

**Maine Wastewater Control Association
Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, June 16, 2006
9:00 am
Maine Municipal Association, Augusta, ME**

Present: Andy Rudzinski, Vivian Matkivich, Dave Anderson, Mac Richardson, Sterling Pierce, Janet Abrahamson, Mike Grove, Howard Carter, Tom Wiley, Mary Waring, Al Jellison, Chuck Applebee, Steve Sloan, Joan Kiszely, Margaret Langhill.

1. Call to Order: President Andy Rudzinski called the meeting to order at 9:17am.
2. Approval of Minutes-May 19, 2006: Al Jellison made a motion to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes of May 19, 2006, seconded by Mary Waring. All approved as amended.
3. Treasurer's Report-Financial Reports January 2006: Dan Bisson was absent but submitted a written report in which he reported April 2006 financial reports were in order and recommended that they be approved. Mac Richardson made a motion to accept the April 2006 Financial Reports as presented, seconded by Al Jellison. All Approved.
4. DEP Representative Report: Sterling Pierce reported that they are getting closer to scheduling interviews for the pretreatment position and will continue to report as this happens. He gave a brief overview of DEP staffing. There was a general discussion on arsenic reporting and mercury limits. There was also a general discussion on different types of testing and reporting.
5. NEWEA State Director's Report: Howard Carter reported on the Groton, Connecticut Ops Challenge results. Maine placed 3rd overall. Howard added that the NEWEA scholarship choices need to be ready for the August meeting.
6. President's Report-Correspondence File: Andy Rudzinski passed around the correspondence file and gave a brief overview of contents. In particular, he commented on the following:
 - a. NEWEA is looking for co-sponsorship and funds for some upcoming legislative breakfasts. There was a general discussion, but this issue was tabled until the fall of 2006.
 - b. Letter in the correspondence file looking for assistance on knowledge of lagoons. Brief discussion and it was noted that possibly Jim Fitch, Gary Brooks or Steve Lane could possibly assist.
 - c. Response from the MMA Board with regard to the MFCA/Affiliate Group letter looking for a voice on the MMA LPC: Andy Rudzinski noted that the MMA Executive Board received the letter and discussed. At this time, they are not going to make a change. Joan Kiszely mentioned that Chris Lockwood and a staff member from MMA SFR would be more than happy to discuss the letter with them at an upcoming meeting, because there are some actions that MMA will be taking to improve the communication between the affiliate groups and MMA. Mike Grove commented that he has little faith that there will be any improvements, though he does welcome the discussion. He noted that MWWCA has made several attempts to communicate with MMA SFR and the result has been poor. However, he welcomes the opportunity to hear the comments and to have the opportunity to educate. Andy and Mike will work on a follow-up letter to MMA, and it was noted that MMA should be put on the July 2006 agenda.
7. Committee Reports:
 - A. Past President: Vivian Matkivich reported that she attended the awards ceremony for the Stockholm Junior Water Prize and that it was good.
 - B. Conference Committee: Tom Wiley reported that the Spring Conference for 2007 will be April 6th at Verrillo's Restaurant in Portland. With regard to the 2006 Fall Convention, the vendor packet is at the printers, and the attendee packet will be going next week. There will be shuttles from the overflow hotels to the Spruce Point Inn, as well as to and from the Golf Tournament on Wednesday. There will be a pig roast on Thursday evening, with the theme "What happened in 1966?" We have asked the vendors to decorate their booths, and we are going to invite the founding members for Thursday at no cost. The golf tournament is on Wednesday.
 - C. Collections Systems: Steve Sloan expressed his interest in chairing the Collections Systems Committee, and to please pass on any names to him of anyone that might be interested in serving on this committee. Steve gave a brief history of himself. To make the appointment official, Andy Rudzinski will send Steve a letter appointing him as chair to the committee. MMA staff to prepare an admin guide for him for the next meeting.
 - D. Laboratory Committee: David Anderson led a brief discussion on the DMR QA reporting changes.
 - E. Personnel Advancement Committee: Janet Abrahamson reported that the committee will be meeting with the MFCA directly after the Executive Committee meeting on June 16th to discuss the technical sessions at the 2006 Fall Conference. Janet noted that there will only be two concurrent sessions at a time, and she led a brief discussion on

what types of technical sessions would be of interest. Janet also mentioned that she received a letter about possibly having a Young Members Committee. There was a general discussion, but there was no decision. Lastly, Janet mentioned that if anyone has an employee interested in the Operator Exchange program this year, to please let her know.

- F. JETCC: There was no representative present and there was no written report submitted.
 - G. Ops Challenge Coordinator Report: Andre Brousseau submitted a written report.
 - H. Website: Steve Lane reported was absent and did not submit a written report.
 - I. Membership Committee: Chuck Applebee reported that membership to-date is 600 members, and currently we are \$2000 short of target. There are currently 23 members that have not renewed, and he and Al have been making phone calls to try to have members renew that haven't already. Al added that if you have any sales people visit you, make sure to give them a membership application.
 - J. Safety Committee: Al Jellison reported that he attended another session on NFPA and gave a brief review. He also noted that the Maine Safety & Health Conference is scheduled for September 26-29.
 - K. Public Relations Committee: Ryan Wadsworth was absent and did not submit a written report.
 - L. Vice President: No report.
 - M. Government Affairs Committee: Mike Grove gave an SRF update, and noted, that while the outcome was not what he hoped for, we did gain a lot with just the education factor. He noted that they have formed an SRF Funding group and he submitted written minutes of their meeting. There was a brief discussion on his topic for the Fall Conference. The intent is to enlighten people on how to best communicate with their elected officials.
 - N. Pretreatment Committee: Ron Letarte was absent but submitted a written report.
 - O. Awards Committee: Mary Waring reported that the Goodenow Award email went out yesterday and she is hopeful that we will get nominees. She mentioned that she has gotten one nomination already for the Gagne award. The awards will need to be voted on at the July meeting, and that she should have all names by August 1st in order to prepare the awards. Mary mentioned that if there are any special awards to be given out, to please let her know by August 1st as well.
 - P. Communications Committee: Mac Richardson reported that the March/April NEWWN is out and that he has just approved the proof for the May/June issue. Mac gave a brief review of the some of the items for the July/August issue. Janet will send Mac a paragraph on the Operator Exchange Program.
 - Q. Residuals Management Committee: Jeff Pinnette was absent and did not submit a written report. Andy commended Jeff for his work with Lisa Higgins at DEP with regard to Hazardous Air Pollutants.
9. Old Business:
- a. Clean Water Week Poster Presentation: Andy reported that the presentation went very well at the Hall of Flags and the Governor was very cordial and welcoming. Mac asked for a paragraph on this to see if it can be included in the next issue of NEWWN. Al showed everyone the 1st place winner poster.
10. New Business:
- a. Recommend new NEWEA Rep: Howard Carter reviewed the nominations for the Peloquin Award, Operator of the Year, and the NEWEA Rep. There was a ballot vote and the tally is: NEWEA Rep: Brad Moore, Operator of the Year: Al Jellison, Peloquin Award: Mike Grove.
 - b. Talk about forming awards committees-Gagne, EPA, NEWEA, DEP, etc. Ready for July Ideas: Tabled.
 - c. Discuss new 2nd VP nominations: There was a brief discussion about possible nominees and Andy Rudzinski will contact the people suggested to gauge interest in serving.
11. Adjourn: Mac Richardson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Al Jellison. All approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:33am.