



**NEVADA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**



Minutes

November 19, 2024

Noon

1. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to approve – Aaron
- Second- David

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve –Sabrina
- Second- Aaron

3. Board Reports

a. Past - President.....Sabrina Dodos

Sabrina had no report

b. PresidentDavid Williams

David said NWRA reached out to him and Sabrina. Even though they shut down their state chapter, a national NWRA rep is trying to coordinate a conference in Las Vegas this spring

c. President ElectCody McDougall

No report, Cody not present

d. SecretaryAaron Kraft

Aaron made a request for all members to help get the message out that we need conference abstracts

e. PWO Representative.....Dave Wozynski

Dave nothing to report

f. WEF DelegateKamrun Ahmadi

Kamrun thanked past WEF delegate, Jennifer Mason, for awards processing support.

4. Treasurer’s Report – Michael Rawlins

Michael shared that we started getting funds for upcoming conference. Exhibitor registrations on the uptick. Near breakeven to date. Made initial conference payment to GSR securing the location.

5. Certification Board Report – Adrian Edwards



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Adrian reported they are looking into small wastewater certification support request from NDEP to help keep the integrity of program. Checking to see how different from Ops 1 cert. If you are a 5S society, should have gotten request to nominate for the award soon.

6. Program Administrator Report – Ashley Jacobson

Ashley reported she is still working with Certemy (Gabbie) to update all applicable sections in the system. Working on adding renewal portion so the documents can be uploaded and tracked. Still many steps to process. Once finalized, Ashley will show to David and Adrian within the next few weeks to determine if we will take this on as an organization.

7. WPI Report – John Solvie

John reported WPI conf. in Jan in NOLO.

8. Membership Services Committee –

a. Suey Huey & Jeff Bigham (website)

Suey nothing to report. Casey said we need to verify if awards

b. Golf Committee- James Dodos. This year's date will change due to Juneteenth issues last year, so we will move up a week, June 13th at Revere Golf club. James will get with Michael and Sabrina to secure funding. Appears we have not seen the fundraiser vendor money from this event yet.

c. Social Media- Hamed Heidari

David said Aaron confirmed that Dani P. will not be able to support due to new job change with City of Reno.

d. Blog Development: Hamed Heidari

No report

9. Tri-State Report – Ashley Jacobson, Keli Callahan, LeAnna Risso and/or others

Ashley said that they had meeting last week Thurs/Fri. Peter B. can help us with securing abstracts for our conference. Tri-State reported record attendance and revenues. Ashley learned how to get certificates for attending the presentations online and can help those that need help.

10. Conference Planning Committee Meeting Update

David said good vendor progress. Secured Gold sponsor. Sabrina said we should send updates on Keynotes, vendors, sponsors to spur more activity for abstracts, registrations, hotel reservations, etc. David asked Casey if we could set up a technical tour with Dave at TMWRF. Industrial pretreatment facilities.

11. Professional Development and Training Committee Update – David Williams



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No report

12. Public Education and Outreach Committee

North- Monica Morales (PTO)

No report

South- Daylin Sigler/Julia Rabello

No report

13. Young Professionals/Outreach Committee

- **Northern Nevada Chair**—Open for Volunteers, please recruit and help us find a willing and able replacement. Dani P. is unable to continue supporting as such in her new City role.
- **Southern Nevada Cochairs**—Julia Rabello/Daylin Sigler. Julia and Daylin are giving separate school presentations this week in partnership with ASCE.
- David reported in general, that he needs to follow up to find out where our centrifuge training will be. He needs to reach out to operators to pick out a few training subjects where we can use our currently available grant funding. John S. suggested wastewater process topics that are new to operators or where their respective facilities do not have certain processes, but they are interested or considering such processes. Casey suggested even having general training for Ops 1, 2, and/or 3 certifications. Kamrun said that would be applicable to our grant funding, so we can support it. Sabrina said that Steve Leach completed such classes in the south so maybe we have him go to the north this time. David said our grant has \$15k in funding for such training activities. An online group video participant from the North said he had a good CA Ops. 3 & 4 trainer contact that he will share with David.

14. Policies and Procedures Committee – Kamrun Ahmadi and Casey Mentzer

No update, but Kamrun asked if there is anything else they can review and update like the Constitution and/or Bylaws which were reviewed in 2019. Code of conduct was recently revised. Sabrina said that the New Awards process changed so we should update that also to memorialize the changes.

15. General WEF Standing Committee

No report

16. Nominations and Awards Committee – Jennifer Mason

Will close soon so please, members get nominations in now.

17. Old Business

None

18. New Business



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Sabrina said that although golf fundraising profits are technically to be used for scholarships, should we consider other uses of the funds? Reach out to community colleges about the scholarship opportunities, hotel, travel, conference registration coverage, etc. John said the YP group could help us market and bring more younger folks into NWEA.

Sabrina said we need to send people to WEFMAX, at least our new board members. Kamrun will forward the email. Two of them next year, the closet one will be near Palm Springs, CA.

David suggested holiday mixer in the south. Open to the North too. Ashley said Desert Pines in Las Vegas is an economical fun location with tasty food & drinks with spouses.

19. Next Board Meeting Date

December 17, 2024. In person locations as follows:

North-TMWRF

South- Black & Veetch, 8965 S, Eastern Ave., Suite 325; Las Vegas, NV 89113

20. Adjourn NWEA Meeting

Time: 12:53 pm

Dave motion to adjourn. Aaron seconded.