

MINNESOTA AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SECTION BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, September 23, 2010
Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC)
Duluth, Minnesota

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pete Moulton called the lunch awards to order at 11:43 a.m. and the business meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

2. CONSENT APPROVAL OF:

The 2009 Annual Section Business Meeting minutes were published in the Fall/Winter 2009-2010 *Light Breeze*, and the 2010 Financial Report was published in the Fall 2010 Conference Issue of the *Breeze* for review by the general membership. No comments or corrections were noted.

A motion to approve the minutes and report was made by Lyle Stai, seconded by Jon Eaton, and passed unanimously.

3. DISTRIBUTION OF BALLOTS FOR CHAIR-ELECT AND DIRECTOR

Ballots were distributed to the membership for the election of the Chair-Elect. Nominees for chair-elect were Brian Bergantine and Carol Blommel Johnson; nominees for director were Bill Spain and John Thom. Nominee biographies and visions were published in the recent *Breeze* and posted by the registration desk.

Moulton emphasized that only Minnesota AWWA members can vote.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Secretary/Treasurer Stew Thornley summarized the process for the development of the 2010 budget and read the most recent 2010 financial numbers. Year-end for 2009: income of \$280,518, expenses of 282,796, for a net loss of \$2,278.

As of July 31, 2010, the net income for the year was \$162,624, expenses were \$135,947, for a net ordinary income of \$26,677. Investments are down since the beginning of the year by \$1,988 for a net income of \$24,689.

The endowment fund as of July 31, 2010 was \$132,613. The goal for the endowment fund is \$180,000.

A motion to approve the minutes and report was made by Al Lamm seconded by Lyle Stai, and passed unanimously.

5. CONSENT APPROVAL OF:

ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Schultz)

DISTRICT REPORTS

Northwest District (Bergantine)
Northeast District (Proulx)
Central District (Vollbrecht)
Metro District (Bramwell)
Southwest District (Sweers)

Southeast District (DuChene)
At-Large (Stai)

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Council (Eaton)
Conference Council (Lubovich)
Minnesota Associates Council (Belden)
Public Affairs Council (Volker)
Training Council (Glassing)
Water Utility Council (Shea)

The above reports were published in the *Breeze* and *Light Breeze* for review by the general membership. No comments or corrections were noted from the district trustees, council chairs, or the general membership.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jon Eaton, seconded by Herb Watry, and passed unanimously.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Amendments to the section by-laws have been published in the *Breeze* and on display at the annual conference over the last two years.

A motion to approve the minutes and report was made by Jon Eaton, seconded by Herb Watry, and passed unanimously.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Summary of the Awards Luncheon:

- 2010 Leonard Thompson – Moulton presented a plaque to Scott Anderson, the recipient of the 2009 Leonard N. Thompson Award.
- 2010 Membership – Herb Watry noted that the section has 1,033 members (24th out of 42 sections and are ahead of Wisconsin), including 85 new members since January 1, 2010. The Membership Committee is kicking off a Get-a-Member campaign with a grand prize of an iPad worth about \$600 with an AWWA jacket as the second prize. The contest starts immediately.
- Top of the Glass – Brian Bergantine announced that four utilities participated in the first “Top of the Glass” Taste Test. The list was narrowed to three finalists: Moorhead Public Service, City of St. Cloud, and City of Hibbing. The winner was Moorhead Public Service. The event received news coverage from a Duluth television station. Kris Knutson from Moorhead Public Service, which won last year, presented the traveling trophy to himself.
- Meter Madness – Greg Johnson presented the awards for the Meter Madness Competition. Third place: Harvey Maas, City of Duluth, 1:02. Second place: Patrick Conrad, City of Bloomington, :51. First place: Robert Zwiener, City of St. Cloud, :49. Zwiener will represent the section at the 2010 AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition in Washington, DC. HD Supply and Sensus Meters donated the meters for the competition.
- Pipe Tapping – Chris Glassing presented the awards for the Pipe Tapping Contest. Third place: WAMM Tappers from St. Cloud Technical Colleged (Chad Ross, Travis Olufson, Jake Kreutner, Joe Nygaard, Scott Galanius, coached by Bill Spain) with a time of 6:16. Second place: Duluth Utility Tappers (Harvey Maas, Joe Gerard, David Cook, Harry Webster) with a time of 2:59. First place: City of Minneapolis (Peter Daszkiewicz, Brian Olson, Carry Pagel, Joel Tiedt) with a time of 2:38.

- Water For People Fundraiser – Chris Voeltz announced that fundraising raised \$4,025 through the golf and fishing tournaments (\$1,950 for golf, \$2,075 for fishing), and sale of ribbons for Water for People (\$560) and David Morris Endowment (\$300).
- SUSA Donation – Jim Malone presented \$500 to Water for People on behalf of the Suburban Utility Superintendents Association.
- Sporting Clays – Raised \$400 for Water for People
- Scholarship Awards – Doug Klamerus announced the Water Utility Management Institute (WUMI) scholarship (WUMI) and Advanced Degree Scholarship recipients: Fred DeBruzzi, University of Minnesota; Belal Shouman, University of Minnesota; Dave Johnson, University of Minnesota. AWWA will also pay for four scholarships for the Water Utility Management Institute and will be posting information and an application on the section website.

10. INTRODUCTION OF ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

John Donahue addressed the group and thanked the section for its hospitality. He noted that AWWA membership is down from approximately 60,000 to around 55,000 members over the last few years and talked about his reasons for joining AWWA.

11. ELECTION RESULTS

The Chair-elect winner is Carol Blommel Johnson.

The Director winner is Bill Spain.

A motion to destroy the ballots from last year's election was made by Jon Eaton, seconded by Bert Tracy, and passed unanimously.

14. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the business meeting at 12:34 p.m. was made by Jon Eaton, seconded by Bert Tracy, and passed unanimously.