

**KsAWWA Board of Trustees Meeting
March 9, 2018
Emporia Water Treatment Plant
Emporia, KS**

The meeting was called to order by **Chair Martha Tasker** at 10 a.m.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chair	Martha Tasker	
Past Chair	Lester Estelle	by Phone
Director		Mike Orth
Director-elect	Steve Randtke	
Vice Chair	Phillip Cooper	
Vice Chair-elect	Andrew Hansen	
2 nd Yr. Trustee	Michelle Wirth	
2 nd Yr. Trustee	Mike Rudy	
2 nd Yr. Trustee	Durward Johnson	
1 st Yr. Trustee	Jim Jackson	
1 st Yr. Trustee		Kurt Bookout
1 st Yr. Trustee	Katie Miller	
Secretary/Treasurer	Terryl Pajor	
Section Manager	Hank Corcoran Boyer	

Committee Chairs and visitors present were John Gilroy, Research committee; Steve Nirschl, OTC Committee; Brad Ebinger, OTC Committee; Phillip Brown, Mentee KCK BPU; Brandon Sisk, Mentee KCK BPU; Denise Friday, Diversity in the Workplace committee; and Jessica Adams-Weber, Membership committee.

Section Manager Hank Corcoran Boyer presented the minutes of the December 1, 2017 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes with the following changes: Director's Report should have reported AWWA Governance changes; Old Business should reflect the reason for the penalty after April 15 on Exhibitor registrations was because of difficulties with some of the vendors and trying to remain revenue neutral and spelling correction on 2018 AWWA/WEF YP Summit was made by **1st Yr. Trustee Jim Jackson**. Motion was seconded by **Vice Chair-elect Andrew Hansen**. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report was presented by **Secretary/Treasurer Terryl Pajor**. As of March 9, 2018 the assets were as follows: Intrust Bank Account \$78,706.53; Intrust CD 004 \$36,910.17; and Intrust CD 006 \$31,795.17 for a total of \$147,411.87. She also filed a December 31, 2017 report showing total assets as of December 31, 2017 of \$155,429.93. After some discussion on Operator memberships and a breakdown of the membership budget the Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Director's Report – Non available

Chair's Report – **Chair Martha Tasker** thanked the committee chairs for all of their hard work and she especially like the correspondence she is seeing among the committees. She said most of her report would be covered in the rest of the agenda items.

Section Manager Hank Corcoran Boyer reported she had been registering people for OTC workshops; attended the OTC meeting in McPherson; she reported the OTC Chair had resigned and Steve Nirschl, chair elect had assumed the chair position; she purchased the speaker gifts for the joint conference and also was working on the T-shirts for the attendees of the joint conference. She said papers were coming in for the program but needed more and encouraged everyone to seek out individuals to make presentations. She was also working on getting advertisements for the Solution H2O newsletter and encouraged all of the committee chairs to write articles for the newsletter.

Joint Conference report was presented by **Vice Chair Phillip Cooper**. He discussed the lack of papers and the deadline had been extended until March 30, 2018. Topics were discussed for papers.

Committee Reports:

John Gilroy, Research Committee reported the committee had met on February 21, 2018 at the City of Olathe – they are currently looking for members from western or southern Kansas to serve on the committee. The committee had reached out to Dr. Steve Randtke about arranging for a meeting with KDHE to discuss compliance with the lead and copper rule – this was also suggested as a possible good topic for the joint conference. He also reported USGS is continuing to work on the Kansas River Study related to algal toxins and other water quality monitoring. The group toured the new Olathe Environmental Lab Facility and **Mr. Gilroy** will write an article for Solution H2O on this facility. The group will have their next regular meeting at WaterOne in the fall.

Section Manager Hank Corcoran Boyer presented **Tonya Bronleewe's Community Relations Committee report**. **Ms. Bronleewe** will write an article for Solution H2O on Drinking Water Week, May 6-12, 2018 and they are working on getting a webpage on the KsAWWA website for DWW.

Steve Nirschl, OTC Committee reported the group had met in McPherson and discussed the various activities of the committee. They had recently completed a Basic Operator workshop at the City of Olathe and in April they were holding a Water Treatment and Distribution Operator workshop at WaterOne. They are looking at holding a Beginners workshop at KCK BPU in November of 2018. They are also looking at holding a workshop in Garden City in October of 2018 similar to the one they held in Hays in 2017. He also asked for information on the One AWWA Operator scholarship to get it out to the operators.

Jessica Adams-Weber reported on the **Membership Committee** activities. She has set up monthly calls with her committee to review the goals that she had established for this coming year. She is writing articles for Solution H2O; she has been in contact with Andy Chase from AWWA about engage utilities in utility memberships. She is participating in the Tower to Tower 5K where the proceeds will go to WFP. She also went to the recent OTC workshop and did a pitch for AWWA membership.

Denise Friday, Diversity Committee reported on the Shrimp Bingo where KsAWWA had a table, the committee has concluded their 3rd grade program; they are starting to work on Water Week activities and they will have a table at the Tower to Tower 5K.

Scholarship Committee Chair Andrew Hansen stated the application for the KsAWWA scholarships in on the KsAWWA website along with the One AWWA Operator Scholarship application. Jacob Schultz a recipient of a scholarship a couple of years ago has gone through all of the institutions in the State of Kansas and updated the contact information. Invitations have been sent out to these individuals and schools. The deadline to apply for both scholarships is June 1, 2018.

YP Committee – is working on a social event in Manhattan, Wichita and Kansas City, also looking at taking a tour of the RO Plant in Hutchinson. Working on joint fundraisers with Missouri YP's for National Drinking Water Week.

The Legislative work group met with Cathy Tucker-Vogel of KDHE on February 23 in Topeka. The agenda for this meeting was similar to the agenda she presented on at our December 1, 2017 meeting in McPherson. Discussion included putting mechanisms into place to generate additional revenue including charging for construction permits, sales tax increase and operator certification tests to increase in price.

1st Yr. Trustee Katie Miller reported on the Area 1 workshops for small systems. She will be meeting with KDHE to select the topics for these workshops. Reimbursement to the Section will be upwards of \$4200.

Steve Randtke, Director elect reported on the AWWA Winter Board meeting. AWWA is currently reorganizing meeting structures; they got a DC update on affordability and a report from the Veteran's Committee.

Old Business:

Those interested in attending Region RMSO April 28-30, 2018 in Charleston, SC include **Chair Martha Tasker, Chair elect Phillip Cooper, 2nd Yr. Trustee Michelle Wirth, 2nd Yr. Trustee Durward Johnson, and YP Michaela Rempkowski.**

Water Utility Council Darci Meese, vice chair elect Andrew Hansen and YP Julie Stroud will be attending the 2018 AWWA Fly-in on April 18-19, 2018

New Business:

Director elect Steve Randtke is working on holding a workshop with KDHE on the Lead and Copper rule and how KsAWWA can assist with this topic. The KsAWWA Research committee is going to assist with this.

2nd Yr. Trustee Michelle Wirth made a motion that the Research committee supported by the KsAWWA Board of Trustees along with KDHE work on a Lead and Copper small discussion group. **Vice chair elect Andrew Hansen** seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Director elect Steve Randtke** will take the lead in getting this developed.

Section Manager Hank Corcoran Boyer presented an opportunity for KsAWWA to Fund the Future of Water through the Water Equation program with AWWA. After further discussion **2nd Yr. Trustee Michelle Wirth** made a motion to refer this to the YP Committee to see if they would want to take this as a project. **Chair elect Phillip Cooper** seconded. Motion Carried.

Section Manager Hank Corcoran Boyer presented an option for the KsAWWA lunch at ACE18. After some discussion and the possibility of including the Missouri section at our lunch the following motion was made by **Vice Chair elect Andrew Hansen** to accept the proposal from the RM Seafood Restaurant in the Mandalay Bay Hotel/Casino and that we charge each participant \$35. **Vice chair Phillip Cooper** seconded the motion. Motion Carried. **Section Manager Hank Corcoran Boyer** will check with Marc Pedrotti and Charlie Wheeler and see if they are once again willing to sponsor the bar.

Chair Martha Tasker asked everyone to look at their calendars and see who was available to attend the Summer Workshop on July 24-26, 2018 in Denver. This will be decided at the May 18 meeting.

1st Yr. Trustee Jim Jackson thanked the Board for supporting the Water Buffalos Ride with Purpose by purchasing a patch for the Water Buffalos vests.

No further business **2nd Yr. Trustee Michelle Wirth** made a motion to adjourn. **Vice Chair Phillip Cooper** seconded. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted

Hank Corcoran Boyer
KsAWWA Section Manager