

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
North Dakota Section of AWWA
January 19, 2006

The winter meeting of the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association was held at the Seven Seas Inn of Bismarck, ND on January 19, 2006. Present at the meeting were Chair, Rick Gillund; Past Chair, Lisa Ansley; Director-elect, Jack Long; Trustees, Joe Ferguson, Duane Friesz, Dean Sletten and Brett Jochim; Secretary Treasurer, David Bruschwein; and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Larry Thelen. Others attending the meeting were Paul Zent.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gillund at 8:00 a.m.

The Secretary's Report was presented by Mr. Bruschwein. Ms. Ansley moved that the minutes of the October 12, 2005 Board Meeting be approved. Seconded by Mr. Ferguson. Motion carried.

Mr. Thelen presented the Treasurer's Report. As of December 31, 2005, the Section had income of \$30,692 and expenses of \$23,186. The Section has \$30,267 in the checking and money market accounts. The Section also has Scholarship endowments and a reserve account that total \$80,654. Mr. Ferguson moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Ms. Ansley. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Education and Research Committee

Ms. Ansley reported there was one application for the Fred Clark Scholarship. The Regional Surface Water Workshop is in Fargo this April at the Radisson Inn. The Minnesota Section is hosting a conference in August on membrane filtration. There was discussion on sending somebody from the Section to Stage 2 D/DBP and LT2ESWTR training and having them present at the League of Cities meetings. The group felt it was better to target the decision makers. Ms. Ansley moved to pursue finding an individual to attend training that is willing to put on training on the subject at a later time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ferguson and the motion passed.

Water Utility Council

Mr. Jochim reported the Annual Fly-In is coming up and Mr. Weisenberger is looking for volunteers willing to go. The Association will cover costs for one and the Section has covered the cost for a second person to attend in the past. The Board discussion centered on one person attending should have attended previously so they have an understanding of how the process works. Brett moved that the Section send an operator and one other person. This will be left up to Mr. Weisenberger to find people willing to attend. Second by Mr. Ferguson and motion carried.

Membership

Mr. Bruschwein reported that membership is at 235. There was discussion on the role of the membership committee and if it could take a more aggressive role than is has in the past.

Water for People

At this past conference the raffle raised \$1,155 and the golf sponsorships raised \$2,345 which included \$145 from mulligans.

Director's Report

Mr. Long reported that Nilash Kathari is the new president-elect. Governance is still a big issue. The feeling is that the proposed changes are way too big to handle and will not be pursued in the immediate future.

Mr. Ferguson moved to accept the committee reports.

Mr. Gillund read a letter from Mr. Rick Larson resigning as trustee because of work commitments. Mr. Jochim moved to accept the resignation. Seconded by Ms. Ansley and motion carried.

Ms Ansley moved to appoint Dean Sletten as the new trustee such that all the existing trustees move up a year and Mr. Sletten becomes the first year trustee. Seconded by Mr. Ferguson and motion carried.

Mr. Thelen presented the proposed 2006 budget. Mr. Sletten moved to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by Ms. Ansley. Motion passed.

The topic of hosting Association training was discussed. The Board decided to pursue it and handed it over to the Education Committee to put the application together.

This spring the RMSO is in Iowa. Three trustees expressed an interest in attending. Ms. Ansley moved to send all who want to go. Seconded by Mr. Sletten. Motion carried.

Ms. Ansley covered the upcoming Strategic Planning Session that will be in Grand Forks on March 3 -4, 2006.

The Board discussed the AWWA webcasts and the consensus is that there are too many on subjects that have been covered already.

The only applicant for the Water Management Institute Scholarship is Tom Potter of Williston. Ms. Ansley move to send Tom Potter. Seconded by Mr. Friesz. Motion carried.

Mr. Dave Johnson will go to the Annual Convention and Exposition using the Section's complementary registration.

There was a discussion on how much to donate to different organizations this year. The donations have stayed the same for many years. Discussion centered around increasing these donations because of inflation. Mr. Jochim moved to donate \$1,000 to WFP, \$1,000 to Gateway to Science Center, \$750 to the Dakota Science Center, and a dollar per member to AWWARF. Seconded by Mr. Ferguson. Motion carried.

Mr. Gillund appointed the following committees

Fuller - Lisa Ansley (chair), Miranda Kleven, Jack Long

Trustee - Joe Ferguson, Rick Gillund (chair)

Operator Meritorious - Larry Thelen (chair), Brett Jochim, Dean Sletten

The Board discussed doing something for recent retirements. Ms. Ansley, Mr. Gillund and Mr. Long will look into this.

Ms. Ansley moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sletten.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

At 11:20 am the meeting was reconvened.

The Board agreed that it did want to do the Drinking Water Week Advertisement again. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Bruschwein
Secretary-Treasurer