

**Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 26, 2006
DEP Training Facility, Millbury, MA**

(Amended at June 14, 2006 meeting)

MWPCA President Joe Witts called the meeting to order. The following were in attendance:

Mike Ackerman, Henry Albro, Tom Azevedo, Jane Brooks, Mike Burke, Valerie Flaherty, Michael Foisy, Janice Moran (NEWEA), Gerry Nye, Charlie Tyler, and Joe Witts

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the meeting minutes from the March 15th board meeting.

Old Business:

- 1) Bylaws Changes – are they ready for distribution to the membership? – It was reported that the proposed amendments to the MWPCA Bylaws are ready for distribution and will be sent out to the membership as a separate insert in the upcoming newsletter.
- 2) Stockbridge Specialty Conference – May 24th, update? – Henry Albro reported that he has spoken with Tony Campetti, Chief Operator, Stockbridge WWTP, and that Tony was arranging lunch options with the Red Lion Inn and transportation to the facility tours. Joe Witts reported that there are currently 30 pre-registered to attend.

It was thought that the NEWEA Plant Operations Committee had previously offered funds to assist with transportation costs for future conferences. Mike Burke will follow up.

- 3) Tradeshow vendor/attendee and participation – update? – Discussion involved options and consideration of moving the location of the annual tradeshow meeting from the Westford Regency. Henry Albro and Joe Witts will meet in Mystic to develop incentive ideas to present at the next board meeting.
- 4) New Seminar Ideas and topics – It was suggested that a 3 or 4-day class on maintenance certification be considered for wastewater operators. Certification would be voluntary and classes could be held at the Millbury training center. Mike Burke will forward information to the board for further discussion.

- 5) NEIWPCC – renewal fees – where are they going? – Charlie Tyler reported that NEIWPCC are aware of the complaints associated with the recent operator certificate renewal process, and that they will address the problems.
- 6) Plant Operations Committee – who will take over for Mickey? – It was announced that Mickey Nowak resigned from the board. Mike Burke and Tom Azevedo were appointed as co-chairs for the plant operations committee.
- 7) Oak Bluff’s specialty conference – October 4th 2006 – update? – Henry Albro reported that the Oak Bluff’s specialty conference will be held on October 4, 2006. The conference will include plant tours at three different facilities on the island. Henry Albro and Joe Witts will visit the plants and coordinate logistics in mid-July.
- 8) NEWEA 75th Scholarship – update? – Charlie Tyler reported that he had sent an article and application form to the NEWEA office to be included in the upcoming newsletter.
- 9) Operations Challenge training day – update? – Jane Brooks reported that six teams, three New York teams and three New England teams would be participating. The three New England teams include Maine, Vermont and Rhode Island. Jane also mentioned that she had hired a caterer to prepare lunch and that it would cost about \$10 per person. MWPCA has agreed to sponsor the lunch.
- 10) Education fund update? – Bob Pariseau was not in attendance.

New Business:

- 1) 25 year MWPCA award? – It was decided not to pursue this at this time.
- 2) Rick Alden update – A brief discussion was held regarding Rick Alden. Joe Witts will send an article about Rick’s service to be included in the next newsletter.
- 3) New Board Member – Charlie Tyler reported that he had recently spoken to Mike Moreau, Falmouth, ME at the CWPAA meeting and that Mike is still interested in serving MWPCA in some capacity, possibly on the Board of Directors, in the event of a vacancy.
- 4) Sewer Rate Survey – A brief discussion was held regarding sewer rate surveys. It was announced that Tighe & Bond do a survey every year and post the information on their website. It was then suggested that Mickey Nowak could put a link on the MWPCA website for members to access.
- 5) LCD Projector Remote – **On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to purchase a wireless Kensington Pocket Presenter with laser pointer.**

- 6) NEWEA Awards – Mike Burke announced that he is looking for nominations for the NEWEA Peloquin Award and the Operator Award.
- 7) Awards Committee Chair – MWPCA Awards – A brief discussion was held regarding MWPCA awards. It was decided that Henry Albro will contact Brad Lange, Award Committee Chair to see if he was still interested in being chair of the committee.
- 8) Next Meeting – The next MWPCA Board meeting will take place at the Quarterly meeting on June 14, 2006 at the Log Cabin Restaurant in Holyoke, MA.

There being no further business, a motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.