



Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators

THE FOLLOWING IS THE OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF March 13TH, 2015 HELD AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SANITARY DISTRICT IN URBANA, IL.

1. Call to Order at 10:00 A.M.

Those Board members Present: Dave Miller, Ed Brown, Phil Brandenburg, Josh Stevens, Brad Duncan, Tom Glendenning, Dave Hermes, Doug Armstrong.

Additional Attendees: Conference Committee Program Chair, Rick Lallish, Conference Committee Member Andrew Warmus.

2. Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

Secretary Ed Brown distributed copies of the January 9th, 2015 Executive Board Meeting Minutes for review.

MOTION: Dave Hermes moved and Josh Stevens seconded that the minutes from the January meeting be approved. Motion Carried.

Copies of the January & February financial statements were distributed for the Board to review. Statements show a checking account balance of \$16,459.94.

MOTION: Tom Glendenning moved and Doug Armstrong seconded to accept the Financial Report as reported. Motion Carried.

Ed brought forward the financial concerns he has for the Association. He pointed out the fact that for the past few years the Association has been consistently losing money. He mentioned a few items where cut backs were made to reduce the loss, asked the board for help re-evaluating our business practices, and for help creating a plan to get the Association back into a financially stable position.

After a lengthy discussion where the problem areas were identified, some of the key points that were agreed to concentrate on are membership drive, current advertisement, expanding the regional conference programs, off season activities, and promoting the IAWPCO through the TPO magazine.

MOTION: Josh Stevens moved and Doug Armstrong seconded that the Board create a Membership Committee to assist in a membership drive. Motion Carried. President Phil Brandenburg appointed Josh Stevens as Membership Committee Chair, Brad Duncan and Ed Brown as Co-Chairs.

3. Executive Directors Report:

Executive Director Dave Miller reported he has 34 booths sold thus far. He will be traveling to Springfield within the next month to finalize details on the conference. Dave had mentioned in the exhibitor registration form there will be time set aside for vendor presentation, but hasn't heard from any of them concerning these presentations. After a short discussion Doug Armstrong agreed to enlist the regional chairs to help him reach out to the exhibitors to encourage them to participate.

Trophies have all been picked up and will go in to be reworked for this year's winners.

Dave told the Board it is time to set the dates for the Regional Conferences. It was agreed upon to hold the conferences on October 19 – 22, 2015. Dave will contact the venues to reserve the dates.

4. Conference Report:

Rick Lallish Conference Chair asked Dave Hermes for an update in status on the awards presentation. Dave has the presentation almost complete. Executive Director Miller pointed out to the board that the clocks we typically give to the nominees will cost \$1000 this year. After a short discussion it was agreed upon that with the interest of cutting expenses the clocks will be discontinued this year.

Rick asked if we have submitted the sessions for CEUs. Ed Brown mentioned that he got confirmation from the IEPA that all sessions were accepted for CEUs. There are a couple changes in the program that he had to submit for, and will do so. He will have a list of course ID numbers for the moderators to relay to the attendees at the conclusion of the session.

Speaker gifts were discussed. Ed will look for and purchase gifts for the speakers. Scholarship amount were discussed. It was decided on that we will base the amount given on the amount collected with the 50/50 raffle. Rick mentioned to Ed that ERTC will likely be raising the scholarship amount they are offering to \$1000. He will confirm with Paul Shetley so this can be included in the conference program.

Andy Warmus reported he has secured two meet & greet sponsorship donations thus far with a couple more yet to be confirmed. It was asked of the group to reach out to their vendors to ask for sponsorship. Ed asked if we were giving out raffle prizes again this year. It was agreed upon that if we secure enough donations to cover the cost we can purchase some prizes. Andy asked the board if they ever considered having someone come in to the banquet and play the role of "Master of Ceremony". He suggested a coworker by the name of Steve Ludwig who has done this sort of thing before. He has a good sense of humor, is a great public speaker, and would be willing to come down and perform this duty for the Association. After a short discussion the board agreed to have Steve Ludwig be the Master of Ceremony.

MOTION: Tom Glendenning moved and Dave Hermes seconded to accept Steve Ludwig as Master of Ceremony at the 80th Annual Banquet. Motion Carried.

5. Presidents Report:

President Phil Brandenburg told the group the status thus far with the discussion of an IAWPCO-IWEA joint conference. Dave Hermes relayed information on the discussion he, Ed Brown, Rick Lallish, Bob Shull, and Sam McNeilly had with the IWEA board in Champaign. He mentioned the IWEA board thought a good first step would be for the two boards to get together to discuss this idea. They thought after the IAWPCO conference was over would be a good time so the two groups can compare numbers. A lengthy discussion ensued with members voicing their concerns, thoughts, and ideas on how this would work. One item mentioned was that the IAWPCO Constitution and By-Laws would need to be amended for this joint venture to comply with what is written. After a short discussion the basic wording was agreed upon. Doug Armstrong told Ed he needs to get this out to the Association immediately for it to be voted on at the upcoming annual business meeting. Discussion will continue at the next board meeting in Springfield.

6. Old Business:

The recipient of the Clarence Klassen Award was confirmed.

7. New Business:

There was no further new business discussed.

8. General Discussion:

The board once again congratulated Dave Hermes on his retirement. This was Dave's final day at the Urbana & Champaign Sanitary District. All wished him well.

Phil Brandenburg told the board the next meeting date of April 13th, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza, Springfield at 4:00 P.M.

MOTION: Dave Hermes moved, and Brad Duncan seconded that the Executive Board meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The IAWPCO Executive Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:22 P.M.

These minutes were prepared by Edward Brown, and are subject to the review and approval by the IAWPCO Executive Board at the next regular meeting April 13th, 2015.