

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
North Dakota Section of AWWA
May 21, 2008
Corrected

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 21, 2008. Present at the meeting were Chair, Brett Jochim; Past-chair, Dave Johnson; Chair-elect, Joe Ferguson; Director, Jack Long; Trustees, Duane Friesz, Tim Paustian, and Eric Volk; Secretary/Treasurer, David Bruschwein; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Greg Wavra and Larry Thelen. Others attending the meeting were Deon Stockert and Hazel Sletten.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jochim at 8:00 a.m.

The Secretary's Report was presented by Mr. Bruschwein. Mr. Long moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2008 Board Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Paustian. Motion carried.

Mr. Wavra presented the Treasurer's Report. As of May 20, 2008, the Section had income of \$17,355.19 and expenses of \$17,544.86. The Section has \$40,496.42 in the checking and money market accounts. The Section also has scholarship endowments and a reserve account that total \$80,120.20. Mr. Johnson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Ferguson. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Public Relations (PR) Committee

Ms. Hazel Sletten reported that Ms. Anderson sent out a PSA on drinking water week and also worked with the Surface Water Workshop. Mr. Jochim thanked Ms. Anderson for all the work she has done.

Education and Research Committee

Mr. Stockert reported NDAWWA provided two judges for water related projects at the state science fair this year. The science fair went very well and Deon had already received a thank you note from the NDAWWA award winner.

The Student Chapter field trip to western North Dakota had a great turn out with 20 students. All of these students are AWWA members and left greatly energized.

Mr. Johnson made and Mr. Long seconded a motion to cover \$500 for the field trip. This is an additional \$225 above what was spent by the Section. The motion passed.

Mr. Stockert also provided a summary of the Surface Water Workshop. The workshop was well attended and well received this year. Costs have increased so the net profit this year for each section was only \$1425. He thanked the Section for supporting the workshop and all of those people that volunteered their time.

Water Utility Council

Mr. Jochim reported that Mr. Nate Weisenburger represented the Section at the annual AWWA Fly-In to Washington, DC. Mr. Weisenburger met with staff from all three of the state's delegates. The Association's messages this year were infrastructure and funding, pharmaceuticals, and homeland security. Mr. Weisenburger is moving to Montana and will be unable to finish his term on the WUC. Mr. Jochim volunteered to take Mr. Weisenburger's place on the committee as the Industry Representative.

Water for People

Ms. Sletten reported the committee plans to do the same activities as last year.

Membership

Membership is at 245.

Director=s Report

Mr. Long previously submitted a written Director's Report. He did highlight that Mr. Craig Wollard, AWWA President-elect, will be the AWWA representative at the NDWPCC this year. The Association is considering a six city rotation for the Annual Convention and Exhibit to reduce the logistical burden.

The committee searching for a new director is talking to two potential candidates. The Trustee, Operator Meritorious, and Fuller Award Committees had nothing new to report.

Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Long previously submitted a written report on the RMSO. Highlights from the RMSO were that the AWWA Fly-In will be early next year and it is never too early to start looking for attendees. Also, a high school in Minnesota raised \$14,000 for WFP.

Mr. Bruschwein reported that Mr. Andrew Job from Grand Forks Water Department received the Water Utility Management Institute scholarship. He thanked the Section for sending him and felt it was a great program.

Mr. Wavra reported the Mutual Aid Agreement is in its 4th draft. EPA has hired a contractor to teach NIMS. A request has been made to do this training in conjunction with the annual conference.

The Association is offering an allotment for small sections to do special projects. There was discussion if this should be pursued. Mr. Volk moved that the Section pursue the special allotment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ferguson. The motion passed. The committee set up to do this is Mr. Bruschwein, Mr. Stockert, and Mr. Volk.

There was discussion on different topics and trainers for the annual conference. It was decided the Section would again host a drinking water block.

Mr. Friesz moved to accept Mr. Brian Blotsky's resignation as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and to appoint Mr. Chad Miller as the new Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Blotsky is resigning because he has accepted a new job. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Bruschwein covered the information that he had on a class action lawsuit involving fluoride.

The AWWA Summer Training was discussed. The goal is to send two people from the Section.

The possibility of having a strategic planning session was discussed. Ms. Sletten will report back in October with some preliminary information.

Mr. Stockert relayed that he serves on a North Dakota Rural Water committee that is attempting to raise a \$30,000 escrow to fund a scholarship in Pat Denne's name. After much discussion no action was taken.

Mr. Johnson motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Friesz.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Bruschein
Secretary-Treasurer