

**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

Approved

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 on line.

- 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.