

KWVOA State Board Meeting Minutes
NKYCC, Covington, KY
February 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robin Strader at 12:11 p.m., EST. at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center, in Covington, KY.

Les Rogers led us in prayers.

Those in attendance included:

Robin Strader, Chair
Don Compton, Vice Chair
Julie Duncan, Treasurer
Lori Simpson, Secretary
Lisa Detherage, Member Services Director
Roy Gray, Eastern Chapter
James Poinedexter, Eastern Chapter
Tim Goble, Eastern Chapter
Shaun Youravich, Central Chapter
David Huffman, Central Chapter
Jeremy Woosley, Central Chapter
Brian Bourne, North Central Chapter
Matt Chancellor, North Central Chapter
Alan Todd, Western Chapter (absent)
Leslie Rogers, Western Chapter
Mandy Spaulding, KLA (absent)
Darran Rankin, Conference Committee
Forrest Pollack, Technical Committee

Minutes:

- The meeting minutes from the November 2017 were distributed and reviewed.

Motion was made by Don Compton to approve the November 2017 meeting minutes (with minor changes from Robin), second by Jeremy Woosley. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Julie presented the Treasurer's Report. Ending balance of February 19, 2018 was \$200,058.79.

Motion was made by Jeremy Woosley to approve the Treasurer's Report, once Julie has checked the REFUND and PAYPAL credit figures, second by David Huffman. All in favor, motion carried.

Member Services Report:

- Lisa distributed her accomplishments from November 2, 2017 – February 20, 2018.

Old Business:

- Resolved Rich Fletcher CEU issue, received letter from him in response to questions regarding water/wastewater hours and credit was given to his water license only.
- July 19th Board Meeting will be at Hardin County/Cecelian Bank.

New Business:

- Congratulations to Prestonsburg Utilities partnering with the Big Sandy Community and Technical College to announce the creation of a new apprenticeship program. This three-year Registered Apprenticeship specializes in the occupations of Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Operators. Apprentices will receive 2,000 on-the-job and 144 classroom training hours per year and will earn a nationally recognized journeyman certificate upon completion of the program.
- Group discussed adding a windbreaker, V-neck, ¼ zip shirt to uniform option.
- Staffing changes at the State – Paulette Akers has left her position as Assistant Director and Amanda LeFevre has been detailed to this position her effective March 1, 2018.
Amanda.lefevre@ky.gov 502-782-6398
- Amanda Starks has left DCA.
- State has been approved to interview Administrative Staff this week.
- Dennis Minch and Eric Cleaver are the two DCA trainers.
- It has been approved to post two positions; Environmental Scientist IV (Trainer) and Environmental Scientist Education Specialist (Trainer, Admin, and/or Technical). Both of which are same pay grades.
- State plans to launch online training, but will need to have someone in-charge of it, which will be the Environmental Scientist Education Specialist.

Committee Reports

- Conference Committee:
 - Registration #'s: As of 2/20, we have 64 out of 103 booths sold.

- 82 attendees for the conference, hope to see more before the cost increases on 3/1/18.
- Profit is up \$20,000 as compared to last year.
- Sponsorship is as follows:
 - 2 Level 2's
 - 3 Level 4's
 - 5 Level 3's
 - Down on Level 2's

- DCA pulling out has hurt us on room counts. Lisa has re-negotiated the room contract. Marriott decreased but Embassy would not. More rooms have been sold at the Embassy. Cutoff date is March 24' in order to go toward a room count.

- Lisa has completed the speaker sessions. Waiting to receive information from Aaron Keatley, she will submit the apps for approval.

- Decorator: Lisa wanted to checkout conference layout before signing proposed contract. May be higher this year due to larger area.

- 4Imprint: Lisa will order and ship all items to Lori's office. She will be ordering cornhole boards next week.

- Lisa is building the program and updating documents.

- Signs: will use Infinity Signs and Graffix in Grayson County again.

- Workers: Soliciting workers at this time.

Honorary Membership

Lisa questioned, should members be able to file for an honorary membership if they retire, but are working in the field in some capacity (sales, engineering, etc.), as long as you are not using your operator's license? She is looking for consistency in this matter.

Motion was made by Jeremy Woosley to table the issue and be discussed before 2019 (September 2018 meeting), second by Julie Duncan. All in favor, motion carried.

- Awards:
 - Will tour the week of March 12 for Plant of the Year awards. Don will contact other committee members to schedule final tour.

- Budget Committee:

Motion was made by David Huffman to approve the proposed 2018 KWWOA Budget, second by Don Compton. All in favor, motion carried.

- KLA updates:
 - The board discussed Damon Talley's request (MSD) that he provide at MSD a one day review and test the next day.
 - Mandy needs someone else to take over when her term is up next year.
- Technical Committee:
 - The website is near substantial completion.
 - Lisa had a conference call a few weeks ago regarding some issues that are considered to be "under contract", aside from those she had an additional concern with non-members registering for the conference and receiving member prices. She received a quote from Crosby to fix this issue.

Motion was made by Julie Duncan to pay Crosby \$750 to fix the Create User tab under the conference registration, second made by Don Compton. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Don Compton for each Chapter and State Board to purchase a new laptop that includes virus protection and the Microsoft 365 license (specifications from Forrest) not to exceed \$600 each, second by David Huffman. All in favor, motion carried.

- Water Board Meetings:
 - Nothing to report.
- Wastewater Board Meetings:
 - Nothing to report.
- Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee:
 - Nothing to report.

Open for Discussion:

- 2018 Board Meetings Dates/Locations:
 - May 7 - Kentucky Dam Village
 - July 19 – Hardin County/Cecelia Bank
 - September 26 – Rough River State Park
 - November 14 – Morehead Training Facility

Adjourn: 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Don Compton, second by Brian Bourne. All in favor, motion carried.