

**Maine Wastewater Control Association
Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, November 17, 2006
9:00 am
Maine Municipal Association, Augusta, ME**

Present: Andy Rudzinski, David Anderson, Ron Letarte, Vivian Matkivich, Andre Brousseau, Al Jellison, Tom Wiley, Dan Bisson, Jeff Pinnette, Chuck Applebee, Ryan Wadsworth, Mary Waring, Margaret Langhill.

Guests: Dennis Merrill, Andy Fisk

1. Call to Order: President Andy Rudzinski called the meeting to order at 9:11am.
2. Approval of Minutes-October 20, 2006: Vivian Matkivich made a motion to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes of October 20, 2006, seconded by Al Jellison. All approved.
3. Treasurer's Report-Financial Reports September 2006: Dan Bisson reported that he has reviewed the financial reports through September 2006 and they are in order. He recommends their approval. Al Jellison made a motion to approve the September 2006 Financial Reports as submitted, seconded by Ron Letarte. All approved. Dan noted that MMA is revising their financial reporting. There will be some changes, and there will be more detail. He added that there would be a budget session after the meeting.
4. DEP Representative Report: Dennis Merrill gave a report about the DEP's policy on arsenic, including detailed background information and information about how many plants would be impacted by the policy. Andy Fisk presented the Executive Committee with a detailed overview about the future of bond packages, legislative efforts and fees. He also encouraged the Executive Committee to continue to work with the MMA LPC, the MMA SFR staff and the DEP's SRF to take a stronger stance on bond issues. Andy noted that DEP wants to convene a stakeholders group to study the MEPDES permit fees. They are looking for MWWCA's input on the merits of this study. It was the general consensus of the board that MWWCA would support the study and would like to be involved in the discussion but as part of a larger stakeholder group.
5. NEWEA State Director's Report: Howard Carter was absent and did not submit a written report.
6. President's Report: Andy Rudzinski passed around the correspondence file.
7. Committee Reports:
 - A. Past President: Vivian Matkivich had nothing to report.
 - B. Conference Committee: Tom Wiley reported on the financials for the Fall Conference. Projected profit for the 2006 Fall Conference is \$15,000, Golf is \$320. The 40th Anniversary expense account came in at \$10,500, and the budget was \$10,000. Brief discussion about the location for the Fall Conference for 2007.
 - C. Collections Systems: Steve Sloan was absent and did not submit a written report.
 - D. Laboratory Committee: David Anderson noted that he went to the North Country Convention in the capacity as Vice President, and it was an excellent conference with record attendance. Dave also gave a review of future considerations for the Laboratory Committee.
 - E. Personnel Advancement Committee: Janet Abrahamson was absent and did not submit a written report.
 - F. JETCC: There was no representative present and there was no written report submitted.
 - G. Ops Challenge Coordinator Report: Andre Brousseau reported that the Force Maine Team did a great job, and reported on the Operations Challenge. He noted that they placed 1st in Process Control and 14th overall in the competition. Andre added that there is an open position on the team and that he sent Steve Lane an article to post on the MWWCA website.
 - H. Website: Steve Lane was absent and did not submit a written report.
 - I. Membership Committee: Chuck Applebee reported that he also attended the North Country Convention and noted that it was a great event. There was a discussion and clarification

about the Maine Water Conference Prize and the Stockholm Jr. Water Prize. Vivian clarified that they have different criteria, and that the criteria for the SJWP could not be changed because it is a national competition. Chuck will follow up with Ruth Hallsworth to discuss. Chuck noted on the membership, there are currently 627 members, with revenue at \$28625. There was discussion about doing a vendor membership drive, and Margaret will work with Chuck and Al on this in December. Discussion about the MWWCA membership brochure. MMA drafted a revised, but there has been no action on it as of yet. Ryan noted that the PR Committee would work on this with Margaret.

- J. Safety Committee: Al Jellison had nothing to report.
 - K. Public Relations Committee: Ryan Wadsworth thanked everyone who went to the North Country Convention and staffed the MWWCA Booth. He is currently working on revising the letters for the Clean Water Week Poster Contest and will be getting them to MMA to send out in early December. He would also like to put this information on the MWWCA website.
 - L. Government Affairs Committee: Mike Grove was absent and did not submit a written report.
 - M. Pretreatment Committee: Ron Letarte submitted a written report.
 - N. Awards Committee: Mary Waring had nothing to report.
 - O. Communications Committee: Mac Richardson was absent and did not submit a written report.
 - P. Residuals Management Committee: Jeff Pinnette reported on the Brunswick referendum. There will be a recount on Saturday, and as of now, we are down 5 votes. Regardless of the outcome, we did a good job in capturing the informed-voter vote. Jeff also noted that Carla Hopkins, who is the new head of the residuals group at the DEP was in attendance for the NEWEA/NEBRA conference.
8. Old Business:
- A. Legislative Breakfast Report: Andy Rudzinski gave a brief overview of the NEWEA outreach program that he has been working with Greg Cataldo (NEWEA) on. NEWEA is piloting a new program to reach out to their legislators by taking a State up approach instead of a Federal down approach. This will be piloted in Maine and New Hampshire. MWWCA takes the lead with NEWEA's financial assistance. There was a general discussion about dates-need to stay away from February school vacation week. Margaret to email out the revised available dates after speaking with the Senator Inn.
 - B. Salary Survey: There was a general discussion about whether this should be worked on. Further discussion necessary.
 - C. North Country Convention: Andy said it went well and he would like to see more membership at this conference.
9. New Business:
- A. Telcom Meeting Possibilities: Andy opened the discussion about utilizing phone and/or video technology to make it more feasible for some members to participate in meetings/conferences. There was general discussion, and it should be looked into further.
 - B. Admin Guide Update: Margaret will work with Chuck to get ready for the December meeting.
 - C. NEWWN-on agenda for next meeting.
10. Adjourn: Al Jellison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:02pm, seconded by Chuck Applebee. All approved.