

Consent Agenda  
Minnesota Section of American Water Works Association  
Governing Board Meeting/Conference Call  
September 15, 2010

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

July 14, 2010 – Governing Board meeting

**Corrections/Additions:**

**FINANCIAL REPORT (Stew Thornley)**

As of June 2010, section income for the year was \$162,624 and expenses were \$135,947 for a net gain of \$26,677. Investments are down since the beginning of the year by \$1,988 for a net income of \$24,689.

**CHAIR'S REPORT (Pete Moulton)**

Goals – many times you hear leaders get up and make promises to their staff and members about all the good things they are going to do in office. I am (and was) no different; however, please let me update you where we are at on the issues that I brought to the table last September... Upon becoming Chair I mentioned two things that I had wanted to accomplish they include:

1. Promote MnWARN (Minnesota Water and Wastewater Response Agency) with the goal of helping water utilities provide for emergency protection during events that are out of their control – I feel we have accomplished this goal. While this is an ongoing process when I took over as Chair there were 80 communities that had signed the mutual aid agreement – today there are 125 communities that are dedicated to the general good of protecting public water supplies through out the state.
2. Was to keep our Board and members focused on our vision, which is the dedication to safe drinking water in Minnesota. We have met this goal also, in part to the activities that our Board took when we hired a Volunteer Coordinator to assist Council Chairs with staying on task and meeting the strategic plan goals for their respective areas. We now have a consistent and steady pressure to work towards those goals

Budget preparations have been completed and the Executive Board has taken into consideration many requests and concerns. While there is a slight deviation from what was recommended by the finance committee, I think you will find it as a good compromise.

Our Volunteer Coordinator – Mona Cavalcoli has been working very hard in a few areas. The first is the Administrative and Policy Council where our focus is working with membership to bolster our new, and retain our existing members. Mona and Herb Watry will be working on a plan that identifies the steps and procedures to strengthen our membership core. In the area of Information Technology, Mona and Carol Kaszynski are working to upgrade our presentation on the website and to provide more frequent, and updated information to our members. We are also working with the Public Affairs Council to assist with assembly and deliverance of the EBreeze Publication. Mona and Terry Neuman are working the kinks out here as we make a transition.

Thanks to all the great volunteers in this organization. Especially those who gave advice and those who just did the work without question or payment. I enjoyed working with each of you, and I am grateful to having been chosen to lead such an outstanding group.

YOU do such much, for so little.

**ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Dave Schultz)**

It is a pleasure to announce that John Donahue will be representing the National AWWA at the 2010 Minnesota Annual Convention in Duluth.

**BIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND**

John Donahue  
Vice-President (2011-2012)  
American Water Works Association

John is the General Manager of the North Park (Ill.) Public Water District, a groundwater system with 25,000 customers. He continues to hold water and wastewater operator licenses and advocates for operator involvement.

An AWWA member since 1987, John has been an active member of the Illinois Section for more than 20 years. He was honored in 2009 with the Fuller Award and now represents the Section on the AWWA Board of Directors. He has served as Section chair, vice-chair and district trustee and has chaired the Teleconference, Nominating, and Meter Madness committees. In addition, he has served as a member of the Manufacturers Advisory and Water Utility Councils—participating in the AWWA Fly-In—and of the Bylaws, Fuller Award, and ACE10 Planning Committees.

At the Association level, Donahue is co-vice-chair of the Distribution Plant Operations Division, liaison to the Water Loss Control Committee and member of the ACE10 Technical Program, Distribution System Symposium Planning, and Opflow Best Paper Evaluation and Meter Madness committees, as well. Previously, he chaired the Heroism Award Committee and served on the Operator Involvement Committee.

He is past-president of the Kane County Water Association and the Northeast Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators. Donahue also belongs to numerous other professional organizations

John and his wife, Debbie, reside in Roscoe, Illinois.

## **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Mona Cavalcoli)**

My time has continued to be focused on Membership, Information Technology, and Public Information. In July, I had the good fortune to meet Bert Tracy, Mike Bramwell, and Lisa Vollbrecht at the AWWA Summer Leadership Workshop.

### **Membership**

Herb Watry and I have regular communication by phone and email. We are continuing to push forward in developing an Action Plan for the Membership Committee.

Key items identified for the membership/action plan will be:

- Establish & implement "member-get-a-member" recruiting campaign
- Create "Member Profiles" for publications and website: these would be like brief interviews or 'spotlights' on different volunteers to increase recognition and promote the membership value message
- Improve activities for Member Appreciation Week and throughout the year

With regard to Member Appreciation Week:

- There will be a Member Appreciation Event as part of the MAC Meet & Greet on Sept 23 in Duluth
- At end of August/beginning of Sept, we will work to get out a special edition of E-Breeze to promote Member Appreciation/Member Meet & Greet -- I will work on that and send it out w/approval of Terry Neuman
- Membership Committee is working on the idea of sending a postcard (a holiday card) to members -- it would be a "thank you for being a member and wishing you a happy holidays" card. The cost for this would be approximately \$75.00 to print the cards (4-color on front, b/w on back), and then the postage to mail the card to members (approx. \$350).

Membership Committee participated in the AWWA Membership Fall Mailing/Recruiting Campaign. To do this, we sent AWWA a customized letter (based on their template) with Herb's signature, and we sent them the most recent MN operators list (thanks to Stew for getting this). AWWA will do the mailing to MN operators on our behalf.

### **Information Technology**

Carol and I have regularly-scheduled calls to keep abreast of the website content and updates. Carol is currently working with the outside developer to implement changes to the main/home page.

### **Public Information**

I helped Terry get the Fall Conference E-Breeze out. For those who may have noticed, there was a problem with a link referencing an old version of the Conference Program-at-a-Glance. Thanks to Carol K. we have redirected the broken/incorrect link, so anyone using that link will get to the right information. I'll continue to work with Terry and Myron to help with electronic communications.

Other:

In the weeks/months ahead, just a heads up that I'll be scheduling calls with Council & Committee Chairs, Board Members and District Trustees, really just to keep in good contact with all of you.

## **DISTRICT REPORTS**

### **Central District (Lisa Vollbrecht)**

The planning session for the 1-day St. John's training session was held August 13, 2010. The meeting agenda included a review of the Ruttger's training session, discussion regarding annual conference sponsorship and determining the agenda for the St. John's training session. The agenda for St. John's will be posted shortly.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The MN AWWA Central District One Day Training session held at St. John's University in Collegeville, MN is scheduled for October 20, 2010.

### **Metro District (Mike Bramwell)**

2011 MN-AWWA Metro District Waterworks Operator School  
Ramada Mall of America, Bloomington  
April 5-7, 2011

The planning committee for the Metro District Waterworks Operator School met on August 24th. We reviewed the training modules used at our recent conferences and decided that this year would focus on "Distribution". We discussed and set the details for our sessions. Our next planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16 at 10 A.M.

### **Northeast District (Mark Proulx)**

The Northeast District Water Operators School will again be held at the Superior Shores Resort & Conference Center in Two Harbors on Wednesday May 18 - Friday May 20, 2011. Superior Shores is holding a block of guest rooms ( \$59 plus tax per night) and suits (\$99 plus tax per night) Call 218-834-5671 and identify yourself as being a part of the Northeast Water School 2011 to get the special rate. There will be a planning meeting held to organize the classes and presenters for the three day school and that information will be available on the AWWA website with the registration information.

### **Northwest District (Brian Bergantine)**

The 2010 Northwest District Waterworks Operators School is scheduled to be held November 30th through December 2, 2010, at the Holiday Inn-Lakeside in Detroit Lakes. A planning meeting for the school was conducted on July 6, 2010 at the Holiday Inn-Lakeside hotel. Members present at the planning meeting included Stew Thornley; Brian Bergantine; Kris Knutson; Jason Yonke; Lyle Stai; Don Christianson; Jarrod Christen; Mike Lahlum; Steve Pederson; and Todd Johnson. Various topics of interest were discussed at the meeting and a tentative agenda was established for the school, which is presented below. Registration was set at \$130, with a late sign-up (beyond November 19, 2010) fee of \$140. Participants at the 2010 Northwest District Waterworks Operators School will earn 16 credit hours for their attendance and participation.

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Morning Sessions

*Water for People, Wadena Tornado Experience, Lab Ethics and Sampling, and Security Issues*

Afternoon Sessions

*Trench Safety, Water Storage Tanks, Detroit Lakes Water Plant Rehabilitation, and Competitions Committee*

Wednesday, December 1, 2009

Morning Sessions

Operator Breakfast with Northwest District Business Meeting and Guest Speaker Dick Jonckowski  
Exhibitor and Product Fair, Taste Test, and TopOps

Afternoon Sessions

Hands-on Sessions at the Detroit Lakes Wastewater Plant and Meter Madness Competition

or

Exam Study Session

Evening  
Young Professionals Social Event

Thursday, December 2, 2009

Morning Sessions

Zebra Mussels, Conservation, St. Cloud Treatment Plant, Moorhead Public Service Water Distribution, and 20 Questions

### **Southeast District (Dennis DuChene)**

The MDH/AWWA Southeast Annual Fall School is scheduled for October 15, 2010 at Cabela's in Owatonna. Tentative topics of interest are Water System Security Issues which will include Operator Response, MDH Response and Minnesota Safety Duty Officer Involvement. The Minnesota Department of Health will also discuss Various Sampling Requirements for Operators. Water Certification Exams will also be available with proper registration. Registration is \$25.00 until October 8. Late registrations and at the door registrations will be \$30.00.

### **Southwest District (Mark Sweers)**

The Southwest District held its summer meeting on August 12, 2010 to plan the Southwest fall water school. The fall school will be held at the Community Center in St. Peter on October 6, 2010. The agenda will included an MDH Update, Water System Security, Pipe Bursting, Chlorine Leak Response, Haiti Water Experience, and a tour of the new St. Peter Broadway Water Treatment Plant.

The SW spring 2011 school is scheduled for the middle of April in Redwood Falls and the fall school will be early October in the southern part of the district.

Below will be the SW District Officers following the fall conference in Duluth:

Trustee – Jeff Larson, Marshall  
Chair – Brad Lueders, Canby  
Vice-chair – Eric Roos, Worthington  
Secretary – John Blomme, MDH Marshall

### **Trustee-At-Large (Lyle Stai)**

I have had the privilege to attend two more water operator schools since my last report.

The first was the NE District 3-day school held at Two Harbors during 5-(19-21)-2010. The topics were interesting, informative, and useful. I attended part of the exam preparation course put on by Jeff Dale from MN Rural Water. He has a very comprehensive presentation and most of the exam takers are able to achieve certification.

The second was the Central District 3-day school held at Ruttger's located by Deerwood during 6-(9-11)-2010. I have been involved with the Central District planning committee for a number of years now. Dave Schultz (MDH) had the foresight many years ago to set up the first operators' schools in the Central District in a venue like we enjoy now. The sessions are always informative and well attended.

In addition I attended the planning meetings August 12 and 13 for the Southwest and Central one-day schools in October.

As I have stated in the past, I believe that one of the most important missions of the MN Section of the AWWA is to provide useful and interesting training to the very capable Minnesota water operators.

## **COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Administration Council (Jon Eaton)**

#### **Awards (Dave Brown)**

The Awards committee met on May 20 at AE2S. Committee income and expenses were reviewed and a proposed budget was finalized for the 2011 fiscal year. The national and section awards and committee calendar were reviewed to get new committee members familiar with the committee's work. Nancy Zeigler agreed to take over the role of Committee Chair after the 2010 MNAWWA Annual Conference.

The following work has been completed since the May 20 committee meeting:

1. Proposed committee income and expenses provided to APC Chair and Secretary/Treasurer.

2. Nominations for Volunteer of Year and Operator's Meritorious Award were solicited through the website, the Summer 2010 Breeze and the eBreeze. Two nominations were received for the 2010 Volunteer of the Year Award. No nominations were received for the Operator's Meritorious Service Award. Nominations for both of these awards are annually due by July 1.
3. A draft committee calendar with tasks has been prepared.
4. A draft policy and procedures document has been prepared.
5. Committee received NJ Section's List of Awards from MN Section Volunteer Coordinator.

If you are interested in joining the awards committee, new committee members would attend 3 meetings per year (either in person or by conference call) and perform various tasks between meetings to meet the committee's goals. Please contact the current committee chair, Dave Brown, if you are interested. Contact Dave at 763-463-5036 or [david.brown@ae2s.com](mailto:david.brown@ae2s.com).

**Finance (Doug Rovang)**

No report.

**Information Technology (Carol Kaszynski)**

No report.

**Membership (Herb Watry)**

No report.

**Conference Council (Corey Lubovich)**

Final touches for the 94th AWWA Annual Conference are being completed. It takes a lot of time and effort from a number of extremely dedicated volunteers to make each conference a success. That said; I am anticipating this year's event to be one of our best!

The Duluth destination site continues to be a huge draw for our conference with its culture and diversity. We have now established a solid following both in vendor base and in conference attendance by choosing Duluth as our "place to be". The MN AWWA Section is firmly booked at the DECC through the year 2014 with a tentative booking in the year 2015. Also locked in through year 2015 is the Harbor Side Convention Center with the use of Pioneer Hall for the Vendor Exhibition. The demand for the Harbor Side from our attendees has been overwhelming. With all of this in place, I am expecting great conferences for many years to come.

This is the third year of my three year position as Conference Chair and it has been truly a pleasure serving. Many thanks to all that have helped me in this effort. Most of all, thank you for your friendships.

See you at the DECC!

**Minnesota Associates Council (Tony Belden)**

Minutes of the August 6, 2010 Meeting of the  
Minnesota Associates Council  
Minnesota Section, AWWA

The August 6, 2010 MAC meeting was held in the conference room of Engineering America, in Oakdale, MN. The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Tony Belden at 9:00 AM.

**Attendance**

MAC members present at the meeting: Voting Members - Tony Belden, Scott Bredehoft, Brad Forester, Chris Larson, Rod Ganther, Greg Johnson, Paul Thom, Kelly Lange-Haider, and Brian Zinnel. Non Voting Members – Chris Glassing.

**Approval of Minutes**

Rod Ganther made the motion to accept the minutes from the April 1, 2010 meeting. Scott Bredehoft seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Committee Reports**

Exhibits Committee: Chair Scott Bredehoft gave the report

Scott passed around the newly designed Call for Exhibitors put together by Kelman & Associates. Rod Ganther expressed his liking of the nice cover photo. Tony Belden mentioned that he thought that sponsors used to get a free ad in the Conference edition of the Breeze. Scott Bredehoft will follow up with Scott Kelman to discuss.

Scott reports that 35 of 85 booths have been sold to date. The total of 85 booths includes space for mini sessions, pipe tapping competition, and meter madness. The free booths will be pulled into the main booth area this year.

Brian Zinnel will lead the preparation of a Call for Exhibitors for the mini-sessions. The goal is to have six exhibitors in place within two weeks for hopes of getting the presenters recognition in the Conference program. The mini sessions will be 20-25 minutes in length with 10 minutes in between for take-down/setup. Prizes will be given in between sessions. A laptop will be provided by MAC. The overhead projector will be provided by the DECC.

Jay Whitaker will again coordinate the Water For People Fishing Tournament. Scott reported that we have 2 fishing boat sponsors to date. Tony told a splendid story about his Dramamine experience on a fishing boat. Point of the story...don't double the dose because of your mass.

Randy Poore will again coordinate the Water For People Sporting Clays Shooting Event.

Brad Forester reported that the Water For People Golf Outing will again be at Lester Park Golf Course. Scott reported that we have 5 golf outing sponsors to date. "A" and "B" Flight arrangements will change to allow less gifted golfers more opportunity for cash prizes. Donations are needed for the raffle prizes. Please contact Brad if you have a prize to donate.

Greg Johnson will again handle the prize drawings. It was agreed that we will give away \$1,500 total, (4) \$250 gift card and (1) \$500 gift card.

Lastly, and to some most importantly, the beer will go on tap at 2:30pm.

Competitions Committee report: Chris Glassing gave the report

Chris Glassing asked if a spot has been reserved for the Water Taste Test Competition. Scott indicated that a space has not been designated yet. Discussions led to putting the tables in the open area in the center or in the area between the pipe tap and meter madness competitions. Chris requested 1 8-ft table or 2 6-ft tables for the competition. Brian Bergentine will again run the Water Taste Test Competition. Local media will be present.

Meter Madness will be from 1:30pm to 2:30pm on Wednesday. Letters to the District Meter Madness winners will go out soon. Chris hopes to recruit 1 or 2 designated leads from each district to run their respective district Meter Madness competitions. Chris indicated that there is no word on the official AWWA meter for 2011. Currently the competition is using Sensus meters.

Pipe Tapping Competition will be from 2:30pm to 3:30pm on Wednesday. The goal for this year is to have 2 or 3 teams compete. As of now, 2 Duluth teams will compete and "verbal maybes" have been received from St Cloud Tech, Minneapolis, and Bloomington. Tony Belden said Engineering America would help sponsor the winning team for an expense paid trip to ACE. Tony added that he is trying to get sponsorship in the budget, but if it is declined, MAC will ask for sponsorship pledges.

Social Committee report: Paul Thom gave the report

Simply stated, the MAC Social will be at the same place, at the same time, with the same food, and the same beer....Grandma's Sports Garden at 4pm on Wednesday.

Tony suggested that congestion at the bar area could be alleviated by having upright coolers of bottled or canned beer away from the bar. Paul is going to check with the people at Grandma's.

ACE Breakfast/Lunch: Tony Belden gave the report

Tony reported that Minnesota Section lunch at 'Heaven on Seven' in Chicago went well. Barrett Murphy of Chicago Water was the speaker and he gave a Power Point presentation on the Chicago Water System.

Tony added that Engineering America is willing to handle the coordination of future Minnesota Section lunches as they have set up a simple credit card payment procedure for registrants. Greg Johnson made a motion that MAC allows Engineering America to run the ACE Breakfast/Lunch in 2011. Rod Ganther seconded. The motion passed.

Endowment Committee: Rod Ganther gave the report

Hotel and restaurants will again donate prizes for the raffle. The raffle will include a \$10 donation to WFP.

It was noted that the MN AWWA Finance Committee has reduced the investment risk of the funds and values have recovered roughly 50% from their lows.

Minnesota Section Update: Tony Belden gave the report

Tony noted that the MN Section is experimenting with the use of conference calls instead of live meetings...also looking at the use of webinars.

Next Section meeting is September 15, 2010 @ 9am.

The Post Conference Luncheon and Board Meeting are scheduled for September 24, 2010 from 11am to 12:30pm in Duluth.

Mona Cavalcoli has been hired by MN AWWA as a part-time volunteer coordinator. Her duties will be focused in the areas of budget and membership.

MAC Budget 2011: Tony Belden gave the report

Tony noted that the Strategic Plan Application budget has been submitted to the Budget Committee, but he hasn't received any word on approval to date.

Greg Johnson noted that the expense budget for the pipe tapping competition looked low. He referenced the costs of sending the Meter Madness winner to ACE versus those shown for sending an entire team of pipe tappers to ACE. Chris Glassing noted that these are just budget numbers and we may be higher or lower on any given line item. Jokes of shared rooms and 'Planes, Trains, and Automobile' quotes ended any serious discussion on the topic.

National MAC Meeting Report: Bernie Bullert was not present to give a report

Young Professionals: Kevin Renslow was not present to give a report

MAC Roster Changes for 2011

Several corrections need to be made to the MAC Roster. Specifically...

Brad Forester email address is now bforester@american-usa.com

Chris Larson email address is now clarson@sehinc.com

Bernie Bullert email address is bullertbr@tkda.com

Chris Glassing email address is now cglassing@american-usa.com

It was noted that several of the MAC member terms expire on December 31, 2010. The following is a list and each member's intent to continue/discontinue...

Brad Forester agreed to a 2nd term

Rod Ganther agreed to a 3rd term (incoming MAC Chair)

Chris Larson has already agreed to a 2nd term

Tony Belden did not agree to a 4th term

With Tony's resignation, there is an opening for a Manufacturer's Representative. Tony mentioned that Matt Fritze, Engineering America may be interested. Rod Ganther noted that the position should be filled by the next meeting.

National At-Large AWWA Board Position, Seeking Nominations

Greg Johnson made a motion for the MAC to recommend Tony Belden for the National At-Large AWWA Board Position. Paul Thom seconded. Motion passed.

Tony will provide a two page resume of his qualifications for the position. Chris Glassing will submit Tony's info and the MAC recommendation to the Board.

Water For People Concert – Spring 2011

The 2010 event was a success with the increased sponsorship being a major help. The presence of a RMSO event in the area also increased participation and raised incoming funds.

Tony Belden noted that the committee has scheduled a conference call to discuss next year's benefit concert

Tony noted that the committee remains focused on securing outside AWWA Sponsorships and discussions on how to capture those dollars continues.

Brad Forester mentioned that DOW sponsored a 'Run for Water' day on the Saturday after the night of the WFP concert. Joining forces may be a way to drastically increase outside industry participation in the concert. Kelly said that she would provide information on the race to the MAC.

#### Next Meeting

The next MAC meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM, Thursday, December 2, 2010, at the Plant & Flanged Equipment office, in Blaine, MN.

#### Adjourn

Tony Belden expressed his thanks to MAC for allowing him to serve 3 terms and as MAC Chair. Tony stated that he will continue to serve MN AWWA and MAC in other ways.

Scott Bredehoft made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Johnson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

### **Public Affairs Council (Myron Volker)**

#### **Public Information (Terry Neuman)**

No report.

#### **Publications (Karla Peterson)**

Publications Committee Meetings/Conference Calls are held each quarter, with advertising submittals emailed to Darrell@kelman.ca, and editorial submittals emailed to karla.peterson@state.mn.us by the following dates:

#### Winter 2010

(Summary of September Board Meeting and Annual Business Meeting; Water Utility Management Institute Registration)

Committee and Publisher Conference Call - Friday, October 15, 2010

Advertising/editorial deadline - Friday, October 29, 2010

Please note that in 2011 and beyond, the Member Directory will have the following schedule:

#### Member Directory

Committee and Publisher Conference Call - Friday, December 17, 2010

Advertising/editorial deadline - Friday, December 31, 2010

The Winter 2010 Publications Committee Meeting/Conference Call will be held October 15, 2010. For those interested in joining the Publications Committee, please contact Karla Peterson.

### **Water for People (Chris Voeltz)**

#### **Items of Interest**

- **Spring golf tournament** – The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Water For People was held on May 27<sup>th</sup> at Willingers golf club. 66 golfers participated in the golf event and \$1,139 was raised for Water For People. 3 teams tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place at 13 under par 59. A scorecard playoff format was used to determined the winner, they are:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Steve Schneider, Brad Eilts, Rich Mackinac, Jim Bode (2 time defending champions)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Tom Stordahl, Wade Baumgardner, Tim Ray, Jerry Jansen
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Brian Dewolf, Mark Magney, John Fisher, Richard Corbett
- **Kenneth J. Miller founders award** – The Kenneth J. Miller founders award was established in 2001 by the board of directors of Water For People to honor outstanding volunteers for their service and leadership in the advancement of the Water For People mission at the local committee and regional levels. The founders award is presented annually to a volunteer selected by each local Water For

People committee of the AWWA Section or WEA member association. Chris Voeltz was presented this award at the ACE conference in Chicago on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

- **2011 Concert** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 2011 Water For People will be on April 15<sup>th</sup> 2011. The committee is in the process of reserving the Medina Entertainment Center, Johnny Holms band and Brad Boice to perform as Elvis. Rod Volker is checking with WE fest to see if they will be willing to donate another VIP concert package for a fundraising raffle. The committee will be having a meeting at the AWWA annual conference to discuss and act on any further items.

- **Water For People Fundraising Schedule 2010**

SE Section	Rochester	\$1,600 raised
SW Section	Redwood Falls	\$ 380 raised
Metro Section	Bloomington	\$ 800 raised
Concert	Medina	\$8,000 raised
NE Section	Two Harbors	\$ 385 raised
Spring Golf	Northfield - Willingers	\$1,139 raised
Central	Deerwood	\$ 325 raised
AWWA Annual Golf	Duluth	Sept. 21
AWWA Annual Fishing	Duluth	Sept. 21
AWWA Annual Sport. Clays	Duluth	Sept. 21
AWWA Annual ribbons	Duluth	Sept. 22-Sept. 24
SW Section	St. Peter	Oct. 6
Central	St. Johns Campus	Oct. 20
NW Section	Bemidji	TBA

- **Water For People committee meeting**- The committee will be meeting at Duluth Thursday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:45 am. Items to be discussed include: 2011 concert and any new fundraising ideas.

*Scholarship* (Doug Klamerus)  
No report.

*Young Professionals* (Kevin Renslow)  
No report.

**Training Council (Chris Glassing)**  
**Education Committee (John Thom)**  
No report.

**Management Schools (Scott Anderson)**  
No report.

**Research Committee (Doug Lubben and Roger Scharf)**  
No report.

**Safety Committee (Phil Zollinger)**  
No report.

**Water Utility Council (Pat Shea)**  
**A. Quarterly WUC Meeting Held on June 17, 2010**

**B. Items of Discussion**

**AWWA Washington, D.C. Fly-In**

The AWWA Washington, D.C. Fly-In occurred on March 24 and 25. Three representatives from MN AWWA attended; **Pat Shea, Dave Schultz and Bob Cockreil**. This was the first Fly-In Event where all AWWA sections throughout the county were represented. The representatives from MN AWWA were able to meet with all but one of the MN state representatives during their visit. They were also able to meet with Senator Klobuchar. The group primarily discussed two main issues. One related to AWWA's support of the water infrastructure bank. The other related to chemical security at water treatment facilities. AWWA has submitted official comments on their position regarding this issue.

## **Ground Water Monitoring**

The Senate and House bills dealing with ground water monitoring in the 11 county Metropolitan area did not pass. This would have assessed an \$8/MG surcharge from facilities that utilize groundwater. A bill containing a \$4M allocation from the DNR for groundwater mapping was approved.

## **Industrial Avoidance of Conservation Rates**

A recent meeting was held in Elk River to discuss some facilities installation of private wells to avoid paying the conservation rates mandated by recent legislative changes. The controversy partly relates to the fact that Elk River has sized its distribution system to handle both future and proposed industries.

## **Source Water Protection Grants**

MDH is adding staff for grants associated with the Clean Water Fund related to source water protection. They are currently working with 11 communities interested in these grants.

## **Water System Security**

MDH is aware of several recent water tower security incidents. MDH is attempting to educate cities and local law enforcement that MDH must be notified when these events occur. MDH has begun to send out some automated messages regarding this topic. WUC discussed the potential for the MDH to issue a public notification immediately after a security breach occurs. There was some discussion on whether MDH should purchase additional equipment to more immediately determine (e.g. within one hour) if water quality has been affected in a system.

## **Water Conservation Tool**

The Met Council is working on a new project will begin to develop cost/benefit tools to evaluate water conservation programs. This will be completed within the next several months.

## **MN-WARN Update**

The first annual WARN conference will occur in St. Cloud in September. Currently, there are 117 members. It is fortunate that no MN-WARN events have occurred to date.