

**Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2010
Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel, Boston, MA**

MWPCA President Michael Foisy called the meeting to order. The following were in attendance.

Tom Azevedo, Tom Bienkiewicz (MA DEP), Michael Burke, Michael Foisy, Janice Moran (NEWEA), Vinnie Melendez, Michael Moreau, Charles Tyler, and Ray Willis

A quorum was noted.

Minutes:

1. **Minutes from the December 9th Board of Directors Meeting – on motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the minutes of the December 9th Board of Directors Meeting.**

Old Business:

1. **Operator's Day** – It was announced that the Operator's Day luncheon held during the NEWEA Annual Conference on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 was very well attended. Over thirty Massachusetts operators participated in Operator's Day overall. MWPCA has traditionally paid for one operator from each Massachusetts wastewater treatment facility to attend the NEWEA Annual Conference for one day. The association also co-sponsored the operator's luncheon.
2. **MWPCA Legal Financial Status** – Mike Foisy reported that three quotes had been obtained from the following financial firms: P.L. Jones & Associates, Graham Shepherd and Peter Witts. Mike supplied the board with a handout containing an overview of their services and costs. The CPA firm selected will need to perform a 3-year audit to become compliant with the IRS and to figure out tax exempt status. No audits have been performed since 1992. Back taxes may be owed.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to allow John Connor on behalf of MWPCA to sign the contract and enter into an agreement with Graham Shepherd, CPA to perform an audit for MWPCA's financial needs.

Mike Foisy will send emails to the board to keep everyone informed and Charlie Tyler volunteered to write an article for the Winter Newsletter to keep the association informed.

3. **Meeting Planning Status -**

- **March Quarterly Meeting** – Tom Azevedo mentioned that he has 2 speakers currently lined up to present at the March 24 quarterly meeting. The quarterly meeting will be held at the Westford Regency in Westford, MA.
- **Golf Committee Update (data/venue)** – Joe Witts not present. The 2nd Annual Golf Tournament will be held separate from the June Quarterly Meeting. The Golf Committee is comprised of: Joe Witts, Ray Willis, Michael Moreau, Dan Freitas and Eric Smith.
- **June Quarterly Meeting** – Tom Azevedo announced that the June meeting would be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at the Log Cabin in Holyoke, MA. Potential speaker names should be forwarded to Tom for consideration.

- **Fall 2010 Trade Show** - The Fall 2010 Trade Show is scheduled to be held on September 29, 2010 at the Wachusett Mountain Resort, Princeton, MA.
- **December Quarterly Meeting** - It was mentioned that the December Quarterly Meeting will be held on December 8, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield, MA.

New Business:

1. **Training Program** – Tom Bienkiewicz mentioned a new certificate program for wastewater management to be started this fall. The program would consist of courses and seminars for managers and supervisors from different associations like MWPCA, NEIWPC, NEWEA, etc. Classes would be approved by the Training Advisory Committee. Tom mentioned that this type of program would allow current operators the ability to move into supervisor and manager type positions in the field. Tom also mentioned that they are looking for an organization to take the lead.

Mike Moreau will ask Doug Borgatti to write an article about this for the Spring Newsletter.

2. **Newsletter** – Articles for the winter issue are due Friday, January 28. The following individuals agreed to provide articles:
 - December Quarterly Meeting Highlights – Ray Willis
 - Decentralized Plant Committee – Ray Willis
 - Photos – Charlie Tyler
 - Gov't Affairs Committee – Joe Witts
 - Industrial Committee – Dave Lubiner
 - EPA Update – Mike Foisy
 - Awards – Valerie Flaherty
 - March Quarterly Meeting – Tom Azevedo
 - Golf Tournament Update – Mike Moreau
 - Financial Status Update – Charlie Tyler
 - MWPCA Elections – Charlie Tyler

3. **NEWEA Director** - Charlie Tyler reported that the current State Director for NEWEA is Joe Witts and this is his last year. Nominations need to be submitted to NEWEA by June 2010. State Director is a three year commitment and there are six meetings to attend each year. The state director is also responsible for attending MWPCA meetings and reporting back NEWEA's activities.

Charlie mentioned that Ray Willis has expressed an interest in serving.

4. **MWPCA Election 2010** – There are five incumbent directors whose terms are expiring. They include: T. Azevedo, M. Burke, M. Moreau, R. Pariseau, and E. Smith. It was mentioned that all incumbents who plan to run for re-election must furnish biographical information and a photo for inclusion in an information flyer to be included in the ballot envelopes. It was also noted that Peter Doyle will mail election ballots after the March Quarterly meeting.

NEWEA was asked to send out a web email to the membership.

4. **Director Meetings** – Mike Foisy will email out a list of upcoming BOD meetings to the Board for discussion.
5. **Next Meeting** – It was reported that the next Board of Directors' meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 24, 2010 (2pm) at the Millbury Training Center in Millbury, MA**

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