

**KsAWWA Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 3, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
Emporia Water Treatment Plant  
Emporia, KS**

The meeting was called to order by **Chair Phillip Cooper** at 10:04 a.m.

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

**Committee Chairs and visitors** present were Committee: Denise Friday, Diversity Committee; and Steve Nirschl, OTC by phone.

**Hank Corcoran Boyer, Section Manager** presented the minutes from the March 15, 2019 meeting. **2<sup>nd</sup>. Yr. Trustee Jim Jackson** moved the minutes be approved as printed. **Past Chair Martha Tasker** seconded. Motion carried.

**Secretary/Treasurer Terryl Pajor** presented the treasurer’s report. As of May 3, 2019 the assets were as follows: Intrust Bank Account \$91,731.59 and Intrust CD 006 \$32,081.96; and Intrust CD 004 \$36,999.77 for total assets of \$160,813.32. The treasurer’s report was accepted and filed for audit.

**Director Steve Randtke** presented the following report: *This year’s **Water Matters Fly-In** was once again very successful, drawing more than 150 delegates, representing 49 states, who met with nearly 350 congressional offices – 63% of Congress – to express our Association’s views on water policy. Our delegates reported positive feedback from congressional staff on funding for both infrastructure and conservation and mixed reactions to EPA’s PFAS Action Plan.*

*AWWA organized a Section Services Leadership Webinar, held on Tuesday, March 19, that addressed “**Insurance Coverage & Risk Management.**” Those who missed it can access the recorded version at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4654106673821705217>. Melissa Sapp-Birdwhistell, Senior Client Service Supervisor with Arthur J Gallagher & Co., provided a review of AWWA’s Section insurance policy, from general liability to coverage for events and liquor liability. In addition, she presented information about cyber liability: What is it, and does your Section need to consider a Cyber Liability policy? **Recordings of all***

*past leadership webinars are available on the AWWA Section Support microsite (click “Webinars” under the “Section Services Events” tab).*

*AWWA notified both Sections and water utilities that EPA guidance to states for the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule monitoring is leading some states to revisit **public notification requirements for manganese**. In March, Iowa became the latest state to indicate that manganese observations greater than 300 µg/L would trigger Tier 1 public notification. Iowa indicates that it is developing a baseline monitoring program for manganese in public water supplies this year. In Iowa, as of April 3 certified laboratories will be required to report sample values above 300 µg/L to the state within 24 hours. The EPA health advisory for manganese was published in 2004; Health Canada proposed a health-based drinking water standard of 100 µg/L in 2016.*

*At our March 9 Board meeting we discussed at length AWWA’s recent initiatives to work in cooperation with farmers, EPA, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to improve **source water protection**. Those interested in this topic might also be interested in reading the editorial by AWWA CEO David LaFrance in the April issue of JAWWA: “A Call to Action: How to Use \$4 Billion for Source Water Protection LaFrance. Tracy Mehan, Executive Director of AWWA’s Government Affairs Office, and other leaders in AWWA continue to urge Sections, appropriate section committees, and members to engage with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to take full advantage of the opportunities for source water protection that recent legislation presents.*

*Over the last year AWWA, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, and the Water Environment Federation have co-funded a report on **affordability**: “Developing a New Framework for Household Affordability and Financial Capability Assessment in the Water Sector.” This report is geared toward informing EPA regulatory policy, a purpose best served by continuing and deepening an ongoing dialogue with EPA. Consequently, AWWA is focusing on consistent messaging and transmitted the report directly to EPA rather than creating a media moment. AWWA has since posted the report on three of AWWA’s websites as a for-members-only item. Information will be shared more broadly with AWWA members and the public at large through announcements and articles in regular publications including Water Utility Insider, Connections, OpFlow, and Journal AWWA.*

*We were recently notified, and are pleased to announce, that **Chi Ho Sham**, Chair of AWWA’s Technical & Educational Council, will be the official AWWA representative to our upcoming annual conference. I will serve as his host and, in cooperation with Hank, Phil Cooper, Andrew Hansen, and others, will prepare for his visit, familiarize him with our section and the logistics of our conference, and provide him with helpful background information.*

*I plan to attend the ACE19 meeting of the AWWA Board of Directors on May 8-9 in Denver, and look forward to seeing you and many members of our section at ACE19!*

*As always, please do not hesitate to share your opinions, suggestions, questions, and concerns with me, or to contact me for additional information regarding these or other matters involving AWWA or KsAWWA.*

**Chair Phillip Cooper** Talked about the Farm Bill – Water Protection. He said he was going to meet with the Private Investors on the Water Protection and when he got the information he would send it out to the Board.

**Section Manager Corcoran Boyer** reported she had been working on a number of items including attending the OTC meeting; attended a joint conference meeting with Tina, Andrew and Chris to formulate the joint conference program; ordered the Speaker gifts for the joint conference; did registrations for the OTC’s workshops; worked on and submitted articles for Solution H2O; she is getting ready to send out the speaker confirmations and then will be working on getting moderators for the sessions and confirming their assignments.

**Vice Chair Andrew Hansen** reported the joint conference was moving forward; the program had been completed and all the tracks were full. He reported they received a nice selection of papers and had several left over to fill slots where speakers would have to cancel.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Vice Chair Andrew Hansen** gave the following report for **Darci Meese, Water Utility Council**: Mike Armstrong, WaterOne, Darci Meese, WaterOne, Brooke Conrardy, YP's and Andrew Hansen, B & V attended the 2019 Fly – In. They met with Representatives Marshall and Watkins and with Senator Roberts and Moran's representatives. They covered infrastructure financing, regional conservative programs – they encouraged the congressmen to study the work of the EPA and not to do knee jerk reactions and they covered the Missouri River dredging.

**Steve Nirschl** reported the **OTC** had their portion of the joint conference completed and were currently searching for moderators, judges, and time keepers for the sessions and the competitions. He also stated they had recently held a workshop at WaterOne with 30 attendees attending. They are also working on holding a beginners workshop in Liberal in the September.

**Diversity Committee Denise Friday** reported she had attended the Diversity portion of the joint MoAWWA/MWEA conference. She said she learned they were struggling with diversity in their associations. They had a panel of women who talked about their struggles in a male dominated field.

**Scholarship Committee Andrew Hansen** reported the TLMS application deadline was June 1 and the One AWWA Scholarships had until December 31 to apply. **Mr. Hansen** also reported that Jacob Schultz had been doing most of the work on this committee and he would be the chair in 2019-2020.

**Vice chair-elect Durward Johnson** reported **John Gilroy, Research Committee** had held a meeting on April 3 with 11 people attending. *(Waiting on John to send me some notes on this)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Trustee Katie Miller** reported the following on the 2 national training grants: *The KS Section will once again participate in two different grants to deliver workshops through national AWWA. Both allow funding for the section to provide one-day trainings for water system operators, focusing on systems serving fewer than 10,000 in population, with a targeted attendee number of 20 small systems. Both workshops will be delivered in partnership with KMU and KDHE and will be available for 5 hours of water operator credit through KDHE. The following is the breakdown of the two grants:*

- 1. AWWA / RCAP (Regional Community Assistance Partnership) - \$4200  
This workshop will be delivered on Wednesday, 5/8/19 in Wichita, in conjunction with the KMU Conference. The focus of this class will be: regulatory review, lead and copper rule, distribution system infrastructure, distribution system water quality, and proper sampling techniques for sampling chlorine, lead and copper, and bacteria. This workshop currently has 44 pre-registered, with 35 of those being under the 10,000 population, classifying them as small systems.*
- 2. AWWA / USDA - \$4750  
This workshop date has not been set, as not all of the materials are completed by National yet, but should be by the end of May. This workshop has to be delivered by September 30, 2019, with a target of serving over 20 small systems. Topics and location are TBD. Once we receive the materials and information from National, we will have a meeting with state USDA for direction on specific topics and location to deliver the workshop.*

**Old Business:** The dates of the Summer Workshop is July 24-26 in Denver – at the last meeting several people indicated they were interested in attending – Durward Johnson, Steve Randtke and Phillip Cooper. Others were encouraged to look at their calendars and see if they could attend.

**Past Chair Martha Tasker** made a motion to send up to 3 people to the Summer Workshop in Denver. **2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Trustee Jim Jackson** seconded. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Discussion was held regarding the amount of money in the checking account and whether another CD should be purchased or should the money be added to a current CD. It was decided **Secretary Treasurer Terryl Pajor** would research the best options and visit with AWWA and other financial advisors on what would be the best option. She will then prepare and send out a recommendation to the Board prior to the August Teleconference meeting so a decision can be made at that time.

**Past Chair Martha Tasker** made a motion to adjourn. **2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Trustee Jim Jackson** seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Hank Corcoran Boyer  
Section Manager

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** ACE – June 9-12, 2019, Denver Colorado  
Summer Workshop – July 24-26, 2019, Denver Colorado  
KsAWWA Teleconference Meeting - August 9, 2016 – 10 AM  
Joint KWEA/KsAWWA Conference – August 26-29, 2019, Topeka, KS