

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
North Dakota Section of AWWA
May 23, 2007

The spring meeting of the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association was held at the Seven Seas Inn of Mandan, ND on May 23, 2007. Present at the meeting were Chair-elect, Brett Jochim; Director, Jack Long; Trustees, Tim Paustian, Duane Friesz, Dean Sletten, and Joe Ferguson; Secretary/Treasurer, David Bruschwein; Assistant Secretary, Brian Blotsky; Assistant Treasurer, Greg Wavra; Others attending the meeting were Larry Thelen and Deon Stockert.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jochim at 8:15 a.m.

The Secretary's Report was presented by Mr. Bruschwein. Mr. Long moved that the corrected minutes of the January 31, 2007 Board Meeting be approved. Seconded by Mr. Friesz. Motion carried.

Mr. Wavra presented the Treasurer's Report. As of May 21, 2007, the Section had income of \$18,972.72 and expenses of \$11,187.83. The Section has \$36,864.80 in the checking and money market accounts. The Section also has scholarship endowments and a reserve account that total \$80,653.83. Mr. Long moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Sletten. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Water Utility Council

Mr. Long presented the WUC report from the AWWA Fly-In on April 17 & 18 for Nate Weisenburger and Wade Hesch, who were unable to attend. Items of discussion at the Fly-In were security issues, Total Coliform Rule, Contaminant Candidate List, effluent guidelines for WTPs, Chlorine/Inherently Safer Technologies, infrastructure funding, and Water Transfer Rule.

Mr. Long reviewed the 2007 Legislative Session, of which 1048 bills and resolutions were introduced. Twenty-two of the bills and 5 resolutions were tracked. Twelve of the 22 bills passed, 2 of the resolutions were considered for interim study, and one of the bills passed required an interim study.

Education and Research Committee

Mr. Stockert reported that Ron Hendricksen and Kevin Johnson judged the state science fair for the section. Vanessa Mauch of Hankinson and Laura Juelfs of Medina were the winners.

Mr. Stockert also reported that the City of Minot, who won the water taste test at the NDWPCC, agreed to submit water at the ACE this year in Toronto for North Dakota. Mr. Long agreed to represent North Dakota on Minot's behalf.

Mr. Bruschwein discussed asking Del DeBoer to once again present at the NDWPCC. It was felt that his presentation was very informative and that operators were able to come away with a basic understanding of water operations; therefore, Mr. Stockert will contact Mr. DeBoer to make the necessary arrangements. It was discussed that his expenses should be paid for by the Section.

Discussion also centered around having another panel discussion at the NDWPCC. A possible topic is a continued distribution discussion focusing in part on the Stage 2 D/DBP rule. Panel participants may include Eric Volk and operators from systems on schedule 2 & 3. Mr. Stockert will organize the panel discussion.

There were two applicants for the University Scholarship. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Sletten volunteered to help Miranda Kleven select a winner.

Membership

Mr. Sletten reported that membership is at 245. Discussion centered on setting up a booth for the Energy Conference in Bismarck in January to attempt to recruit new membership. The cost of the booth is estimated to be \$1000. Recommendations for attracting people to the booth and volunteers for running the booth were also discussed. Mr. Sletten moved to have a Section booth at the conference. Seconded by Mr. Paustian. Motion carried.

Mr. Friesz motioned to accept the committee reports. Seconded by Mr. Long. Motioned carried.

Director=s Report

Mr. Long explained the attempt to merge AWWA with WEF, employee changes, elections, 2009 mid-winter board meeting, 2007 ACE, RMSO and the regional alignment. Most of the discussion focused on the regional alignment. The board consensus was the concern that North Dakota will get lost as a small section in the new region. Mr. Long was asked to lobby in North Dakota favor for a new alignment. It was felt that North Dakota should be aligned with states with similar attributes as North Dakota. Mr. Friesz motioned to accept the Director's Report. Seconded by Mr. Sletten. Motioned carried.

Mr. Wavra explained that he was working with volunteers to form a steering committee for WARN. He indicated that he picked 15 different participants from around the state to participate. He indicated that 11 of the participants agreed to travel to Denver on July 11 to attend the workshop to start a WARN committee. Training is paid by AWWA and EPA.

Mr. Freisz attended the Water Utility Management Course at the University of Minnesota. He felt the training was very informative and he learned a lot from it.

Mr. Sletten discussed his trip to the RMSO in Omaha. Topics covered at the RMSO included WEF/AWWA merger, Water for People Memorandum of Understanding, and aging workforce. He was the only person to represent North Dakota.

Ideas for training at the NDWPCC included panel discussions, Mr. DeBoer's presentation, and a speaker at the luncheon are to be presented to Mike Brisben.

Summer training in Colorado Springs on August 1 & 2 was brought up. The estimated cost per person was approximately \$900. Mr. Brusche, Mr. Wavra, and Mr. Blotsky volunteered to attend. There was a consensus to approve their attendance.

Mr. Thelen discussed the WFP memorandum of understanding. It basically commits that if we use their logo for fund raising, all the money must go directly to WFP. Mr. Ferguson motioned to adopt the memorandum of understanding if the final version is close to the draft. Seconded by Mr. Friesz. Motioned carried.

The meeting was motioned to adjourn by Mr. Sletten and seconded by Mr. Paustian. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Blotsky
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer