



Michigan Section AWWA Annual Business Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2019

Acme, MI

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.

Chair's Report

Chair Bill Fritz provided a brief overview of the year's activities including merging the Technical Network Council into the Membership and Education and Training Councils, and creating a new Strategic Partnership Council.

2018-2019 Nominations

Fritz introduced the nomination slate for incoming Board members. The slate included Jaime Fleming, City of Wyoming, as Chair-Elect; Christine Spitzley, OHM Advisors, as Secretary/Treasurer; Matt Parks, OHM Advisors, as Trustee; and Gary Wozniak, Lansing Board of Water & Light, as Trustee.

Mark Coleman moved with support to approve the election of Jaime Fleming as Chair-Elect. Motion approved unanimously.

Clyde Dugan moved with support to approve the election of Christine Spitzley as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion approved unanimously.

Randy Roost moved with support to approve the election of Matt Parks as Trustee. Motion approved unanimously.

Jon Bloemker moved with support to approve the election of Gary Wozniak as Trustee. Motion approved unanimously.

Conference Update

Chair of the Conference and Recognition Council Jaime Fleming provided the following report on registration for the Conference:

Full Conference Attendees 230, of which 9 are guests

One- or Two-Day Attendees 170, of which 2 are awardees, 7 are exhibit hall passes, and 2 are fuller lunch only

And these numbers also include 43 Exhibiting

For a Total Attendance of 400

Trustee Greg Alimenti read the Conference Resolution as follows:

In commemoration of this, the 81st annual meeting of the Michigan Section of the American Water Works Association, be it hereby resolved and entered upon the record of this organization that:

1. The membership expresses its appreciation to the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Section under the leadership of Chair Bill Fritz, who has so carefully guided the activities of this organization during the past year. Special recognition goes to Association Director Pat Staskiewicz; Chair-Elect Paul Reinsch; Past-Chair Christine Spitzley, Secretary-Treasurer Mike Williams; our Trustees, Greg Alimenti, Wayne Jernberg, Ken McDonough, Cheryl Porter, Aaron Uranga, and Joe VanderStel; our Section Staff, all of whom continually labor on behalf of the Michigan Section.
2. Our sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to Randy Moore, as AWWA Vice President for attending and participating in our conference.
3. Recognition is given to the efforts of the six councils, and the many committees and task forces who have given so generously of their time and energies to ensure the success of the activities of the Michigan Section.
4. Special appreciation and thanks is extended to Rachael Barlock and the Annual Conference Program Committee as well as to our conference speakers for their time and effort to make the conference an interesting and informative success.
5. We wish to thank the many consulting engineers, manufacturer's representatives, vendors and sponsors for their efforts in making our stay at the Grand Traverse Resort an enjoyable one.
6. Lastly, it is with deep regret that we acknowledge the passing of Michigan water industry members publicly mentioned here today...[no names were brought forward]

Submitted this the 12th day of September 2019 by Trustee Liaison to the Conference & Recognition Council Greg Alimenti.

Membership Update

Chair of the Membership Council Amy Vail provided the following report on membership:

- 900 Individual members – including the individual and operator categories
- 26 Student members
- 37 Retiree members
- 30 Honorary and Life members
- 571 Utility members and their listed employee members
- 13 Service Provider members and their listed employee members
- 3 Partner agency members and their listed employee members

For a grand total of 1,580

The Michigan Section is the 11th largest section in AWWA and represents approximately 3.1% of the AWWA membership. For context, the largest represents 11.2%, and the Midwestern states are between 4.7% and 1.5%.

Vail then provided a brief explanation of the high school senior scholarship as created by the Membership Committee years ago as a benefit to members. Two students applied and one was selected at random to receive the \$1,000 scholarship. Bruce Banks IV, child of Bruce Banks III, will receive the 2019 High School Senior Scholarship.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Mike Williams provided a Treasurer's Report showing the financials as of December 31, 2018. He provided an overview of net for the most recent five years, showing that the Section is financially strong.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Sptizley, Secretary-Treasurer