 2017                      9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.                      Capitol Plaza Hotel
- Friday, May 12, 2017                        9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.                      Capitol Plaza Hotel
- Friday, June 23, 2017                        9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.                      Capitol Plaza Hotel