

# NEVADA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 20, 2024

- <u>Approval of the Agenda</u>
  Agenda was approved.
- <u>Approval of Meeting Minutes</u> Minutes were approved.

#### Board Reports

- a. **Past President...... Sabrina Dodos** Sabrina nothing to report.
- b. President ...... David Williams Not Present.
- c. President Elect ...... Cody McDougal Cody nothing to report.
- d. Secretary ...... Aaron Kraft Aaron reported that he is committed to getting the minutes and next agenda's out sooner than the day before.
- e. PWO Representative...... Dave Wozynski Dave reported on training updates.
- f. WEF Delegate ...... Kamrun Ahmadi Kamrun was not present but sent an email today updating us on grant submittal.

## <u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Michael Rawlins

Michael reported that we are looking well balanced. Golf tourney sales for the South with expenses around \$12k but should be slightly profitable for scholarship purchase. Budget review, Michael has included budget line items in the south for young professionals and educational funding for public outreach. Increased funding for networking events. Michael asked Ashley about insurance clarification and will adjust to \$3,250 for the needed coverage. Anticipate \$12,500 revenue from TriState. Other leading expense impacts are Certemy, Website costs/maintenance, and conference. Will anticipate more revenue from TriState and grant award. Exec. Board can approve our portion of the budget contingent upon the certification budget adjustments.

Sabrina moved to approve budget; Aaron seconded vote.

## <u>Certification Board Report</u> – Adrian Edwards

Not present but Ashley reported on Adrian's behalf. She has scheduled the Board meetings. Policies and procedures will be reviewed and finalized. Still conflicts to work out with NDEP and Nevada Rural Water certifications.

<u>Program Administrator Report</u> – Ashley Jacobson

Ashley reported that she needs to work out issues with Certemy and that we need to get operators to understand that their certifications submittals need to be and will be rejected in this system. Need to give training. Recommended we send a message to all wastewater operators to stop using Certemy for certification process. All certification requests need to go through NDEP. System is more



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complicated than expected and Ashley is backed up. Will require more hours for her. Working with Gabbey on communicating that operators should not use Certemy for certification approvals. Need to give training in the system for all. Cody will help establish training video for users.

# • <u>WPI Report</u> – John Solvie

John reported that exam development continuing. Next meetings in Des Moines for all four groups. On track to get exams out on time. Board of Director meeting in Mexico in September. NWEA should consider expanding further now that Nevada Rural Water has dissolved. Rural Water ran on federal funding so we should help fill the role. Nevada Water Environment Federation should reach out to operators. Charlie Lee said NDEP should have staff and funding to assist. Team needs to further investigate what our role could be in picking up where Rural Water left off. NDEP should have a list of overall operators and maybe those that are a part of Rural Water. Keli suggested we invite Rural Water members to our next meeting and John suggested we have a separate meeting for them. John was voluntold by Sabrina to lead the efforts. Ben Kahue will track down NDEP staff in drinking water to learn more about what is next.

- Membership Services Committee Suey Huey Not present and Cody said nothing to report.
  - a. South Golf Committee- Joe Navas and Jonathan Leitch

6/21 golf scholarship fundraiser at Revere. The cool people will be there.

- **b.** Suey/Jeff- No report.
- c. Social Media- Hamed Heidari- Not present.
- d. Blog Development: Hamed Heidari, Danielle Palffy- Not present.
- <u>Tri-State Report Ashley Jacobson, Nikita Lingenfelter, Raj Chavan, Keli Callahan, LeAnna Risso</u> Keli reported that those in the North should reserve their rooms for the hotel block soon. LeAnna is leaving the state. Next leader recommendations in the mix.
- <u>Conference Planning Committee</u> No report. Conference dates will be February 24-26, 2025.
- <u>Professional Development and Training Committee</u> Jeff Mills Jeff reported good workshops. NPDES permit workshop down south in the works and if good, then in the North too. RCM and Leadership, and Exam Prep planning in the works. Jeff's looking for his replacement in next six months.
- <u>Public Education and Outreach Committee</u> Monica Morales
  North- Students had a blast and loved gift card prizes. Waterpalooza great eight booths. Monica will
  - be out on Maternity Leave in Nov. and will be working with her replacement(s).

**South** – (Dayleen and Julia working on events. Social event at Rockstar bar, which is adjacent to golf course and range.

Young Professionals/Outreach Committee

Angel Lacroix – Northern Nevada Chair No report Blake Gonska – Southern Nevada Chair



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No report. Working on final replacement

- <u>Policies and Procedures Committee</u> Kamrun Ahmadi and Casey Mentzer No report.
- <u>General WEF Standing Committee</u> All No report.
- <u>Nominations and Awards Committee</u> Kamrun Ahmadi
  Jennifer reported that we have 11 awards categories and need to update manual. Will email Exec.
  Board.
- Old Business
  Updates on BNR training.
- <u>New Business</u>

Dave questioned presented that we should address financial coverage for training events requested for north and south. Jeff said Clark County Water Rec issued a PO to cover training costs. Sabrina said we could pay by check.

- <u>Next Board Meeting Date:</u> July 17<sup>th</sup>? TBD once Dave is back. North In person meeting location: ? South in person meeting location: CCWRD facilities
- Adjourn NWEA Meeting 12:59 pm