MAINE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
SPRING CONFERENCE
BUSINESS MEETING
FOUR POINTS SHERATON
BANGOR, MAINE
APRIL 13, 2018

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Paula Drouin, President, called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m.

2. Welcome: Paula Drouin welcomed attendees to the 2018 Maine Water Environment Association Spring Conference. She introduced Mary Berry and Ray Vermette, the President and President-Elect of NEWEA, and John Belyea, Director of the Water Treatment Operator Program.

3. Introduction of MEWEA Executive Committee: Paula Drouin, President introduced the members of the 2018 Executive Committee & Guest

4. Award Program:
   a. Paula Drouin deferred the awarding of the MEWEA Past President Award to Matt Timberlake until the Fall Convention – Matt Timberlake was absent.
   b. Paula Drouin presented Thomas Todd with a Lifetime Membership Certificate.
   c. Re-presentation of NEWEA Awards by Raymond Vermette, NEWEA President Elect
      - Stockholm Junior Water Prize – Mei, Bangor, ME
      - NEWEA Operator Award – Annaleis Hafford, Winterport, ME
      - Alfred E. Peloquin Award – Phyllis Arnold Rand, Augusta, ME
      - James J. Courchaine Collections Systems Award – George Kathios, Kittery, ME
      - Young Professional Award – Michael Guethle, Portland, ME
      - Asset Management Award – City of Portland, ME

      WEF – Member Association Awards & Recognitions
      - Quarter Century Operator’s Club: Timothy Levasseur, Waterville, ME
      - WEF Service Award
        - Daniel Bisson, North Yarmouth, ME
        - George Vercelli, Gorham, ME

5. Other Business:
   Clean Water Week Poster Contest: Paula Drouin indicated that Alex Buechner is the MEWEA Chair for Clean Water Week Contest, and that this year’s contest attracted over 500 entries. The theme of the competition was “WHY WATER'S WORTH IT TO ME!” ME meaning YOU and Maine
Vote on Proposed MEWEA By-Law changes:
Paula Drouin summarized the proposed changes to the by-laws. Motion made by Mac Richardson, seconded by Dan Bisson, all approved the proposed MEWEA By-Law changes as presented.

John Belyea – NMCC
John summarized the new Water & Wastewater Operator Program. They will offering two one-year certification programs – one in Water & one in Wastewater, as well as a two-year Associate’s Degree Program. This will be starting this fall. Additionally, John will be developing one-hour training modules for water and wastewater operator certification credits. These modules will eventually be offered online.

6. Adjournment: Jeff McBurnie made a motion to adjourn, Stacy Thompson, seconded the motion, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 p.m.