MEWEA Executive Board Meeting  
Friday, January 21, 2022  
MWUA-Augusta & Zoom

MINUTES

Attendance: Dave Beauchamp, Tim Wade, Jeff McBurnie, Cindy Wade-MWUA.

Zoom Attendance: Brody Campbell, Rob Pontau, Ben Stiles, Stacy Thompson, Leeann Hanson, Bruce Berger, Andy Wendell, Bryanna Denis, Gretchen Anderson, Amanda Smith, Kristie Rabasca, Sarah King, Kevin Eaton, Paula Drouin, Emily Prescott, Joan Kiszely

Absent: Bryanna Denis, Phil Tucker, Gregg Wood, Travis Jones, Jim Cohen, Charlene Pouling, Terry Tucker, and Alex Buechner.

Call to Order: President Dave Beauchamp called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Correspondence Folder: The correspondence folder was reviewed by the board.

Quorum: It was determined there was a Quorum.

Minutes: Motion made by Jeff McBurnie, seconded by Tim Wade, all approved the December 17, 2021, minutes.

Motion made by Tim Wade, seconded by Kristie Rabasca, all approved the Treasurers report.

Jeff McBurnie reported he received an email from Maine Sustainability and Water Conference looking for support. Suggest we move forward as a $300 sponsor and do not need a vote because it is in the budget.

DEP Representative:
Gregg Wood was not present.

NEWEA State Representative:
Jeff McBurnie reported the following:
- Paula Drouin would be the new NEWEA Representative officially at the NEWEA Conference
- Brief discussion on the NEWEA Conference and their attendance
Paula Drouin joined the meeting and reported the following:
- She had no report
Old Business: The following was reported:
  • Tim Wade reported that MWUA’s Conference is 1 ½ weeks out. Today is the last day of Early Bird registration. A discussion followed.

Committee Reports:

Awards Committee:
Mike Guethle was not in attendance.
Communications Report

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

MAINE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
Local Government Center
60 Community Drive
Augusta, ME 04330

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: January 21, 2022

COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: Communications Committee

CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Bryanna Denis

RECENT ACTIVITIES: Working on February Newsletter.

DECISIONS MADE: Featuring GAUD in newsletter

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED: 1/7/2022 scoping meeting with joint newsletter team

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS: Meeting with GAUD 1/11/2022 to discuss district. Working on content the rest of January.

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES: January 21st (today) is due date for articles. Please send your articles to Bryanna. Group meeting on January 27th to discuss final content for newsletter. Expected publish date is February 25th.
It was indicated that Bryanna Davis was not in attendance
It was indicated Bryana Denis is trying to get the newsletter out
She is looking for more articles.
Ben Stiles reported the following:
- First meeting will be in mid-February
- Doesn’t expect any major changes

Convention Report
Stacy Thompson reported on the following:
- Wrapping up Ski Day to get that brochure and sponsor form out
- Looking for Bob Poirier’s contact information
- Looking for Sponsors
- Tim Wade will be assisting her. They have a Master List of Sponsors that typically sponsor.
- Spring Convention is April 1st in Orono
- 2022 Fall Convention will be held at Sunday River
- 2023 Convention: Joan Kiszely is getting Proposals from Sugarloaf and Samoset
- Discussion on site visit to Samoset and to check out vendor area
- Good to get multi proposals
- Does not want TBD on proposals
- Joan Kiszely needs to contact Point Lookout to see what conference space they may have
• Joan also needs to contact Sugarloaf for a Proposal
• Ski Day will be in New Hampshire for 2023, North Convention also will be in 2023
• Tim Wade indicated Bob Poirier can donate a Ski Bench
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: January 21, 2022

COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: Government Affairs Committee (GAC)

CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Emily Prescott, Co-Chair & Amanda Smith, Co-Chair

RECENT ACTIVITIES: The Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature began the first week of January. The Legislature met in person on January 6th, and plans to meet again in person on January 26th. At this time, Legislative Committee meetings are being held remotely over Zoom.

We’re hearing this session will be very busy, with multiple carried over and new bills to consider in the coming weeks and months. Government Affairs Committee continues to monitor several bills carried over from the previous session. The Committee is also considering several new bills just printed, as follows:

- LD 1875: An Act to Address Perfluoralkyl and Polyfluoralkyl Substance Pollution From State-Owned Solid Waste Disposal Facilities
- LD 1891: An Act to Continue Supporting Safe Drinking Water For Maine Families
- LD 1911: An Act to Prohibit the Contamination of Clean Solids With So-called Forever Chemicals

In collaboration with Stormwater Committee representatives, Government Affairs Committee representatives closely considered potential impacts of LD 1801, An Act to Modify Exemptions for Certain Storm Water Discharges to Class AA and SA Waters, and submitted written testimony in support of the bill. Emily Prescott also provided live testimony at the Environment and Natural Resources’ January 10th public hearing. The Government Affairs Committee, in collaboration with the Stormwater Committee, continues to monitor LD 1826 (An Act to Create a Subcommittee of the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species to Recommend Ways to Reduce the Threat of Further Infestations); and LD 1835 (An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Storm Water Management to Provide an Exemption for Mountain Bike Trails).

Nationally, as many of you have probably already seen, the US Department of the Treasury has released the final rule for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The provisions of the final rule become effective on April 1, 2022. As we receive additional updates, we will provide them.

After much thought, this year’s Legislative Breakfast will be held remotely, either the second or third week of February. Last year’s breakfast was also held remotely and was well attended. We are working with the Maine Water Utilities Association to finalize details and speakers, and look forward to sharing that information with everyone shortly.

DECISIONS MADE: Government Affairs Committee provided written and live testimony in support of LD 1801. We anticipate additional decisions to be made in the next coming weeks as members are in process of researching and monitoring several bills.

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED: Government Affairs Committee met last on December 15th. The Committee will meet again within the next couple weeks. Other meetings to review the Legislative Breakfast, and ARPA funding information have been attended or held in the interim.

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS: Government Affairs Committee will continue to review the list of LR and LDs and work together to research potential impacts, offer testimony, and report back to the full membership.

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES: The following are some dates for which membership may be interested:

- Wednesday, January 19th: Environment and Natural Resources Committee – Committee briefings on triennial review of water quality classifications, LD 1572 Sea Level Rise Report; and Work Sessions for several stormwater-related bills and with the Labor and Housing Committee – Public Hearings for LD 555, and other bills.
Emily Prescott reported on the following:

- Legislation is up and running since January 6
- Committee will be meeting remotely
- Offered Testimony on LD 1801 with the Storm Water Committee
- Submitted written testimony on January 10
- Did written reports
- Monitoring LD 1826, LD 1835 – Both are Storm Water Bills
- Coming up is LD 1911, LD 1875, LD 1891
- Working on Legislative Breakfast – Will be held remotely
- February 16th - Legislative Breakfast, and have speakers lined up
- LD 5555 – Provided testimony – Bruce Berger thinks this bill is dead!
- Meeting next week
JETCC Report

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: January 21, 2022
COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: JETCC Board
CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Leeann Hanson, Program Manager
RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- Our final virtual class was held on December 21
- Our first 3 virtual classes will have been delivered by meeting date, including the start of a good core of Basic WW “Need to Know” exam prep classes as well as fun informative topics.
- Last pre-graduation MCS class held on January 19 at BSD – Blueprint Reading Thanks to Wright -Pierce and BSD crew!
- See attached virtual class list for Spring 2022 as of this date. More classes to be added later in schedule.
- Also Look for NEIMPCC offering NEWEA Exam prep classes to prep for:
  - NEWEA WWCS Certification Exam prep classes (Feb 1 – 4)
  TUE, FEB 1, 2022 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM EST
  WED, FEB 2, 2022 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM EST
  THU, FEB 3, 2022 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM EST
  FRI, FEB 4, 2022 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM EST
- Next JETCC Board meeting on February 15, 2022
- Even numbered WW Operators…. renewal date is March 1, 2022 to obtain 18 hours
- Visit www.jetcc.org for your CEU report these reports are updated first of each month
- Management Candidate School students to graduate on February 3 during MWUA Convention!
  - Next MCS program scheduled for Fall 2022 ....

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Leeann Hanson
DATE SUBMITTED: January 14, 2022
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<td>Judy Bruenjes, Jim Crowley, Terry Tucker, Sandra Keschl</td>
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NEIWPCC Classes to prepare for the NEWEA Lab Exam and the NEWEA WWCS Exam

22S-ETC1920 - NEWEA Lab Analyst I Certification Exam Prep (four sessions)(12hrs)
Tuesday, January 11 through Friday, January 14, 2022 (Four Sessions)

1. TUE, JAN 11, 2022 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM EST
2. WED, JAN 12, 2022 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM EST
3. THU, JAN 13, 2022 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM EST
4. FRI, JAN 14, 2022 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM EST

This course is sponsored by NEIWPCC in conjunction with EPA

Instructor: Nora Lough, Clean Water Training and Solutions, LLC

Description: This four-session, 12-hour virtual course is intended for those preparing to take the NEWEA Lab Analyst I Certification exam. Participants will receive basic to intermediate instruction on laboratory practices including, but not limited to sampling techniques, preservation, and holding times; chemistry and solutions/dilutions; review of analytical methods and equipment for the most common wastewater parameters; microscopy basics; lab calculations, temperature conversions, and significant figures; quality control/quality assurance; lab safety; and recordkeeping.

* Important note: Certification exams are now administered only by NEWEA. This course does NOT include the exam. Those seeking to take the exam must apply and test directly through NEWEA. Please visit NEWEA’s website for more information or to apply to take an exam: https://www.newea.org/careers/certification/anlalyist-certification-program/.

This course is approved for 12 wastewater TCHs in CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, and VT.

Participants MUST attend and be attentive during ALL FOUR SESSIONS to receive full credit. Participants must attend and be attentive during a minimum of 50% of the course to receive any partial credit.

Registration closes one hour before class starts.

Links to certificates will be emailed to participants upon course completion.

Cancellations must be received at Training@NEIWPCC.org no less than 24 hours prior to course start time.

Price: $300.00 USD

Registration Link
https://attendee.gototraining.com/r?sid=4179d674218583294732?ez=t&eventSource=301
cr=2&c=America%2FNy&rega=5_register=

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22S-ETC1921 NEWEA Collection Systems Certification Exam MATH PREP SUPPLEMENT
MON, JAN 31, 2022 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM EST
Instructor: Don Kennedy, NEIWPCC

Description: This optional prerequisite to our NEWEA Collection Systems Certification Exam Prep course is intended for those who need to brush up on their basic math skills prior to attending the exam prep course. Through review and practice, this class identifies calculations and conversions required to solve math problems for the NEWEA certification exam. Topics covered include problem solving, fractions, exponents, order of operations, conversions, solving for an unknown, and review of calculations such as area, volume, velocity, flow, and slope. Students must have a BASIC CALCULATOR to use during this course.

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Wastewater TCHs approved in MA and RI. Approval pending in CT, ME, NH, and VT.

Registration closes one hour before class starts.

Participants must attend the entire session and participate in polls to receive training contact hours (TCHs). Links to certificates will be emailed to participants upon course completion.

Cancellations must be received at Training@NEIWPCC.org no less than 24 hours prior to course start time.
Price: $50.00 USD

Registration Link

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22S-ETC1922 NEWEA Collection Systems Certification Exam Prep - Grades 1 through 4 (Four Sessions) (12hrs) Tuesday, February 1 through Friday, February 4 (Four Sessions)

1. TUE, FEB 1, 2022 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM EST
2. WED, FEB 2, 2022 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM EST
Leeann Hanson reported on the following:
- Still in Virtually training
- Started with entry level classes
- Had first Management Class in person class in Brunswick
- The group that signed on November 13th are ready to complete the program
• Updating a list of Management Class graduates that have promoted into leadership roles
• Looking at 2022 for their next management class
• February 15th is next JETCC meeting
• Looking for new Industrial board member
• The schedule they have now is till the end of April
• They have an updated CEU listing and folks can get their credit

Laboratory Report
Andy Wendell reported the following:
• DEP just released draft integrated Water Quality Report – It’s a hard read, and has over 200 pages. Draft comments due February 21st
• Twenty facilities in Maine are going to start doing COVID testing
• Some facilities just got a letter from the NH laboratory they are getting out of the toxicity testing

Membership Report
Rob Pontau reported the following:
• Nothing to say because he hasn’t done anything
• Ops Challenge meeting next week at NEWEA
• Now a voting member on MWUA’s board

MWUA Representative Report
Bruce Berger reported the following:
• Full steam ahead for the conference
• Legislative breakfast is February 16th virtually
• Updates on Administrative taken over for MeWEA
• Website went live. Paula will work on making it better
  Payment process is going really well on member clicks
• Asked for suggestions to what MeWEA would like and to not hesitate to suggest
• Suggestion to update the agenda and have the Administrative Report moved up
• It was indicated changes need to be made to the agenda. Bruce noted that we will take an
  update the agenda and take out duplicates
Dave indicated that Charlene Poulin is looking for more Session Topics at the Spring Conference

- It was indicated they had a meeting a couple of weeks ago
- Bruce suggested she reach out to Thomas B to get some ideas on topics.
Pretreatment Report
Terry Tucker was not present

Public Relations Report
Paula Drouin reported:
- Started a MeWEA team for the Urban run-off 5K. This will be at Southern Maine Community College
• A couple of PFAS bills on the docket for Monday.
  • LD 1875 – Strictly targeted for the Landfill in Old Town. This is a poorly written bill. Looking at 20 million dollars for this project. He recommends we don’t vote for nor against it. He suggested we let this play out. This bill pits potential partners against one another. The partnership is working very well right now. This bill is pushing to make an unwise decision. This bill was not supposed to go this far. How much can taxpayers or rate payers afford?
  • LD 1911 – Regulating something that is already being done by DEP. They want to add 4 more compound that are already drinking water standards
  • Discussion having a MWUA board member being a voting member on this board. Rob has volunteered to be the MWUA voice on this board. Tim Wade thought it was a good idea. It was discussed that it wasn’t a Board vote and that it is up to Dave Beauchamp to decide.
Kristie Rabasca reported the following:

- Sarah King is the new co-chair and welcomed her
- Sarah King introduced herself
- Had a transitional meeting with Gretchen Anderson & Sarah King
- Have dates assigned
- Meeting coming up with the full committee
- Sarah will be doing a Survey Monkey to see what kind of things they like about MeWEA
- Focus on Public Education, Clean Water Sheds, etc,
- Function List doesn’t reflect what they truly do so want to review
- Regrouping to make sure they are focusing on committee needs
- Her Storm Water Permit finally got it approved
- Two new Committee Chairs on the Government Affairs Committee

**Treatment Plant Operator Report**

Alex Buechner was not present
Family Skating will be on February 3rd, Thompson’s Point a 5:30 p.m.  
22 people already signed up

MeWEA Rep Report
Joan Kiszely requested the following:
  • Needed a place to host the MWUA meeting for the February and November  
  • Rob Pontau volunteered to host the February meeting in Brunswick in their conference room. February 18th he will host.  
  • Dave volunteered to host November, but it was decided that MWUA would host the November meeting

Presidents Report
Dave Beauchamp reported the following:
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1st Vice Presidents Report

COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORT

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 01.21.2022

COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: First VP

CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Tim Wade

RECENT ACTIVITIES: Work with Co-Chairs of GAC, Legislative Breakfast, Ski Day, 50th Anniversary of CWA, and SPS

DECISIONS MADE: Leg Breakfast Speakers (Z. Henderson, A. Lachance, B. Kavanagh, M. Abbott, moderator J. Cohen or T. Wade) and date (2/9 or 16), Ski Day contract signed for Saddleback 3/17, SPS (Black Bear Inn Orono on 3/31) Topics to be – 1) MEWEA Dues Structure, 2) MEWEA/MWUA relationship, how to maximize the benefits of this relationship – roles, committee work, etc, 3) Review current committees – is there too many or any missing?

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED: See Recent Activities

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS:

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES: 2/18 EC meeting – Finalize SPS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS:

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Tim Wade
DATE SUBMITTED: 01.14.2022

DISTRIBUTION:

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Executive Committee Meeting

Newsletter

Other:

Please check if item should be expanded for external release. □
50th Anniversary for Clean Water Act Celebration. MeWEA is planning on celebrating that. They have an Ad Hoc Committee created and the first meeting will be in February.

- A lot of Stakeholders will be on the Committee
- Strategic Planning coming up the end of March.
  - Topics he is suggesting: MeWEA New Structure for Membership Dues, MeWEA relationship to merge resources, Review of the current committees
  - Look at Committee or functions
  - Will want this to be Virtual also! Bruce indicated MWUA has all the equipment for hybrid.
  - Bruce indicated that MWUA has a logo for the 50th Clean Water Act and they can use this.

2nd Vice President
Gretchen Anderson was not present.

Past President Report
Phil Tucker was not present.

New Business
None

Adjourn: Motion made by Jeff McBurnie, seconded by Rob Pontau, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m.