

**KsAWWA Board of Trustees
Special Meeting via Zoom
May 1, 2020**

Chair Andrew Hansen called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

| <u>Roll Call</u> | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| Chair | Andrew Hansen | |
| Past Chair | Phillip Cooper | |
| Director | Steve Randtke | |
| Vice Chair | Durward Johnson | |
| Vice Chair-elect | Katie Miller | |
| 1 st Yr. Trustee | John Gilroy | |
| 1 st Yr. Trustee | Jim Jackson | |
| 1 st Yr. Trustee | Steve Nirschel | |
| 2 nd Yr. Trustee | William Carr | |
| 2 nd Yr. Trustee | Kurt Bookout | |
| 2 nd Yr. Trustee | Michelle Wirth | |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Terryl Pajor | |
| Section Manager | Hank Corcoran Boyer | |

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Joint Fall Conference of KsAWWA/KWEA in relationship to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Chair Hansen and Section Manager Corcoran Boyer had attended a Microsoft Meeting with AWWA staff and Section Staff from around the country who are looking at what to do with their Fall Conferences.

Chair Hansen gave an overview of AWWA's concerns on a webinar that he attended in March 2020. This meeting talked about the economic impact and various contracts that the Sections, etc. had already signed for their upcoming 2020 conferences. He reported the meeting he and **Section Manager Corcoran Boyer** attended the previous week was about what the different Sections were doing whether it was to postpone to 2021, postpone yet in 2020, or go virtual.

Director Randtke gave a report on AWWA's perspective and the reasons for the cancellation of ACE20. It was summed up with the comment from AWWA's CEO David LaFrance "We are all about Public Health" and what do we need to do to protect the public's health.

There was much discussion regarding the possibility of doing a virtual conference which also lead to discussion of the possibility of doing virtual operator training. Currently KDHE does not acknowledge virtual training. A separate sub-committee was set up to visit with Tom Stiles and Cathy Tucker-Vogel at KDHE regarding this issue. Those people who agreed to help with this include Steve Nirschl, Steve Randtke, John Gilroy, William Carr, and Katie Miller.

There was discussion on what to do with this year's conference and how much time before the Section must decide. Several Board members expressed their utilities were doing travel bans as well as budget cuts for travel and they were aware of this in other utilities around the State.

Section Corcoran Boyer said she had tried to contact the hotel but it is closed until May 15, however she would continue to call until she made contact with someone and see if we could postpone the 2020 conference to 2021. She would also contact Century II to discuss this with them.

In closing Katie Miller said KMU was working with AWWA and others to get training out to the operators and fulfil the training contracts awarded by AWWA and others. She also indicated the KMU was receiving 70,000 cloth masks that will be distributed to the utilities around the State of Kansas.

In closing **Chair Hansen** encouraged everyone to tighten the budget so KsAWWA would stay fiscal responsible over the remaining part of 2020. **Director Randtke** did encourage KsAWWA to get training to the operators in whatever way possible whether it be by Zoom, webinars or Microsoft meetings.

The next meeting will be Friday, May 15 beginning at 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Hank Corcoran Boyer
Section Manager