

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
North Dakota Section of AWWA
October 25, 2006

The fall meeting of the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association was held at the Grand International Inn of Minot, ND on October 25, 2006. Present at the meeting were Chair, Rick Gillund; Past Chair, Lisa Ansley; Director, Jack Long; Trustees, Duane Friesz, Joe Ferguson, Dean Sletten and Brett Jochim; AWWA President, Terry Rolan; Secretary Treasurer, David Bruschwein; and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Larry Thelen. Others attending the meeting were Hazel Sletten, Don Olafson, Charlie Vein and Deon Stockert.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gillund at 7:35 a.m.

The Secretary=s Report was presented by Mr. Bruschwein. Ms. Ansley moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2006 Board Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Ferguson. Motion carried.

Mr. Thelen presented the Treasurer=s Report. As of October 13, 2006, the Section had income of \$25,219.79 and expenses of \$23,525.35 for a net income of \$1,694.44 to date in 2006. The Section has \$32,072.07 in the checking and money market accounts. The Section also has scholarship endowments and a reserve account that totals \$80,653.83. Mr. Long moved to accept the Treasurer=s Report. Seconded by Mr. Jochim. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Education and Research Committee

Mr. Stockert reported that there have been no Fred Clark Scholarship applications received so far. There are 13 members of the NDSU Student Chapter and several from UND. Mr. Long and Mr. Thelen worked the Section booth at the LOC convention and felt that it was not worthwhile. The committee recommends the \$350 exhibitor fee be used for an advertisement in the Cityscan instead. Seven AWWA members will be receiving certificates of recognition for increasing their operator certification level. They are: Shane Berg, Nels Halgren, Richard Jacobson, Sherry Keys, Chad Mittleider, William Solis, and Jason Sorenson. The committee has again elected Mr. Stockert and Ms. Miranda Kleven as Committee Co-Chairs.

Public Relations Committee

Ms. Sletten reported that the PR Committee has now met twice. Sue Anderson is the web designer for the new Section web page. The website will cost \$16 per month. Ms. Sletten brought a sample of the website for everybody to look at. It includes such things as trustees, minutes, reports, links, etc.

Water For People

Mr. Vein reported that the committee is again doing the raffle at the conference as a fund raiser. The drawing will be held at the banquet. Tickets are again \$5 and prizes are \$150, \$100, and \$50. The goal is to raise \$5,000; \$2,500 from golf sponsorships, \$100 from golf mulligans, \$1,400 from the raffle, and the \$1,000 Section donation.

Due to the amounts of funds being raised and new accounting rules, it will be necessary for the Section to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with National WFP on how the committee accounting is performed.

Membership

Mr. Sletten reported that membership is currently at 222. Ms. Ansley reported that the North Dakota Section was the only Section in the Region that accepted the challenge to increase membership 3% by the next RMSO.

Mr. Sletten moved to accept the committee reports. Seconded by Ms. Ansley. Motion carried.

Director=s Report

Mr. Long reported that the first half year as Director went by very fast and was very enlightening. There is an entirely different aspect to the organization and how it works that one does not see until becoming a director. He did not have anything different than in the report he recently emailed.

The new website will be released on November 1st.

There was no other old business.

Mr. Thelen presented the draft 2007 budget. It is very similar to the 2006 budget and is based on the past several years' of experience. There were no comments on it.

Mr. Bruschwein moved to accept Mr. Thelen's letter of resignation as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and accept Mr. Paul Zent as the new Assistant Secretary/Treasurer if Mr. Zent continues to show an interest in the position. Mr. Thelen has accepted a Regional Directorship in the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators and feels he does not have the time to volunteer for two organizations. Ms. Ansley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Ansley thanked Mr. Thelen for the tremendous job that he has done while volunteering for the Section. Mr. Gillund also thanked Mr. Thelen on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Section.

AWWA President Terry Rolan encouraged the Section to use the new 'Tap Water Delivers' resources. The Association is working on the latest State of the Industry report. This has been a good year financially for the Association. He also thanked the Section for inviting him to NDWPCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Bruschwein
Secretary-Treasurer