

**Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, June 14, 2006  
Holyoke, MA**

**(Amended at September 27, 2006 meeting)**

The meeting was called to order by MWPCA President Joseph Witts. The following were in attendance:

Henry Albro, Jane Brooks, Michael Burke, John Conner, Elizabeth Cutone (NEWEA), Valerie Flaherty, Michael Foisy, Mike Moreau, Bob Pariseau, Charles Tyler, Eugene Valliere, Ray Willis and Joe Witts.

A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the minutes of the April 26, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting.

An error on page two of three was noted in the minutes.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to amend the minutes as follows:

Page 2 of 3 – item 3 under New Business – Name should read Mike Moreau.

It was subsequently voted to accept the amended minutes.

**Old Business**

- 1) **Bylaws Changes** – Charles Tyler reported that the recent Bylaws Changes have been approved by the membership. It was suggested that the revised Bylaws be available to the membership on the MWPCA website. J. Connor will forward revised Bylaws to Mickey Nowak (webmaster). Elizabeth Cutone will send notification of their availability in the next MWPCA “web update.”
- 2) **Stockbridge Specialty Conference** – Henry Albro reported that the conference was held on May 24<sup>th</sup> and was a success. Albro will write an article about the conference and include photos.
- 3) **Trade Show Update** – John Connor reported that to date 14 vendors have registered for the September 27<sup>th</sup> Trade Show.
- 4) **New Seminar Ideas and Topics** – It was suggested that MWPCA consider doing more seminars at treatment plants. It was noted that a new training facility has been established in Fairhaven, MA.

It was also suggested that MWPCA consider hosting a seminar on the proposed changes in the Massachusetts Retirement System. It was agreed that it be considered for November and be offered at little or no cost to the membership.

It was also suggested that MWPCA consider conducting a training-needs survey of the membership. Bob Pariseau to work with Cutone on this.

- 5) **Oak Bluff's Specialty Conference** – Henry Albro will work with NEWEA to plan the seminar scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>. To date, three tours have been planned.
- 6) **NEWEA 75<sup>th</sup> Scholarship** – Charles Tyler reports that no applications have been received to date (6/14/06). Deadline for submittals was Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 7) **Operations Challenge Training Day** – Jane Brooks reported that the New England Operations Challenge Training Day was held on April 29<sup>th</sup> in Springfield, MA and was sponsored by the MWPCA. A total of six teams participated; 4 from New England, 2 from New York and 1 from Pennsylvania. Brooks also reported that New York introduced “Sludge Jeopardy” to the group and that it was very well received. It was suggested that “Sludge Jeopardy” also be held as part of the MWPCA Trade Show in September. Jane Brooks and Valerie Flaherty will work together on developing.
- 8) **Education Fund** – Bob Pariseau reported that he will work with John Connor to coordinate the transfer of funds as approved.

## **New Business**

- 1) **Appointment of 13<sup>th</sup> Director** – On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint Mike Moreau as the 13<sup>th</sup> Director. It was noted that this is for a one-year term, per the bylaws.
- 2) **Establishment of New Officers** –
  - a) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to extend Joseph Witts' term as President for a second one-year term.
  - b) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted also to extend the terms of Charles Tyler as First Vice President and Mike Foisy as Second Vice President, each for a second one-year term.
  - c) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint John Connor as Secretary/Treasurer.
  - d) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint Thomas Azevedo as Meeting Management Coordinator.

- e) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint Robert Pariseau as Education Director.
  - f) Based on the election results, the following Directors will assume office after July 1st, 2006. Eugene Valliere, Mike Foisy (incumbent), Joseph Witts (incumbent).
- 3) **Appointment of unexpired term for Director Mickey Nowak** – It was noted that in Section 7 of the Bylaws, not more than two individuals from the same company be on the board at the same time. President Joe Witts will check affiliations and speak with individual officers to ensure adherence to this section. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to ~~appoint~~ nominate Joseph Pease to fill Mickey Nowak’ unexpired term of office.
- 4) **Awards** – The following Award nominees were reported:
- a) **Carlos Cardoso** – NEWEA Peloquin Award
  - b) **Peter Nyberg** – NEWEA Operator Award
- 5) **New Meeting** – It was reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> in Millbury, MA.

Prepared by,

Elizabeth Cutone