

KWVOA State Board Meeting Minutes
Lisa Detherage's Home, Lawrenceburg, KY
September 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robin Strader at 11:07 a.m., EST. at the Lisa Detherage's Home in Lawrenceburg, KY. Opening prayer was led by Dave Goodrum.

Those in attendance included:

Robin Strader, Chairperson

Don Compton, Vice-Chairman (absent)

Julie Duncan, Treasurer

Lori Simpson, Secretary

Lisa Detherage, Member Services Director

Roy Gray, Eastern Chapter

James Poindexter, Eastern Chapter (absent)

Tim Goble, Eastern Chapter (proxy for James)

Jeremy Woosley, Central Chapter

Bradley Johnston, Central Chapter

Corey Bond, Central Chapter

Tom Sanders, Central Chapter and Wastewater Advisory HRJ56 Subcommittee Rep

Brian Bourne, North Central Chapter

Matt Chancellor, North Central Chapter

Alan Todd, Western Chapter (absent)

Leslie Rogers, Western Chapter

Mandy Spalding, KLA (absent)

David Goodrum, Western Chapter and Education Subcommittee

Minutes:

- Motion to be made on the minutes from the May meeting at the November meeting.
- The meeting minutes from the July 2017 were distributed and reviewed.

Motion was made by Tim Goble to approve the July 2017 meeting minutes, second by Les Rogers. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- As of 9/31/2017 there is an account balance of \$135,798.17.

Motion was made by Jeremy Woosley to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Brian Bourne. All in favor, motion carried.

Member Services Report:

- Lisa reported on activities from July 19, 2017 – September 12, 2017.

New Business:

- House Resolution Joint Bill 56 (HRJ56) – Tom Sanders is the KWWOA Rep for this committee and reported the following;
 - Identifying small package plants attached to mobile homes, trailers parks, etc. (how streams will be impacted if abandoned)
 - Financial challenges.
 - Emergency intervention methods.
 - Legislative changes that may assist to reduce the failure or abandonment of small wastewater treatment plants.
 - Group suggested asking if the Engineering study would be included
 - Monthly meetings will continue until December.
- The group discussed pension reform.

Motion was made by Tim Goble to formally announce new Associate Members with the current associate member list via email, second by Julie Duncan. All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Awards - Nominations in by October, winners to be picked in January
- KLA updates – Robin was concerned about the passer rating; nine attendees, five passed. The 2018 class will be held at the State Conference in April.
- Budget Committee – on hold.
- Conference Committee (April 8 – 12 in NKY):
 - The Conference web banners have been forwarded to Crosby.
 - Registration packets are ready.
 - Touring New Riff Distillery in early October as a potential social event location.
 - 2-day trolley pass will be given to all attendees.
 - Two additional advertising opportunities will be provided to our exhibitors for \$1,000 – Banner to hang in the Marriott lobby and Exhibit Hall Training Room panels.
- Technical Committee:
 - Crosby doing well on the website; weekly meetings since the end of June.
 - Final payment has not been paid yet, missed the original completion date. Should now be completed by November meeting or penalty will be enforced.
 - Lisa will pay final notice when it is ready to go live.

- Water & Wastewater Board Meetings:
 - Core content list has been updated.
 - Application forms for board member positions were due August 31.

- Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee:
 - Education and Recruitment Subcommittee –
 - The original goal of this subcommittee was to outline methods for promoting the operator profession, but has recently morphed into the potential for a Kentucky apprenticeship program, through the Labor Cabinet, as a possible means of easing the operator qualifications. DCA is looking to open up the regs to add this as a provision. The federal Labor Department has a classification for drinking water and wastewater system operators (does not recognize distribution nor collection, as separate job classifications) within their apprenticeship program. Robin and David pointed out that DCA already has an “Operator-In-Training” provision in the regs and that systems have a means for obtaining an alternate staffing plan from the Division of Water should they have this need. They were told by Paulette Akers “that it is not the same thing.” Concern exists relative to the potential to decrease the experience/educational requirements for operators, establishment of sound “need-to-know”/competencies for the “general” drinking water/wastewater apprentices, and DCA’s ability to feel comfortable with an operator’s successful completion of set “need-to-know”/competencies across multiple systems, with a wide range of abilities, given that must qualify the applicants for testing.

 - Compliance SubCommittee on Distribution and Water Quality:
 - Discussed Chapter 5, Disinfection By-Product Rule may change to include additional sampling and DOW strongly encourages utilities to collect in consecutive systems.
 - Chapter 8 changes are now in effect.

- SOPs Committee:
 - SOPs have been posted to the Board Members Only portion of the website. Lori will update the Records Retention SOP to include the combined Updated QuickBooks categories.

On motion made by Roy Gray, seconded by Brian Bourne, the Board unanimously agreed to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Member Services Director and Treasurer wages.

On motion made by Roy Gray, seconded by Matt Chancellor, the Board unanimously agreed to exit Executive Session.

Open for Discussion:

- Please get head shots to Lisa ASAP.
- Lisa reminded the Chapters to get their 2018 training class information to her by November 1.
- 2017 Board Meetings Dates/Locations:
November 2 – London

Motion to adjourn at 2:15 pm CST made by Brian Bourne, second by Tim Goble. All in favor, motion carried.