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Meeting Date: August 29, 2017 – Hyatt Regency Wichita

Executive Board Present:

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| (x) | Susan Pekarek | President |
| (x) | Ron Thomann | President-Elect |
| () | Chris Ramsey | Vice-President |
| (x) | David Hauser | Past President |
| (x) | Sylvan Coles | Secretary-Treasurer |
| () | 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:

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| () | 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 |
| (x) | 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) |
| () | 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 |
| () | Tina Leitzel | PC&O: Webmaster |
| () | Martha Tasker | Scholarship – Chairperson |
| () | Rebecca Lewis | Stockholm Junior Water Prize - Chairperson |
| (x) | Mirand Sloan | Student & Young Professionals – Chairperson |
| () | | Student & Young Professionals – Vice Chairperson |

- I: **Call to Order: 007:30 a.m., August 29, 2017**
II: **Minutes from May 12, 2017 meeting were not available.**
III: **Joan Hawley: WEF Delegate**

iv: **Committee Reports:**

- a) Audit Committee: Waldo Margheim No Report
b) Administrative Finance Committee: Brian Spano No Report
c) Collections System Committee: Chris Ramsey
d) Government Affairs Committee: Joe Foster No Report

e) *Industrial Committee: Michael Carter*

- Michael brought up the noise issue that surrounds trying to hold training in the exhibit area. Although well attended, the best solution is to move the training out of the exhibit area and provide another reason for people to come to the exhibit area.

- f) Laboratory Committee: Jason Patty No Report
g) Manufacturers Trustee: Michael Rudy No Report
h) Membership Committee: Martha Tasker No Report
i) Municipal Management Committee: Patrick Beane No Report
j) Municipal Tech Transfer Committee: Phil Burns No Report
k) Plant Operations & Safety: Tyler Pjesky No Report
l) PWO Trustee: Joe Foster No Report

m) *Public Communication & Outreach: Erin Dougherty*

- Erin has moved away from Kansas and Sheila may again fill the position or recruit someone else from her staff. Page did indicate that she might be willing to help out.

n) *Scholarship Committee: Martha Tasker*

- Five applicants were received this year and three were selected for a total of \$2950 awarded. Jennifer Warren received the Shirley Coles Scholarship in the amount of \$1200. Samuel Thomas Nixon received \$1000 and David Trevino Jr. received \$750. We have not had any Community College participation for quite a while and need to consider how best to award in this category. Jeanette had suggested a "Legacy Scholarship" to a youngster whose parents might be in the profession for training, etc.

o) Sr/Jr Delegate Report:

p) *Splashings Committee: Caitlin Perry*

- Tina reported that the next issue will go out soon. The conference issue will follow. Tina also mentioned that she could put a scholarship announcement in this issue or issues to come. The professional photographs taken at this year's conference will be a big help in putting the conference issue out.

- q) Secretary-Treasurer Report: Sylvan Coles No report

r) *Strategic Planning News: Ron Thomann*

- Ron will report at the next meeting. Joan mentioned that it is very important to have a plan so that the organization continues to move forward and can monitor its progress.

s) *Student & YP Committee: Ryan Rutkowski*

- The Committee hosted a breakfast for the YP's. Ryan will step down as committee chair and Miranda Sloan of Burns & McDonnell will be in that role

V: New Business

a) *Jr & Senior Delegates:*

- As it turns out, Page Burks will have completed her term at the October WEFTEC. Since that WEFTEC, Brian Spano of Wilson & Company will be her successor.

b) *Nominating Committee:*

- Chris Ramsey of Black & Veatch has agreed to take on the role of KWEA Vice-President

c) *Sunflower Reception:*

- The reception will be held again at Bubba Gumps in Chicago.

d) *Joan Hawley:*

- Joan talked to the Board about the resources that WEF has to offer such as a Public Outreach person who travels to MA's to help them better communicate with their members. Outreach is not only important to get the message out but to also recruit new blood. Also she talked about the push by WEF for a national certification program for operators as a means of elevating the professions status as well as that of the operator.

e) *Houston Relief Effort:*

- Roxann approached the Board with the idea of setting up a matching fund program to support the relief effort in Texas that came as the result of Hurricane Harvey. Roxann recommended a Kansas based Charity, "Heart to Heart International" as the recipient of our donations. The Board unanimously agreed to set up a matching fund site and match contributions to that fund up to \$5000.