

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF WASTEWATER AGENCIES
Clock Tower Resort, Rockford, Illinois
Wednesday, September 28, 2011

- I. Jennifer Hindel, President, called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.
- II. The Minutes of the March 11, 2011 Business Meeting were approved as distributed.
- III. Association budget is in good shape. Financial Report, Proposed Budget for 2011-12, and Blending Services Contract were approved as distributed. Association has budgeted \$105,000 for special projects, with \$50,000 of that being spent on blending this year alone. Remainder of funds will be spent on nutrients and various other issues.

Dues Status

Membership will see no dues increase next year. Penny will be sending out dues invoices in the near future for 2010-2011.

IV. Nomination of Officers

Bob Trueblood announced the following nominations for the Executive Board:

Bob Trueblood with Fox River Water Reclamation District for President
Shelly Cumbow with Danville Sanitary District for Vice President-Administration
Brian Perkovich with MWRDGC for Vice President-Technical
Randy Stein with the Bloomington/Normal WRD for Member-at-Large
Stan Browning with the Greater Peoria Sanitary District for Member-at-Large
Gregg Humphrey with the Springfield Metro Sanitary District for Member-at-Large
Rick Manner with the Urbana/Champaign Sanitary District for Member-at-Large

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to elect the slate of officers as they had been nominated.

V. Nomination of Frank Papke as IAWA Treasurer

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to elect Frank Papke as IAWA Treasurer.

VI. Nomination of Bruce Butler to represent IAWA with Adam Lanning as Alternate on IEPA's Board of Certification

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to elect Bruce Butler and Adam Lanning as Alternate to represent IAWA on IEPA's Board of Certification

VII. Technical Committee Meeting Dates

Fri., November 11, 2011	Starved Rock SP	Utica, IL
Fri., January 13, 2012	Starved Rock SP	Utica, IL
Fri., May 11, 2012	Starved Rock SP	Utica, IL
Fri., July 13, 2012	Starved Rock SP	Utica, IL
Fri., Nov. 9, 2012	Starved Rock SP	Utica, IL

VIII. Committee Reports:

A. Awards Committee – Monte Cherry

Committee was successful in choosing nominees for the IL Award, the Outstanding Member Award that will be announced at Thursday evening's Annual Banquet.

B. By-Laws Committee – Steve Davis

No report

C. Membership – Monte Cherry

Association lost an Agency Member (Village of Addison), but gained another Agency Member (Argenta Sanitary District), and lost three Affiliate Members (PAM Financial Networks, Inc., Rogina & Associates, and Postl-Yore), but gained three Affiliate Members (Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., Redzone Robotics, and R.W. Baird and Co., Inc.)

D. Program & Site – Robert Trueblood

Committee list is wiped clean and members are encouraged to sign up for those committees they are interested in serving on. IAWA staff will send out a reminder to all members to sign-up.

The 2012 Annual Meeting is scheduled for the Marriott in Bloomington, IL, September 18 – 21, 2012.

E. Resolutions – Stan Browning

No report

IX. New Business

No report

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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Technical Committee Meeting
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- I. Shelly Cumbow, Vice-President- Technical, called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.
- II. The Minutes of the July 8, 2011 Technical Meeting were approved as written.
- III. Sub Committee Reports

A) Administration – Kim Lytle

- The Revenue survey will be sent out the week of October 3rd and will be due on October 31. We are using Survey Monkey for the first time, so everything will look different. We suggest that you print out your answers from 2009 to use as a guide. If someone does not have their prior survey answers, we can forward a copy of the complete survey to them.
- The Open Meetings Act was amended to require: (5 ILCS 120/7.3)
 - “(a) Within 6 business days after an employer participating in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund approves a budget, that employer must post on its website the total compensation package for each employee having a total compensation package that exceeds \$75,000 per year.”
 - (b) At least 6 days **before** an employer participating in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund approves an employee’s total compensation package that is equal to or in excess of \$150,000 per year the employer must post on its website the total compensation package for that employee.”
 - (c) “.. “total compensation package” means payment by the employer to the employee for salary, health insurance, a housing allowance, a vehicle allowance, a clothing allowance, bonuses, loans, vacation days granted, and sick days granted.
 - There are provisions within the new section that define how the information must be posted if no website exists or if the entity does not wish to post on its website.
- Other amendments to 40 ILCS 5/7-172 also have some broad reaching implications. These amendments become effective January 1, 2012.
 - (k) If an employee’s earnings in any of the 12-month periods used to determine the final rate of earnings exceed the prior 12-month earnings by the greater of 6% or 1.5 times the annual increase in the CIP-U, the entity shall pay “the present value of the increase in the pension resulting from the portion of the increase” above the limits. This is not strictly limited to base wage increases and includes payout upon separation for all benefit time.
 - Excluded are additional earnings attributable to overtime and standard employment promotions resulting in increased responsibility and workload. It also excludes earnings increases in CBA’s effective prior to 1/01/12. Another exclusion is for earning increases paid to members

who are 10 or more years from retirement **eligibility** or for an increase in the number of hours required to be worked.

- To put this in perspective, 6% of 2080 hours (standard full time hours) is only an additional 124.8 hours during the year. When any raise in the current year is included in the increased earning, the number of extra hours/earnings can be quite small.
- Employers may adopt a policy prior to January 1 that excludes earnings attributable to personnel policies as long as those policies only apply to employees with an effective service date before 1/01/12.
- Section 7-225 requires employers to obtain a pension impact statement **before** increasing the earnings of an office, executive or manager by 12% or more. The exclusions under the 6% rule also apply to this new section.

The Administrative Subcommittee will meet in Peoria on November 9 at 10:00 a.m. with a focus on these topics. Anyone else who wishes to attend this meeting should contact Kim Lytle at kadlytle@u-csd.com to obtain additional information.

B) Ad-HOC Stimulus Committee – Monte Cherry

Waiting to hear about new revised rules. There is a possibility that there will be bypass money available this year, so everyone should start lobbying now if you have a project that is ready to go by March.

C) Blending – Jennifer Hindel

USEPA held SSO workshop on July 14 & 15 stating they take exception to peak flow treatment. If any member has a peak flow facility, you should have cause for concern. Unfortunately, IAWA seems to be the only advocate on behalf of this issue, and we should advocate directly to USEPA and remain focused on this. In order to be able to do this, we need additional resources. The Blending Committee and Executive Committee have reviewed Barnes & Thornburg/Limnotech's proposed contract and approved it. Contract has two Phases:

Phase I-(Effort would have a total cost of \$10,000)

- Preparation of a statement of goals and approach for working with USEPA to protect legally NPDES permitted peak flow treatment in the context of a new SSO rule.
- Compilation of a comprehensive list of states/POTW's/Industry associations who have interest in protecting this permitting
- Approaching the above to solicit and secure participation in the subsequent effort.

Phase II – (Total cost of no more than \$40,000 without prior authorization from IAWA)

- Coordinating and conducting direct communication with USEPA regarding the specific legal and technical basis for the existence of NPDES-permitting peak flow treatment facilities.

Based on the results of the Phase I effort, we are hoping to be able to secure assistance in funding from communities outside of IL who have interests in common with IAWA. Contact has already been initiated with some municipalities that are interested in the blending issue. Committee will continue to talk to NACWA for support, but will be ready from a legal standpoint if necessary and will call for a reinterpretation of Clean Water Act, which is where we have a strong legal position against issue. After much discussion, members unanimously approved Blending Services Contract.

D) Collection Systems – Tom Meyer & Nick Menninga

Nick Menninga has volunteered to Co-Chair Committee with Tom Meyer.

E) Energy – Nick Menninga

No report

F) FPA – Dennis Duffield

No report

G) Legislative – Stan Browning & Steve Davis

Kip Kolkmeier will be presenting his annual report during Technical Sessions on Thursday, September 29, 2011.

Treasurer Dan Rutherford was gracious enough to speak in place of Congressman Schilling who had to cancel. Congressman Schilling expressed an interest in meeting with members to follow up on topics of industry concern in the near future. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome. A notice will be sent out to members when date is confirmed.

Representative Mautino has introduced a bio-solids bill with mandates and requirements that will cost local governments. Will keep everyone posted.

H) Legislative Liaison – Jennifer Hindel & Steve Davis

Kip Kolkmeier's contract has been renewed for the next 3 years.

If any member is interested in having legislation presented, you will need to submit proposals ASAP for possible legislation to Stan or Steve to forward to Kip.

I) Pretreatment – Joe Robinson

No report

J) Stream Use Classification System – Nick Menninga

Petition to file before the IPCB will be ready by end of October with a report from committee at the November Technical Meeting.

K) TMDL/Nutrients – Tim Bachman

Contacted Bob Mosher who indicated IEPA had a good meeting with USEPA who seemed to be open to alternatives to nutrient water quality standards applicable everywhere. They also seemed to be willing to possibly not insist on the 0.1 mg/L total phosphorus limit where we find that the narrative standard is exceeded. They are interested in the results of the Symbiont study.

Marcia wants the stakeholders to get back together and form work groups for the following tasks (IEPA needs more internal discussion, so guessing another month before calling a Stakeholders meeting):

- Technology based limits – Symbiont findings
- Low phosphorus water bodies
- Identification of dischargers causing or contributing to downstream algae impairment-modeling
- Narrative WQS wordsmithing
- DO signature fine-tuning.

L) Water Quality – Rick Manner

No report

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.