

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
North Dakota Section of AWWA
June 8, 2006

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 June 8, 2006. Present at the meeting were Chair-Elect, Dave Johnson; Past Chair, Lisa Ansley; Director, Jack Long; Trustees, Joe Ferguson, Dean Sletten and Brett Jochim; Secretary Treasurer, David Bruschwein; and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Larry Thelen. Others attending the meeting were Paul Zent and Deon Stockert.

The meeting was called to order by Chair-Elect Johnson at 8:00 a.m.

The Secretary's Report was presented by Mr. Bruschwein. Mr. Ferguson moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2006 Board Meeting as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Sletten. Motion carried.

Mr. Thelen presented the Treasurer's Report. As of June 6, 2006, the Section had income of \$17,925 and expenses of \$13,763. The Section has \$34,540 in the checking and money market accounts. The Section also has Scholarship endowments and a reserve account that total \$80,654. Mr. Sletten moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Ms. Ansley. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Education and Research Committee

Mr. Stockert reported that Travis Tulk received the Fred Clark Scholarship. The University Scholarship Committee recommends Amanda Hauf for the University Scholarship; however, her application wasn't signed. The information on the application has been verified as correct. Mr. Stockert moved to award the University Scholarship to Amanda Hauf despite the lack of signature. Seconded by Ms. Ansley. Motion carried.

The Science Fair was judged by Eric Dodds and Dean Sletten. There were many interesting projects again this year. The winners of the AWWA awards are Caitlyn Stein (\$50) of Hankinson in the junior division and Krissandra Jentz (\$50) of Hankinson in the senior division.

The Surface Water Workshop was held April 26-28 in Fargo this year and was a huge success. Attendance was 146 and the planning committee is already looking at the next workshop.

The Education Committee will be working closely with the new Public Relations Committee. Events include the Drinking Water Taste Test, operator certification awards, scholarships, and the science fair.

The NDSU Student Chapter will again compete in the WEFTEC student competition. Efforts are again being made to start a chapter at UND.

Public Relations Committee

First topic discussed is getting the website running again. Ms. Ansley moved to use awwand.org as a web address and to give Sue Anderson the flexibility to pick a host site and develop the web page. Seconded by Mr. Sletten. Motion carried.

Chair-Elect Johnson appointed Ms. Hazel Sletten as the committee chair and Ms. Sue Anderson as the vice-chair. Mr. Ferguson moved to accept the appointments and was seconded by Mr. Sletten. Motion carried.

Water Utility Council

Mr. Long presented the WUC report. The AWWA Fly-In to Washington, D.C. was a big success. Ms. Hazel Sletten and Mr. Steve Burian represented the Section. They visited with both Representative Pomeroy and Senator Dorgan.

Mr. Nate Weisenberger sent a letter to our congressional delegation in regard to the new Chemical Security Bill. The current bill will include water treatment plants even though vulnerability assessments are completed. The Office of Homeland Security is not accepting what EPA has done and wants additional Emergency Response Plan work completed.

Membership Committee

Mr. Sletten reported that Jason Sorenson of Minot is willing to be on the committee. A challenge was issued at the RMSO for the sections to increase membership by 3%, with those that don't paying for the reception at the next RMSO. Ms. Ansley moved to accept the challenge. Seconded by Mr. Jochim. Motion carried.

Director's Report

Mr. Long reported that the Nilaksh Kothari is the new AWWA President-Elect and he looks forward to working with him. At the Winter Director's Meeting the number of vice-presidents was increased to six. The Association will also develop wastewater standards because currently there are no standards and WEF does not want to create them.

The topic of getting conference topics and a paid speaker was the next agenda item. The group felt that chloramination, panel discussion for distribution, uni-directional flushing and general distribution/treatment were good topics. There was a discussion on what to do for a paid speaker. After some discussion it was decided that Mr. Jochim, Mr. Johnson and Ms. Ansley would work together to get a paid speaker. Mr. Sletten moved to pay for Delvin Deboer's expenses to present at the conference. Seconded by Mr. Ferguson. Motion carried.

Mr. Long covered the RMSO. The membership challenge was already discussed. Tom Curtis, AWWA Deputy Executive Director, gave a presentation on regulatory issues and his read on new and more aggressive rules. Topics covered included Pb/Cu, Small System Variances, Ground Water Rule, Total Coliform Rule, Chemical Security, Infrastructure Funding and a Trust Fund Bill. The Association is considering holding the next RMSO in Las Vegas in February of 2007.

The minutes from the Strategic Planning Session have been emailed to everybody. The formation of the new Public Relations Committee and the website which are products of the strategic planning session are going well.

Tom Potter of Williston was the recipient of the Section Water Utility Management Institute scholarship. He was very appreciative of the scholarship and of attending the training. He felt the training was very worthwhile to attend.

Mr. Rick Gillund has lined up Mr. Tim Paustian and Mr. Steve Ahlschlager as trustee nominees.

According to Mr. Thelen, the Valley City location is getting a very limited attendance and he recommended that the site be dropped from the Satellite Teleconference list. The consensus of the group is that it should be dropped.

The Association was able to get Director's and Officer's Insurance for the Sections for one more year. In addition, Mr. Thelen did receive a quote for just the Section of \$1,015 for \$1,000,000 of coverage, with

h a \$1,000 deductible. The quote was good until the 20th of June.

The summer workshop will again be held in Denver this July. Mr. Bruschwein is looking for volunteers to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Bruschwein
Secretary-Treasurer