

**MWWCA Executive Board Meeting  
Friday, March 15, 2013  
MMA  
Augusta, ME**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Travis Peaslee, Al Jellison, Mary Waring, June Mooney, Aubrey Strause, Darold Wooley, André Brousseau, Peter Goodwin, Matt Bodwell, John Melrose, Mac Richardson, Tom Connolly, Dan Welch, Mike Stein, Steve Lane, Matt Timberlake and Joan Kiszely.

**Absent:** Tom Wiley, Jeff McBurnie, David Anderson, Brian Kavanah, Paula Drouin, Paul Rodriguez, Chuck Applebee, Alex Buechner, Chris Higgins,

Guest: Spring Connley

Introductions:

**Call to Order:** President Travis Peaslee called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

**Correspondence Folder:** President Travis Peaslee distributed the correspondence folder.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Al Jellison, seconded by André Brousseau, all approved the minutes of February 28, 2013.

**Treasurer's Report:** Al Jellison reported on the January 2013 financial reports, indicating that everything was in order and updated in the financial reports. There was a brief question and answer period. Motion made by Mac Richardson, seconded by Dan Welch, all approved the January financial reports.

**DEP Representative:** Brian Kavanah was absent and noted via email he had no report. Travis Peaslee noted he wanted to make sure we follow LD 845 & LD 810.

**NEWEA State Director: Peter Goodwin distributed the following COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**NEWEA REPORT**

A contingent including: Travis Peaslee, Aubrey Strause, Dan Bisson, Howard Carter, Mike Bobinsky (PWD - City of Portland), and myself are scheduled to leave early Tuesday March 19, 2013 for the NEWEA Washington Congressional Breakfast. We have scheduled individual meetings on Tuesday afternoon with Congressmen/woman Michaud and Pingree. The Breakfast is Wednesday morning with Senator Angus King as a featured speaker. Others speakers include William Flanagan the Mayor of Fall River, MA, Congressman Joe Courtney-CT, Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty CT,

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Congressman Mike Capuano-MA, Curt Spaulding-EPA Region 1, Congressman Jim McGovern MA, Town Engineer Dave Cedarholm- Durham, NH, Jeff Eger - WEF. We will follow the Breakfast with individual meetings with Senator King and Collins. Travis has spearheaded a packet of information for our delegation and their staffers which we have forwarded prior to our trip. This has always been a great opportunity to thank our delegation for their support of our priorities.

We continue to coordinate our interaction with NEWEA and several MWWCA members attended the NEWEA Annual Planning Meeting in Portsmouth, NH.

NEWEA VP Brad Moore led the very successful 1.5 day Planning Session that focused on Leadership Development and Operator Training. The Operator Training focus was led by André Brousseau. It was a fantastic opportunity for me to engage with NEWEA representatives from across the organization on initiatives that will be developed to continue to make NEWEA and MA's like ours stronger and more effective in meeting our Mission(s). Past President Dan Bisson and PWD's Scott Firmin were also in attendance.

I also attended the NHWPCA's Annual Legislative Breakfast on March 6, 2013. NHWPCA has been working to emulate the historical success of MWWCA's Breakfasts over the years. The focus again this year for NHWPCA was on aging and failing infrastructure, sustainable funding, increased regulatory impacts, and the economic impact of clean water. The "Water's Worth It" campaign was also highlighted with mugs provided to the 60 legislators that attended. The largest turnout ever. There was a concerted effort to engage the supt's and operators in contacting their local senators and representatives. The Association had a contest for a gift card to the two facilities that made the most contacts. We may want to consider this approach to increase attendance at our next Breakfast.

Lots of great stuff in a few short weeks.

Respectfully submitted.

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"Water's Worth It" [www.watersworthit.org](http://www.watersworthit.org)

**Legislative Breakfast:** Travis Peaslee wanted to know if there was any other way to get more legislators to the breakfast. John Melrose noted that doing something at the State House it could be good, but he felt MWWCA had key Legislators at the breakfast and felt MWWCA did a good job.

**Old Business:**

**Non-dispersibles** – Tom Connolly reported that the ad hoc committee has not been able to get a time from INDA committing to when the report will be completed. The report is supposed to go back to the Legislators in January. The biggest question is the financial part that is, how will ongoing work be funded? He was on a conference call on March 13, 2013 and the following were discussed:

- Brief update on activities since last meeting
- Timeline discussed - targets
- Project Vision was described
- Project Location
- Recommended Approach

One of the Action Items was to have MWWCA see if any funding might be available from WEF and other such agencies to complete the next round of sampling at a frequently clogging pump station after a public education campaign has been in place.

There was a brief discussion on the funding. Motion made by Mac Richardson, seconded by Matt Bodwell, all approved to dedicate \$200 to start a fund for this work that would encourage other organizations to contribute to this effort. The cost to be charged to the Collections Committee.

John Melrose submitted a letter from Senator James Boyle & Representative Joan Welsh, House Chair re: INDA/MWWCA collaboration.

**New Business:**

**Government Affairs Committee Representative: David Anderson emailed the following COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**MWWCA Government Affairs Committee  
Report for March 15, 2013 Exec Meeting**

**SRF Bonds/Liquor Contract Money**

The following bills relate to this issue:

- **LD 239 - An Act to Improve the Return to the State on the Sale of Spirits and To Provide a Source of Payment for Maine's Hospitals.** This is the Governor's bill sponsored by Sen. Flood. This bill restores some liquor money to the SRF match. It also provides payment to the hospitals. The Governor has said if this happens he will release the bonds approved by voters in 2012.
- **LD 644 – an Act to Strengthen the State's Wholesale Liquor Business.** This bill is the Democratic alternative sponsored by Sen. Goodall. This bill repeals any allocation of liquor money. The Democrats have also presented a plan for paying back the hospitals.

I attended the public hearing for both bills on March 11<sup>th</sup> and presented testimony in support of LD 239 and no comment on LD 644. Our testimony only mentioned our support for sustainable funding

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for the SRF match. We took no position on the liquor contract issue. There are wide differences in the Republican and Democrat positions on how the liquor contract should be constructed and the methods of paying the hospitals. Our best hope may be that the SRF match issue is deferred to the Appropriations Committee.

**LD 141 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Develop Quantitative Odor Management Standards.**

The Residuals Committee is monitoring this bill.

**LD 138 and LD 904**

These bills remove the Governor from the process of issuing bonds (with exceptions) when the voters have approved them. We are monitoring those bills.

**LD 694**

This bill could affect landfill disposal fees. The Residuals Committee is also monitoring this bill.

I will be out of town parts of next week. Chuck Applebee (co-chair) will be the Government Affairs contact.

Submitted by David Anderson

**John Melrose reported on the following:**

**Legislative Update for 3/15/2013**

LD #	Title	Action	Sponsor	Cmte	Public Hearing	Work Session	Cmte Vote	Final Disp.	Link to Law
<a href="#">LD 138</a>	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds That Have Been Ratified by the Citizens of the State		Keschl	AFA					
<a href="#">LD 141</a>	Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Develop Quantitative Odor Management Standards		Fredette	ENR	2/21/13 @ 1:00				
<a href="#">LD 239</a>	An Act To Improve the Return to the State on the Sale of Spirits and To Provide a Source of Payment for Maine's Hospitals		Flood	VLA	3/11/13 @ 10:00	3/18/13 @ 10:00			
<a href="#">LD 250</a>	An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of Statement Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013 [BUDGET – PART G]		Gov's Bill	AFA	-----	-----	OTPA	Passed to be Enacted	
LD 644	An Act to Strengthen the State's Wholesale Liquor Business		Goodall	VLA	3/11/13 @ 10:00	3/18/13 @ 10:00			
LD 694	An Act to Clarify Solid Waste Policy		Cain	ENR	3/28/13 @ 1:30				

John Melrose reported on the following:									
LD 845	An Act to Change the Classification of the Lower Androscoggin River		Daughtry	ENR	3/28/13 @ 1:30				
LD 904	An Act to Clarify When Bonds May Be Issued		Carey	AFA					
LD 907	An Act to Encourage Recycling		Stanley	ENR					

- LD 1010: A new bill he is following.
- LD 904: Travis Peaslee asked John Melrose if this bill would be retroactive for the other bonds that we approved by the voters of Maine. John commented that it could be but not sure.

**Laboratory Committee:** June Mooney distributed the following written **COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Laboratory Committee Report**  
**March 15, 2013**

I have received one reply concerning the development of the Laboratory Excellence Award (see below). I will be sending out a reminder to the committee soon.

Submitted by June Mooney, Chairperson

**MWWCA Lab Analyst Excellence Award Criteria**

1. Unusual initiative or performance beyond the call of duty.
2. To recognize individuals for outstanding performance, professionalism and contributions to the water quality analysis profession.
3. Employment at an educational facility laboratory, industrial commercial or municipal laboratory which performs wastewater related analysis and must have direct analytical responsibilities.
4. Only those who have not been recognized by this award before are eligible.
5. The nominee’s performance must demonstrate a commitment to high quality control standards.
6. The nominee’s perspective should be dutiful and conscientious.  
The nominee’s actions should demonstrate a commitment to professional development; e.g. by maintaining active membership in professional associations and/or through continuing education.

**Membership:** Al Jellison reported we are only a few thousand under the membership line item amount. The line item amount is \$25,415. He indicated that there are 587 paid members to date and 28 unpaid members.

**Pretreatment Committee: Tom Wiley offered the following COMMITTEE REPORT:**



MWWCA Pretreatment Committee  
Report to Executive Committee  
For March 15, 2013

The pretreatment committee met just yesterday at General Dynamics in Saco, Maine. The meeting included a facility tour after a luncheon. Thank you to Dan Welch for hosting the meeting.

Among the discussion items were the following state and federal items:

New License Mercury Limits

IWS (industrial waste survey) requirement for POTW's at least every 5 years

Inspectors and Method Update Rule

Licensure Reduced Testing Initiative

Regional Pretreatment Association

We also discussed the upcoming meeting schedule, discussion of a vice chair and the status of the Pretreatment Excellence Award and potential revisions to the nomination process.

We also had the pleasure of meeting with Lisa Andrews who is the current NEWEA Industrial Wastewater Chair. We discussed common goals and interests between the associations, industries and POTW's.

André Brousseau indicated that Jim Crowley went over the new licensing standards and procedures for Mercury at the Pretreatment meeting. He indicated that the mercury limit for each plant will be contained in that plant's MEPDES permit. Another change is that average mercury results reported will need to include all mercury results from the time that the new method (1613) was put in place. He noted that every 5 years facilities with industrial pretreatment programs will need to do an Industrial Waste Survey. Jay Pimpare also attended the meeting and discussed plans for the next Regional Pretreatment Conference and some billing accounting changes.

**Personnel Advancement Committee:** Mike Stein reported the Spring Brochure went out last week. They also sent out an initial email request to speakers for bios to be used in intruding speakers. As of today we only need some more moderators to cover the spring tech sessions.

**Convention Committee:** André Brousseau reported the following:

- Ski Day took place on March 8<sup>th</sup> at Saddleback. There were 38 attendees. There was outstanding weather and snow. He thanked the vendor sponsors: Woodard & Curran, CDM Smith, Wright Pierce, Methuen Construction, Aqua Solutions and Rittec

Environmental. He also said that the host facility, Saddleback, was extremely accommodating to the Association.

**Public Relations: Matt Timberlake distributed the following written report. COMMITTEE REPORT:**



**Public Relations Committee Report**

March 2013 Prepared by: Matt Timberlake

1. Update of work with the MWUA PAC. Last meeting attended was March, 2013 at Auburn UV facility. Define milestones and proposed objectives of newspaper insert. I attended and the meeting was very productive with a lot of idea generation. A task list has been developed and is circulating between MWUA and MWWCA workgroups.

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Immediate needs are as follows. Looking to get direction on Friday March 15th at Executive Committee meeting.

- A. Articles for pages 1-5.
- B. Bios - are selected individuals OK?
- C. Photos contributed that will be used throughout insert

Newspaper Insert Timeline

- March 31st deadline for drafts articles to the MWWCA/MWUA PAC (proofing)
- April 15th deadline for review and comment by MWWCA EC (proofing)
- **May 20th Publication**

2. Update on 2013 Maine Clean Water Week contest



**Public Relations: Matt Timberlake distributed the following written report. COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- Letters are out
- Update in February newsletter
- Beginning to get response already from some teachers.
- Need YP Committee to share some info on Face Book and Twitter

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**Communications Committee Chair:** Mac Richardson noted the newsletter just went out. The next one will be going out late May early June. He would like a deadline of April 30th for articles. He thanked Woodard & Curran for what they were able to put forth.

**Safety Committee:** Al Jellison had no report.

**Collections Systems Committee Chair:** Matt Bodwell noted the next meeting is March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Residuals:** John Leslie absent.

**Operator Challenge:** Alex Beuchner was absent. André Brousseau indicated that the NEWEA training day will take place on April 19<sup>th</sup> in Holyoke, MA.

**Industrial Representative:** Dan Welch had no report. There was a brief discussion about the Industrial Award.

**Awards Committee:** Mary Waring noted she had no report.

**Young Professionals Committee Chair:** Paula Drouin was absent.

**JETCC Committee Representative: Leeann Hanson submitted the following written COMMITTEE REPORT:**



**Maine Wastewater Control Association  
March 15, 2013**

All classes in early 2013 have received lots of last minute registrations!  
It seems people are waiting until close to the class date to sign up.

**JETCC Committee Representative: Leeann Hanson submitted the following written COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**\*\* We just sent to print a reminder for remaining classes including the North Country Convention. Look for that in mail soon! Subtle modifications are still being made to the agenda weekly.**

- > Please tell your Local Officials about the 2 upcoming evening sessions designed for Utility Trustees, Board members & Local Officials! We received great comments on the first one in Orono!
- > Leeann will be asking MWWCA for periodic help with email blasts on upcoming classes. Those email blasts seem to be particularly helpful!
- > We *may* be at the limit for the Hands-On Microbiology class at PWD with Michael Gerardi. Will know soon...
- > Everyone who is scheduled to assist with upcoming training will soon receive communication from Leeann. You have not been forgotten!
  - The U Maine Presque Isle Career Fair on April 3 is taking place across from the North Country Convention. The PI DEP office welcomes any job info and general Water WW Industry info for the High School Students who are being bused into PI.
  - Great chance to reach out to high schools & also to share “Waters Worth It” goodies!

DEP *may* be seeking someone from MWWCA to offer a presentation on WW careers.

JETCC just sent out the Needs Training and Inactive letters to operators who missed March 1 renewal deadline. Yellow letter = needs training. Pink letter = failed to submit payment.

**Next Exam Dates**

The Spring Exam date is Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

The deadline for that exam is March 29, 2013.

*Please contact Leeann directly if you have any ideas, training needs  
Or would like to assist with hosting or teaching a class.*

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**WEB Developer:** Steve Lane indicated there will be a training session this afternoon for web site maintenance and posting new information to the site as well as to look at the new format. He thanked Al Jellison for his assistance on open links. He gave an update on what he keeps posted on the MWWCA Website. Mac Richardson thanked Steve Lane for all his work, time and effort that he has put into the website for MWWCA.

Aubrey Strause indicated that she met with MMA this morning in regard to the members section.

**MMA Rep:** Joan Kiszely had no report.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report:** Aubrey Strause had no report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Report:** Tom Connolly had no report.

**Immediate Past President Report:** Jeff McBurnie was absent.

**Other New Business:** Travis Peaslee reported that the MEWARN is looking for a Liaison. He thinks the Liaison should come from the Safety Committee.

MEWARN: Al Jellison volunteered to be the MEWARN Liaison.

Name Change Survey: Aubrey Strause reported that we received 135 responses.  
Survey Results were:

43 %	Change the name to Maine Water Environment Association
24.5%	Maine Water Pollution Control Association
27%	Keep Current name

Further discussion will take place in April at the Strategic Planning Session. The thought is that Margaret Noel will attend the Strategic Planning Session to assist with this discussion. She just went through a name change with the MTCMA.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Al Jellison, seconded by Mac Richardson, all approved to adjourn the meeting at noon.