

MINNESOTA AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SECTION BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, September 29, 2011
Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC)
Duluth, Minnesota

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bert Tracy called the lunch awards to order at 11:41 a.m. and the business meeting to order at 12:22 p.m.

2. CONSENT APPROVAL OF:

The 2010 Annual Section Business Meeting minutes are on the section web site.

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

3. DISTRIBUTION OF BALLOTS FOR CHAIR-ELECT

Ballots were distributed to the membership for the election of the Chair-Elect. Nominees for chair-elect Pat Shea and Lyle Stai. Nominee biographies and visions were published in the recent *Breeze* and posted by the registration desk.

Tracy emphasized that only Minnesota AWWA members can vote.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Secretary/Treasurer Stew Thornley summarized the process for the development of the 2012 budget and read the most recent 2011 financial numbers. For December 31, 2010: income of \$315,396, expenses of 268,501, for a net ordinary income of \$46,895. Investments were up \$44,791 in 2010 for net income of \$91,686.

As of August 31, 2011, the net income for the year was \$157,170, expenses were \$125,180, for a net ordinary income of \$31,990. Investments are down since the beginning of the year by \$14,995 for a net income of \$16,995.

The endowment fund as of August 31, 2011 was \$167,923. 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 (Spain)

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 (Ganther)
Public Affairs Council (Volker)
Training Council (Glassing)
Water Utility Council (Shea)

The above reports were summarized or printed in their entirety in the *Breeze* and *Light Breeze* for review by the general membership, and they were also posted on the section web site. 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 Bruce Berthiaume, seconded by Doug Rovang, and passed unanimously.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Summary of the Awards Luncheon:

- 2010 Leonard Thompson – Tracy presented a plaque to Doug Rovang, the recipient of the 2010 Leonard N. Thompson Award.
- Kenneth J. Miller Founders Award – Tracy presented Dave Holland with the Kenneth J. Miller Founders Award for his work with Water for People.
- Club Seven Award – Tracy presented Herb Watry with the Club Seven Award for his work with membership; in 2010, the Minnesota Section achieved the highest percentage increase in new members in AWWA.
- Meritorious Service Award – Awards Committee Chair presented Allen Young of St. Cloud with the Meritorious Award.
- Community Recognition Award – Todd Bredesen presented the city of Bloomington with the Community Recognition Award for its public information efforts during Safe Drinking Water Week.
- Best in Glass – Brian Bergantine announced that three utilities participated in the “Best in Glass” taste test: Moorhead Public Service, St. Cloud Public Utilities, and city of International Falls. The winner was the city of St. Cloud, with the award accepted by Allen Young. Chris Cappelacci of Moorhead Public Service was presented the award for the 2010 Top of the Glass taste test.
- Meter Madness – Chris Glassing presented the awards for the Meter Madness. Third place: Corey Pagel, city of Minneapolis, 55.4 seconds. Second place: Brent Massmann, city of Bloomington, 38.75 seconds. First place: Pat Conrad, city of Bloomington, 37.85 seconds. Conrad will represent the section at the 2012 AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition in Dallas. Nine competitors took part in Meter Madness.
- Pipe Tapping – Chris Larson presented the awards for the Pipe Tapping Contest. Third place: WAMM Tappers from St. Cloud Technical College (Austin Wilkes, coach; Carl Locker, copperman; Rikki Duff, setter; Justin Lueck, cranker) with a time of 4:08. Second place: Minneapolis East Side Yard Tappers (Brian Olson, coach; Joel Tiedt, copperman; Pete Daszkiewicz, setter; Corey Pagel, cranker) with a time of 3:07. First place: Duluth Utility Operator Tappers (Harvey Maas, coach; Joe Gerard, copperman; David Cook, setter; Perry Webster, cranker) with a time of 2:41.

- Water For People Fundraiser – Chris Voeltz announced that fundraising raised \$2,215 for Water for People through the fishing tournament; \$1,950 (\$1,200 Water for People and \$750 for the David Morris Endowment) through the golf tournament; \$350 for Water for People through Sporting Clays; and sale of ribbons for Water for People (\$470) and David Morris Endowment (\$300).
- SUSA Donation – Steve Gilberg presented \$1,000 to Water for People on behalf of the Suburban Utility Superintendents Association.
- Scholarship Awards – Doug Klamerus announced the Advanced Degree Scholarship recipients—Charles Hader of the University of Wisconsin, Dave Johnson of the University of Minnesota, and Kevin Wagner of the University of Minnesota—who will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship.

10. INTRODUCTION OF ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

AWWA Vice President Wayne Stiver addressed the group, thanked the section for its hospitality, and talked of the benefits of AWWA membership.

11. ELECTION RESULTS

The Chair-elect winner is Pat Shea.

14. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the business meeting at 12:34 p.m. was made by Lyle Stai, seconded by Bruce Berthiaume, and passed unanimously.