

**Approved**

**MEWEA Executive Board Meeting  
Friday, January 22, 2021  
Zoom Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Phil Tucker, Michael Guethle, Paula Drouin, Rob Pontau, Gretchen Anderson, Bryanna Denis, Travis Jones, Leeann Hanson, Jeff McBurnie, Theresa Tucker, Kristie Rabasca, Brody Campbell and Melissa White - MMA.

Tim Wade joined the meeting late.

**Absent:** Scott Firmin, Dave Beauchamp, Alex Buechner, Dustin Price, Ryan Wadsworth, Kevin Eaton, Andy Wendell.

**Guests:** Jim Cohen, Jay Nutting, Bruce Berger

**Call to Order:** President Phil Tucker called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Correspondence Folder:** There were no documents listed.

**Quorum:** It was determined there were 8 Officers present in order to conduct business.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Jeff McBurnie, seconded by Micheal Guethle, all approved the December 18, 2020 minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeff McBurnie reviewed the Treasurers report indicating everything is in order. Review of financial report as of October 31, 2020.

Motion made by Theresa Tuckcker, seconded by Michael Guethle, all approved the Treasurers report.

**Budget: Tabeled until the end of the meeting**

**DEP Representative:** Gregg Wood was absent.

**Legislative Representative:** Jim Cohen reported on the following:

- ENR and Utiltities committee meeting
- Federal Level new administration may bring possible changes

Brief discussion regarding COVID pandemic and what teir water and wastewater professinals are in and when they will be able to receive the vaccination. Currently the teir is 1C.

Follow up discussion on the letter that was sent regarding this profession receiving the vaccination.

**Committee Reports:**



**STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**MAINE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION**

Local Government Center  
60 Community Drive  
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 1/22/2020 (Zoom Meeting)

COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: State Director (liaison to NEWEA)

NAME: Jeff McBurnie

RECENT ACTIVITIES: Work with NEWEA Government Affairs Committee to set up Regulator Roundtable for NEWEA Annual (virtual) Conference; NEWEA Work Force Development Task Force Meeting (12/21/20); NEWEA Contaminants of Emerging Concern Meeting (12/22/20).

DECISIONS MADE: N/A

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED: See Activities above

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS:

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES: NEWEA ECM (1/20).

RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS: None at this time.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Jeff McBurnie

DATE SUBMITTED: 12/14/2020

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- X Executive Committee Meeting
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- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Old Business:**

Phil Tucker asked if anyone received the WEF flyer. He will try to scan the flyer for all to review.

Discussion of combining efforts with MWUA, Legislative committee, membership. Rob has offered to assist with polling membership.

## Government Affairs Committee Representative: Tim Wade



### COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORT

#### MAINE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 1/22/2021

COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: Government Affairs

CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Tim Wade

RECENT ACTIVITIES: Introductions, Bill Tracking. Areas of interest include:

C-19 Vaccination update, PFAS, WW Operator Certification Law, Nutrient Criteria, Essential Personnel Designation, MDOT ROW regarding sewer services

DECISIONS MADE: T.Wade to attend ENR committee introductions orientation if held as being considered.  
T.Wade and S.Firmin at 2nd Stakeholders meeting regarding Nutrient Criteria proposed rule change. S. Firmin,  
T.Wade, P. Tucker and J. McBumie continue meetings regarding PFAS.

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED:

12/7 and 1/6 committee meetings. See above for other meetings attended.

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS:

Review list of LRs and create assignments for research of interested requests likely to become LDs

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES:

Last Wednesday of each month, 8am, virtual by Google meets invitation. Next meeting is 1/27.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS: Consider further coordination with MWUA legislative committee.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Tim Wade

DATE SUBMITTED: 1/12/2021

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**Laboratory Committee Representative: Andy Wendell**

## Membership Committee Representative: Rob Pontau



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: January 22, 2021

COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: Membership - MWUA – OPS Challenge

CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Me

#### RECENT ACTIVITIES:

Ops Challenge - Nothing

MWUA - No meeting at the time of this written report. MWUA continues to offer ideas for collaboration.

Membership - I had a tour of the “Member Clicks” platform the MWUA uses for its membership. It is excellent. One of the best platforms of this kind that I have seen. It allows members to sign up, renew, and update their information all on their own. There are also options to allow administrators for each utility to make changes. This is something we could easily work with MWUA to institute.

Beyond providing a membership database that puts users in control, the program also tracks professional development hours and classes, allows for online sign up of classes, payment by credit card (or bill) and it provides instant invoices and records of all transactions. It is also quite user friendly.

I am an advocate for moving our membership to this type of platform simply because of how user friendly it is and the fact that it allows members to control their own accounts, however it is a powerful application that allows for much more than membership. I'd like to discuss options with the executive committee. If we were to move forward with this program, we need to discuss how it integrates with our website, signing up for classes, MMA's role in the program and more. It involves decisions by our PAC committee, convention committee and public relations committee (and probably others). The cost would be moderate and something we could split with MWUA. That also needs to be discussed, but for purposes of deciding whether or not to move forward, figure on about \$2,000 per year.

DECISIONS MADE: None. Looking for guidance from the Board.

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED: I reviewed Member Clicks on Wednesday, January 6th.

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS: Move forward with discussion among executive committee and other chairs from other affected committees.

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES: Nothing with membership really involves an “important” deadline.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS: How much more do you want from me?

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Pontau

DATE SUBMITTED: January 12, 2021

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## COMMITTEE / OFFICER

### REPORT

**MAINE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION**  
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### GUIDELINE FOR OFFICER / COMMITTEE REPORT

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:** 1/22/21

**COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME:** Pretreatment Committee

**CHAIR/OFFICER NAME:** Theresa Tucker

**RECENT ACTIVITIES:** Quarterly Meeting – 12/17/20 – Virtual.

We discussed the following:

EPA Update: PFAS testing for Industrial Users

There was a question raised as to whether POTW's with a mandated pretreatment program are required to test facilities for PFAS annually. The answer from EPA stated that as of now, no; however, draft NPDES permits in MA and most likely NH soon are requiring influent, effluent and biosolids quarterly sampling for 6 PFAS compounds. Additionally, SIUs falling under a specific sector like metal finishing, paper mill, textile, etc will be required to be monitored by the POTW annually. These requirements won't take effect until 6 months after an approved method – approximately a year from now.

DEP Update: Jim Crowley mentioned that he is still doing inspections/audits in person unless told otherwise. Finding that most industries are receptive to in-person inspections.

Not much else going on. Things are pretty quiet with everyone at this time.

Attendees:

Wade Duplisea (Bangor), Rebekah Sirois (PWD), Yarissa Ortiz-Vidal (Rockland), Judy Bruenjes (MeDEP), Theresa Tucker (York), Travis Jones (Brewer), Emily Prescott (Saco), Justin Pimpare (EPA), James Crowley (MeDEP), Ted Danforth (TSD Environomics), Sandy Perry (St. Germain), Tom Wiley (South Portland)

**DECISIONS MADE:** None at this time.

**MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED:** 12/17/20 Quarterly Meeting

**ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS:** None at this time.

**NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES:**

Committee Meetings: Next meeting will be held sometime in February



Theresa noted she is working with Dave Beauchamp to create a commercial on wipes with OC Comics. They also met with Channel 6 to discuss running the commercial on their channel. The cost would be \$3,000. Seeking funds to utilize for the commercial to be created. Mike suggested to seek funds from other committees that could collaborate on that effort.

Paula reported on the Facebook advertising costs. There was discussion and ideas presented. Theresa will prepare a packet of information to present to the group.

<b>Personnel Advancement Committee Representative: Scott Firmin &amp; Ryan Wadsworth</b>

<b>Convention Committee Representative: Dustin Price</b>

**Public Relations Committee Representative: Paula Drouin**



## **COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORT**

### **MAINE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION**

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 1/22/2021**

**COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: Public Relations**

**CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Paula Drouin**

- Clean Water Week poster contest calendars – I mailed calendars to my local representatives with a letter congratulating them on their election (or re-election) and offering myself as a resource for wastewater, or any water-related, question.
- Attended a second Zoom call led by Terry Tucker to discuss public outreach regarding non-dispersible products and their increased use during the pandemic. We want to make a public outreach effort(s) and are pulling together some info. Ideas include Facebook advertising and reaching out to news channels.
- Perhaps more communications committee related, but... I am working to review/revise items on the website. Please let me know if you see anything (particularly on your committee pages) that needs to be revised. Also, if you are a new committee chair, please send me a photo that I can use on the website. Thank you!

**REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Paula Drouin**

**DATE SUBMITTED: 1/20/2020**

**Safety Committee Representative: Vacant**

**Communications Committee Report: Bryanna Denis**



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:

1/22/2021

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COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: Communication  
Committee

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CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Bryanna  
Denis

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RECENT ACTIVITIES: Meetings with MWUA regarding joint newsletter. Sent out request for advertising sponsorships. Working to draft copy.

DECISIONS MADE:

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MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED:

12/28/2020

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ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS:

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NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES: Articles for February Newsletter due **Friday Feb 5<sup>th</sup>**.

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OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS:

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REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Bryanna  
Denis

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DATE SUBMITTED:

1/12/2021

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**Collections Systems Committee Report: Kevin Eaton**

**Residuals Management Committee Report: Jeff McBurnie**



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: 01/22/2021 (Zoom Meeting)

COMMITTEE NAME: Residuals Management

CHAIR NAME: Jeff McBurnie

RECENT ACTIVITIES: NEBRA Regulatory & Legislative Committee Calls (12/22/20, 1/19/21); Virtual Meeting with Defend Our Health (formerly Environmental Health Strategy Center) to discuss possible PFAS legislation (1/6 Prep for MWUA Annual Conference PFAS Presentation.

DECISIONS MADE: No new decisions made.

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED: See above

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Gearing up for the 130<sup>th</sup> ME Legislature session in coordination with the Government Affairs Committee. Continue working with NEBRA to track and respond to legislative and regulatory activities related to PFAS and other biosolids management issues throughout New England.

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES: Legislative Breakfast in conjunction with the MWUA Annual Conference – 2/2. MEWEA EC Meeting – 2/19.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS: None.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Jeff McBurnie

DATE SUBMITTED: 12/14/2020

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Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Treatment Plant Operators Committee Report: Alex Buechner**

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## Young Professional Committee Report: Brody Campbell



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: Friday January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: Young Professionals

CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Brody Campbell

RECENT ACTIVITIES: January YP committee meeting held virtually January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

DECISIONS MADE: Will not hold annual ice-skating night. Plan to hold another virtual meeting in March. Limited in person events for at least the next few months due to social distancing guidelines.

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED: January YP committee meeting held virtually January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS: NA

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES: March Meeting - Date TBD.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS:

If you have anyone interested in getting involved in the YP Committee have them email Brody at [brody.campbell@wright-pierce.com](mailto:brody.campbell@wright-pierce.com) !

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Brody Campbell

DATE SUBMITTED: 1/12/2021

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Other:

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**Awards Committee Report: Paula Drouin**

Jeff noted NEWEA will try to present awards during the year. He will provide Paula with information as he receives it.





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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: January 22, 2021

COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: JETCC Board

CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: Travis Jones – Chairman & Leeann Hanson – Training Coordinator

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

JETCC Board meeting January 13, 2021

JETCC Board seeking new Industrial Rep effective May 2021. Andrew Seiler of General Dynamics terms out. This is NOT a MeWEA position but we will entertain recommendations from MeWEA

New England Regional Trainers & Certification meeting – January 12, 2021. Leeann leading this group which meets monthly.

3 Virtual training sessions completed since 1/1/2021

Practices for upcoming training ongoing. Additions of new classes coming for March and beyond

Outreach to NMCC/SMCC for presenter at Spring conference. Contact given to PAC

DECISIONS MADE:

Virtual training will continue into 2021...see attached schedule to date

Through affiliation with NEIWPC more JETCC training being approved beyond Maine. Leeann ensuring strong JETCC identity in publicity for these classes by noting assistance from MeWEA Committees (see last page listing for 1/21/2021 & 3/4/2021 classes....taken from on line page)

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS:

Always welcoming more training suggestions!

Asked NMCC to provide presentation for MeWEA spring convention

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES:

JETCC Board meeting specifically for MCS discussion on 1/27/2021

Next formal JETCC Board meeting May5, 2021

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS: \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Leeann Hanson \_\_\_\_\_

DATE SUBMITTED: January 21, 2021

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Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JETCC Training Programs**  
**Winter-Spring 2021**  
as of 1/15/2021

[JETCC Remote Learning Catalog](#)

January 6, 2021 1:15 – 3:15 p.m.

**J2112 Centrifugal Pumps 101** (2 hrs)

Offered via: GoToTraining Registration fee: \$50.00

An understanding of hydraulic principles is critical to the management of collections systems and the operation of wastewater treatment plants. This introductory course covers the operation and maintenance of pumps, and the hydraulic principles behind them, in a straightforward manner.

Topics include pump types, parts, packing and adjustments, reading and using pump curves, motor principles and theory of operation, and horsepower and electrical calculations. In addition, participants will learn about mechanical seal failures, operational troubleshooting, and maintenance of bearings and couplings.

Instructor: Don Kennedy, NEIWPC

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January 13, 2021 1:15 – 3:15 p.m.

**J2113 Centrifugal Pumps 201** (2 hrs)

Offered via: GoToTraining Registration fee: \$50.00

A continuation of Wastewater Centrifugal Pumps 101. This course will provide a better understanding of hydraulic principles that are critical to the management of collections systems and the operation of wastewater treatment plants. This introductory course covers the operation and maintenance of pumps, and the hydraulic principles behind them, in a straightforward manner.

Instructor: Don Kennedy, NEIWPC

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**Stormwater Committee Report: Gretchen Anderson & Kristie Rabasca**



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: **January 19, 2021**

COMMITTEE/OFFICE NAME: **Stormwater Committee**

CHAIR/OFFICER NAME: **Gretchen Anderson / Zach Henderson / Kristie Rabasca**

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- **MS4 Appeal is moving forward**

DECISIONS MADE: **Healthy Watershed Municipal Roundtable at February MWUA session (Falmouth// Attaining Sustainable Solutions Inc.)**

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED:

- **1/15/2021 Informal meeting to clarify MS4 submittal requirements, sent request for clarification to DEP**

ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE/OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS: **None**

NEXT MEETING/OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES:

- **1/20/2021 NPS Pollution TMDL**
- **MS4 Document Submittal (3/31/21)**

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS: **None**

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: **Gretchen Anderson, Zach Henderson & Kristie Rabasca**

DATE SUBMITTED: **1/19/2021**

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Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noted they had a meeting with DEP regarding an addendum and incorporating new streams in the final that were in the draft and removed. (TMDL).

**MMA Representative:** Melissa White reported on the following:

Reminded the group about the Statewide Training assessment with MMA and Berry Dunn consultants. Provided the email for all to read. There was discussion and training needs discussion. Email Melissa or Steve

**MWRA Representative:** Bruce Berger reported on the following:

Has over 160 attendees registered for the upcoming Trade Show virtual conference with 12 vendors. Noted the vendor count is low. There are 19 legislators registered for the Legislative Event. Provided an overview of the agenda.

**President Committee Report: Phil Tucker**

Reported on recent meeting with the Environmental Health Group (Defend your Health). Proposing source control Legislation - PFAS. Items containing PFAS that are non-essential uses, such as scotch guard, carpeting, padding and other products that PFAS has been intentionally added to.

Reported on items in the recent Presidents message.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report: Dave Beauchamp**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report: Tim Wade**

**Past President's Report: Michael Guethle**

Reported he is assisting committees and working with MWUA on the February Legislative Breakfast and virtual Trade Show.

**Other New Business:**

**Budget**

Motion made by Paula Drouin, seconded by Tim Wade, all approved the 2021 Budget.

**7. Adjournment:** Motion made by Jeff McBurnie seconded by Paula Drouin, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m.