

Minutes of the Business Meeting  
North Dakota Section of AWWA  
October 8, 2008

The Business Meeting of the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association was held at the Ramkota Inn of Bismarck, North Dakota, on October 8, 2008.

Mr. Brett Jochim called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. and recognized the head table, Section Officers, Trustees, and AWWA President-Elect Craig Woolard.

The minutes of the October 25, 2007, Business Meeting were published in the 2007 Post-Conference issue of the Official Bulletin. Mr. Jochim asked for any corrections to the minutes. There were none. Mr. Jack Long moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Deon Stockert. Motion carried.

Mr. Jochim presented the Treasurer's Report. The Section had income of \$32,120.18 and expenses of \$21,037.63, for a net gain of \$11,082.55 in 2007. The Section had as of December 31, 2007, \$40,162.46 in checking and money market accounts, and endowments and reserve of \$80,653.83. Total assets for the Section were \$120,816.29. Mr. Mel Bullinger moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Ms. Hazel Sletten seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Dean Sletten presented the audit report as conducted by Mr. Sletten and Mr. Tim Paustian. The financial records were reviewed and no discrepancies were found. Ms. Lisa Ansley moved to accept the Audit Report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Skip Rapp. Motion carried

Mr. Jochim introduced each of the Board of Trustee candidates. Nominees for trustee are Mr. Jason Sorenson and Ms. Meredith Quinn. The election was held by secret ballot. Mr. Jochim informed the members that Mr. Jason Sorenson is the new trustee.

Mr. Jack Long introduced the nominee for Director, Ms. Lisa Ansley. Mr. Wade Hesch motioned to cast a unanimous ballot for Ms. Ansley as Director. Seconded by Mr. Charlie Vein. Motion carried.

Ms. Sue Anderson presented Certificates of Award for Water Treatment and Water Distribution Certification Advancement. This year's awardees are Barry Arntz, Gary Fahrnkopf, Enos J. Lien, Effie Miller, Joel R. Myhro, Daniel Overmoe, Bradley S. Rosel, Bill Solis, and Jason Sorenson.

Mr. Jochim presented a lifetime membership plaque to Mr. Tom Little who has been a member of AWWA for 30 years. Mr. Jochim also recognized the City of Fargo for 50 years of AWWA membership.

There was no other unfinished business or new business.

Mr. Jochim introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Craig Woolard. Mr. Woolard is from Anchorage,

Alaska, and currently serves as the Treatment Division Director for the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility. His message was on the values of AWWA. These values include the cost of water production and infrastructure replacement. These values need to be communicated on how they affect health, fire protection, community economies, and quality of life. He concluded his presentation with the U.S. enjoys the best water in the world and it happens because of members of AWWA, WEF, and other organizations. This is a great time to be in the industry because water is at the center of everything. What we do has never been more important.

Mr. Jochim thanked everybody for their support and help during his tenure as chair. He introduced Mr. Joe Ferguson, incoming Section Chair. Mr. Ferguson thanked Mr. Jochim for the work that he accomplished during his time as Section Chair and presented him with a plaque.

Mr. Ferguson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mel Bullinger moved to adjourn and Mr. Duane Friesz seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

David J. Bruschwein  
Secretary-Treasurer