

**Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 15, 2006
Westford Regency**

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

Henry Albro, Tom Azevedo, Jane Brooks, John Connor, Elizabeth Cutone, Valerie Flaherty, Mike Foisy, Brent Herring, Bob Pariseau, Charles Tyler, Ray Willis, Joe Witts

President Witts noted that there was quorum.

Old Business

- 1) Bylaws Changes – Charles Tyler discussed the proposed amendments to the agenda. **On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the proposed amendments to the MWPCA Bylaws and to send the amendments as approved by the board to the membership 30 days prior to the June 14, 2006 Quarterly Meeting.**

- 2) Stockbridge Specialty Conference – Henry Albro reported that the Specialty Conference that was originally scheduled for the Fall has been rescheduled for May 24th. John Connor reported that to date there are approximately 25 pre-registered. Henry Albro and Joe Witts will coordinate the logistics for the conference prior to and on site.

- 3) Tradeshow vendor/attendee interaction and new vendor participation – ideas? – Several ideas were shared as to how to increase flow in the exhibit area at the Tradeshow. Joe Witts and Henry Albro will consider the ideas expressed and will be prepared to make a proposal at the next board meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to increase the MWPCA Tradeshow vendor/exhibit booth rental fees in accordance with the following schedule:

	Previous Rate	New Approved Rate
Early Registration	\$225	\$250
Late Registration	\$275	\$300

In addition, it was recommended that alternate venues be researched and considered for future (beyond 2006) tradeshows.

- 4) New Seminar Ideas and topics? - It was reported that there had been feedback received by members related to the topics presented at the Quarterly Meetings. According to some of the feedback received, it appears that the perception is

that many of the same topics were repeated at the meetings and it was requested that additional topics be explored.

It was suggested that an article be included in the next issue of the MWPCA newsletter requesting suggestions for alternative technical topics. In addition, it was suggested that the Committee Chairs consider sponsoring a meeting resulting in a more theme-based meeting – i.e., Collections Systems Committee.

- 5) NEIWPCCC – renewal fees – where are they going? – It was reported that some operators experienced some problems with their renewals. It was suggested that the issues will be brought up at the next Training Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting with NEIWPCCC.
- 6) Plant Operations Committee – specialty meeting interest – update by Mickey Nowak – Mickey was not in attendance. It was noted that the Plant Operations Committee is coordinating a specialty conference at the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District. More information will be available at the next board meeting.
- 7) NEWEA Contract – approval and signature needed – A copy of the proposed contract between the New England Water Environment Association and the Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association for administrative services was distributed. **On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the contract as presented.** It was further noted that on behalf of MWPCA, Joe Witts will sign the contract and that the contract will be presented for approval at the April 5 NEWEA Executive Committee Meeting.
- 8) NEWEA Contact person – President Elect? What priorities do we want done? – It was agreed that NEWEA will work with committee chairs as it relates to specific programs, i.e., Newsletter Committee. Other/misc. programs will be coordinated with the President or President Elect.

In addition to the Spring Issue of the Newsletter, NEWEA was directed to work on the following projects:

- 1) Directory of Waste Water Treatment Facilities
- 2) MWPCA Email Data Base for email updates to members.

New Business

- 1) 25 Year MWPCA Award? – This item was tabled.
- 2) Stockholm Junior Water Prize - \$500 donation to defray the costs. – A brief discussion was held regarding the merits of the program. **On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to contribute \$500 per year for the next three years (2006, 2007, 2008).**

- 3) Oak Bluffs, Specialty Conference – Henry Albro announced that MWPCA members from Oak Bluffs requested that MWPCA consider holding a one-day Specialty Conference and Tour on the Island. The concept received a favorable response. The suggested date is October 4th. Henry will take the lead on coordinating.
- 4) WEF Letter Regarding SRF funding – It was reported that WEF has sent a letter out opposing the recent proposal to cut federal funding for SRF. The letter also contains information on how individuals can approach their individual congressmen and senators requesting to persuade them not to support. This information will be emailed out to those on the MWPCA email list. John Connor will forward to NEWEA all MWPCA email addresses on file.
- 5) NEWEA 75th Scholarship – Charles Tyler announced that there is a special one-time NEWEA scholarship available to the six affiliated state associations in the amount of \$1,000 (per state) for members and offspring of members who are pursuing higher education. Charles has agreed to take the lead on promotion and coordination of the scholarship.
- 6) Operations Challenge Training Day – It was reported that the regional Operations Challenge Training Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2006 in Springfield, MA. **On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that MWPCA will sponsor the lunch at the training day and that the sponsorship shall not exceed \$750.**
- 7) Education Fund – **On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the board authorize Bob Pariseau, MWPCA Education Coordinator, to place existing, idle Education Fund money into an interest bearing account to the best advantage of the MWPCA.**

MWPCA Dues - **On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to increase the MWPCA membership dues in accordance with the following schedule:**

MWPCA Dues	Previous Rate	New Approved Rate
Annual Dues	\$25	\$35
Annual Dues – After deadline	\$30	\$40

- 8) **Next Meeting** – The next MWPCA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at the NEWEA office in Woburn, MA.

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