



Kansas Water Environment Association

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

Executive Board Present:

(x)	David Hauser	President
(x)	Susan Pekarek	President-Elect
(x)	Ron Thomann	Vice-President
()	Kurt Bookout	Past President
(x)	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)
()	Michael Rudy	Manufacturer's Trustee (2015-2018)
(x)	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
()	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
(x)	Michael Carter	Industrial Pretreatment – Chairperson
(x)	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
(x)	Ryan Rutkowski	Student & Young Professionals – Chairperson
()	Miranda Sloan	Student & Young Professionals – Vice Chairperson

- I: Call to Order: 09:00 A.M., March 24, 2017.
- II: Minutes from November 18, 2016 & February 24, 2017 Board Meetings were approved.
- III: Reports:

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

- i. 2017 Conference Update: Susan extended the deadline for papers to April 1, 2017 as we are about 50 papers shy of needed. To date she has received about eighty. More papers are expected in from a number of committees including: YP, Government Affairs, Collections, and Industrial, which should get the numbers up. In addition there will be miscellaneous papers coming in for consideration. The KU Chapter is also looking to do a practice run of their WEF presentation at our Conference.

Tina provided an update on the planned Meet & Greet Activities in Wichita. The Tuesday night affair will be the Wichita Wingnuts Baseball game to be held on August 29, 2017. Mike Orth paid \$200 for the privilege of throwing out the first pitch, but other sponsorships are also available including: Private Sky Box (\$700) and General Sponsorship. Individual attendance will cost \$40. **Sponsorship Brochure is attached to minutes.**

Conference general registration is scheduled to be open on the website in early April. The registration will include the golf outing.

- ii. Annual Report Update: Is now available on line. as possible so we can include it in Spring Splashing.
- iii. Committee Reports:
 - a. Collections: Chris Ramsey –The committee is coordinating an outreach training event with Sylvan to be held in Manhattan. The ABC tests will be offered there.
 - b.
 - c. Laboratory: Jason Patty – No report
 - d. Municipal Management: Patrick Beane – No report
 - e. Municipal Tech Transfer: Phil Burns – No report
 - f. 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.
 - g. Industrial: Michael Carter – The committee is working on papers for the conference.
 - h.
 - i. Manufacturer’s Trustee: Michael Rudy – No report
 - j. PWO Trustee: Joe Foster – No report

B) Member Services & Operations: Led by Vice President Ron Thomann:

- i. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report: Dave Hauser for Sylvan Coles – The Finances are as follows:
 - 1. Checking- \$60,401.52
 - 2. 32-month CD- \$10,037.71
 - 3. 27-month CD- \$62,968.22
 - 4. Scholarship Fund- 37,917.06
- ii. Senior Delegate’s Report: Page Burks – The HOD Public Outreach committee has drafted an elevator speech on the Value of Water & Water Infrastructure. The committee will share this presentation with the member associations at the WEFMAX after committee review.

- iii. Splashing: Tina Leitzel & Caitlin Perry – Winter Issue is finished but still waiting on Budget Report, the Annual Report, and ABC Certification Results from Sylvan. The Winter issue will have the 2016 conference wrap up information.
- iv. Committee Reports:
 - a. Administrative/Finance: Brian Spano – Budget Report was circulated.
 - b. Audit: Waldo Margheim – No Report
 - c. Plant Awards: Tyler Pjesky – No Updates

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

- i. The WEF & MA's Resources and Knowledge Sharing Workshop in Arlington was attended by Kurt Bookout. Kurt will report to the Board at the next Board meeting.
- ii. 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 was sent out and has been received by the HOD. Examples of strategic plans will also be available for MA's to review. The HOD will be working with MA's in need of help and will have a Strategic Planning Session at the WEFMAX's. Jeanette also sat in on a Membership Conference call which are typically held monthly. There are many ways in which MA's communicate with their members including: Surveys, Testimonials & Endorsements from long time members, and member surveys. It was the general consensus that membership discounts are generally not very productive.

iii. Committee Reports:

- a. Public Communications & Outreach: Erin Dougherty – No report
- b. Students & Young Professionals: Ryan Rutkowski – The WEF/AWWA YP summit in Tampa, Florida, held on February 6-7, 2017 was attended by Ryan and Miranda (YP VP). The summit this year drew 164 registrants and explores ways that Water & Wastewater professionals can best serve their respective organizations and their communities. Topics included: The use of emotional intelligence enhance workplace Interpersonal communication – A case study was also presented and a panel discussion on leadership in water & wastewater emergency management.

The committee this year plans to continue its joint activities with the Missouri Water Environment Association. Discussion by the committee has also given rise to the spreading of Lunch & Learns beyond the KC area to Sub Sections. It would be great to have these gatherings take place in Topeka, Wichita, Hays, & Salina among others if YP's can be found in those cities to spearhead the efforts. Ryan & Miranda will be working to find a YP in Wichita to start things off.

The YP committee is hoping to facilitate meetings of the Student Chapters with the YP's to not only explain to student members the importance of networking for their careers but also teach them the importance of leadership, teamwork, and continued development. The YP's could present these topics?

- c. Scholarship: Dave Hauser for Martha Tasker – Feb. 17 closed solicitation for scholarships. Martha sent out 25 emails to Fort Scott, KSU, Haskell, McPherson, Pittsburg. KU, Washburn, Wichita, & Salina Tech. She received five college applications (4 from KU and 1 from Pittsburg State). She plans to pucker and notify

scholarship recipients in April. Currently according to the KWEA Bylaws, The scholarship committee shall consist of a Chairman (Martha Tasker), Vice-Chairman, the current KWEA Vice-President (Ron Thomann), the KWEA Industrial Trustee (Michael Rudy), a representative of the Young Professional committee, and a member at large. Outstanding are the Vice-Chair, YP representative, and the Member at large.

- d. Government Affairs: Joe Foster – No report
- e. Membership: Vacant –Dan Riney has stepped down and we need to find a replacement chair for this committee.

D) Old Business

- i. 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 Splashings to show what communities in Kansas that are getting the exhibit. The Exhibition dates are as follows:
 - Eudora Area Historical Society: June 24 – August 6, 2017.
 - Dodge City Boot Hill Museum: September 30 – November 12, 2017.
 - Colby Thomas County Historical Society: August 12 – September 24, 2017.
 - Hesston Public Library: November 18 – December 31, 2017.
 - Junction City Geary County Historical Society: January 6 – February 18, 2018
 - Cotton Wood Falls Symphony in the Flint Hill, Inc.: February 24 – April 8, 2018.
- ii. KC Urban Stormwater Conference – KWEA earned \$446.13 from the conference. The conference drew 168 attendees and eight sponsors. Eighty-five of the 160 were either members of KWEA or MWEA. KWEA had concerns regarding the way the workshop came together and the late financial commitments asked of our MA. A letter was drafted to vocalize the concerns of KWEA, but at the advice of Storm Water Chair has been tabled as the points have been made in subsequent meeting. It is good to hear that it was a success and that a little money will be coming our way.
- iii. 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. 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. The Board again reviewed the proposal and with input from Tina decided that it has little value to us at this time.
- ii. KWEA Future Board Meetings:

• 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