

## **47<sup>th</sup> Annual WWOA Business Meeting Stevens Point, WI**

President W. Peterson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at the Stevens Point Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center, Stevens Point, WI. Roll call was taken, all Officers and Directors were present. Approximately 200 members were present for the meeting.

President Wade Peterson asked if there were any changes and/or additions to the agenda. None given. Kevin Freber made a motion to approve the agenda put forth. Seconded by Paul Lange, motion carried.

President W. Peterson asked for a moment of silence for all the members who had passed away in the past year.

Minutes of October 11, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by Dale Neis and seconded by Kay Curtin, motioned carried.

Executive Secretary, K. Harter, distributed copies of the financial report. Harter reported the revenues for this fiscal year ending December 31, 2012 were \$183,615.47. Expenditures totaled \$173,721.71, with a net of \$9,893.76. Tom Crouse made a motion to approve the financial statement as presented, Paul Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

### **NOMINATION-ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS**

Chairperson, R. Thater placed into nomination the name of Lyle Lutz for the office of Vice President. President Peterson called three times for nominations from the floor. There being none Randy Herwig made a motion that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast electing Lyle Lutz to the Vice President position. Paul Lange seconded. Motion carried.

President Peterson informed the membership that there were three – two year term directorships open and one – one year term directorship open that is the vacant with the election of Lyle Lutz to Vice President. President Peterson placed into nomination four names for the office of director. These were Jeff Bratz, Bernie Hengles, Jeff Simpson, and Jeff Smudde. President called three times for nominations from the floor. Two names were put forth from the floor. John Fales and John Leonard put forth the name of Don Lintner for director. John Leonard and Dean Falkner put forth Chris August for director. Motion to close the nominations was put forth by Randy Herwig. Seconded by Dale Neis. Motion carried. President Peterson explained that because there were more than four names on the ballot to please vote for four directors. Vote for four, the top three will get full terms and one will get one term to fill out Lyle Lutz's term.

The election proceeded. President Peterson appointed Past Presidents Randy Thater, Bruce Bartel, and Dave Carlson as ballot clerk, with Bruce Bartel being chief counter. President Peterson announced the winners of the three – two year terms were Jeff Bratz, Jeff Smudde, and Jeff Simpson. The winner of the one – one year term was Don Lintner. Randy Herwig made a motion to destroy the ballots, Paul Lange seconded. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Publicity and Scholarships – Jeff Simpson advised that the Board of Directors were working on one board member attending one meeting and to meet the membership. J. Simpson also advised that the scholarship requirements were changed to add non-family members.

Website Committee – Jeff Bratz advised that Steve Meifert and Karen Harter had made a lot of changes and updates to the online registration and were working on make more changes to improve the website.

Operators Competition – Jeff Bratz announced the teams and winner of the Operators Competition. Teams were:

- Team 1: LMD  
Dustin Jerabek, Holly Blazer, and Mike Murphy
- Team 2: LMD  
Aaron Eichhorst, Eric Lynne, Dave Hoppe
- Team 3: NCD  
Vern Williams, Chris Helgestad, Travis Dulek
- Team 4: SED  
James Bergles, Brian Willadsen, Andy Resch
- Team 5: UW-Stevens Point  
Mitch Vinz, Tyler Bastian, Jake Kehring

Winners were: First Place – UW-Stevens Point  
Second Place – North Central District

Jeff Bratz thanked the competition judges, Matt Schmidt and Jake Bacon

Central States Liaison – Sharon Thieszen reported that Central States and WWOA are working together with the Young Professionals group.

Regional Officers – Sharon Thieszen reported that more reports were submitted in electronic format. Regions are also pushing for electronic format over snail mail.

Operator Training – Lyle Lutz reported that the Advanced Microbiology seminar attendance was down but everyone that attended thought it was a good seminar and speaker.

Clarifier – Jon Butt reported that 200<sup>th</sup> Clarifier was published this year. Jon Butt also recognized Dan Busch for his article.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Life Membership Changes**

Due to the growing number of Lifetime Members President Wade Peterson presented suggested changes to the Life Membership.

## **Suggested changes to Life Membership**

### Current Articles of Incorporation Reading:

#### Article 8: C

A Life Member shall be one who has been an Active Member for 25 years or more in this Corporation or 25 years in the Wisconsin Wastewater Work Operators Conference and Wisconsin Wastewater Work Operators Conference Incorporated, the predecessor organization of this Corporation, or a total of 25 years in both. Life Members shall have the same voting privileges as Active Members and Honorary Members, but shall not be required to pay dues. Life Members shall not, however, be eligible to hold any office in the Corporation.

### Proposed Articles of Incorporation Reading:

#### Article 8: C

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#### Example:

Current life members that (originally joined in an even year) would receive a dues request in 2014. (1980, 1982, 1984 ...) If you are not currently employed full-time by a Wastewater Affiliated Organization, you would notify the Executive Secretary and your dues request would be cancelled. If you originally joined in an odd year (1981, 1983, 1985 ...), you would receive a dues request in 2015. Again, if you are not currently employed full-time by a Wastewater Affiliated Organization, you would contact the Executive Secretary and your dues request would be cancelled.

#### Financials:

Estimate that half of the existing life members are still currently employed in a Wastewater Affiliated Organization, which would mean that 213 members would continue to pay membership dues. That equates to \$10,650 additional revenue on a bi-annual basis.

Motion to put the current membership issue on the floor current membership was put forth by Paul Lange and seconded by David Tracey. After much discussion an amendment to the original motion that all lifetime members continue to pay dues regardless if they are working or not was put forth by Gary Hanson. Seconded by Rich Boden.

After further discussion, Joan Hawley put forth that all life time members pay their dues starting in 2014 with all current Lifetime members being exempt or grandfathered in. By hand vote, motion passed.

President Peterson requested a vote to approve the amendment put forth by Joan Hawley. Motion passed on a hand vote. Will go into the By-Laws.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Randy Herwig made a motion to adjourn. Second by Kay Curtin. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. on October 24, 2013.

Minutes submitted by Karen R. Harter, Executive Secretary.