



Michigan Section AWWA Annual Business Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2018

Kalamazoo, MI

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

A. Chair's Report – Chair Christine Spitzley provided a brief overview of the year's activities including implementing the Communications Plan with the help of a media consultant, the hiring of a lobbying firm, and a focus on nurturing the relationship with DEQ and between DEQ and utilities. Spitzley also thanked the many volunteers who worked so tirelessly to ensure the Section was successful. Spitzley concluded by introducing the current Board of Trustees.

B. 2018-2019 Nominations – Spitzley introduced the nomination slate for incoming Board members. The slate included Paul Reinsch, City of Saginaw, as Chair-Elect, Pat Staskiewicz, Ottawa County Road Commission, as Incoming Director, Wayne Jernberg, City of Grand Rapids, as Trustee, and Cheryl Porter, Great Lakes Water Authority, as Trustee.

Randy Roost moved with support to approve the nomination slate as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Conference Update

i. Registration – 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

ii. Conference Resolution – Trustee Greg Alimenti read the Conference Resolution as follows:

In commemoration of this, the 80th 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 Christine Spitzley, who has so carefully guided the activities of

this organization during the past year. Special recognition goes to Association Director Mark Coleman; Chair-Elect Bill Fritz; Past-Chair John Willemin, Secretary-Treasurer Mike Williams; our Trustees, Greg Alimenti, Clyde Dugan, Ken McDonough, Aaron Uranga, Amy Vail; and Joe VanderStel; our Section Staff, Bonnifer Ballard, Eric Johnson, Ariel Veneziano, and Chris Willemin, all of whom continually labor on behalf of the Michigan Section.

2. Our sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to Jim Williams, as AWWA President-Elect 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 Pat Staskiewicz 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 Radisson Kalamazoo an enjoyable one.
6. Lastly, it is with deep regret that we acknowledge the passing of the following Michigan water industry members:

Chuck Van Der Kolk
Arthur Reinhold

And any others mentioned publically here today...

Submitted this the 13th day of September 2018 by Trustee Liaison to the Conference & Recognition Council Greg Alimenti

D. Membership Update

i. Member Counts – Chair of the Membership Council Tina Pawlak provided the following report on membership:

- 1,009 Individual members
 - 64 Student members
 - 36 Retiree members
 - 36 Honorary and Life members
 - 560 Utility members and their listed employee members
 - 21 Service Provider members and their listed employee members
 - 3 Partner agency members and their listed employee members
- For a grand total of 1,729

The Michigan Section is the 11th largest section in AWWA and represents approximately 3.3% of the AWWA membership.

ii. High School Scholarship – Vice Chair of the Membership Council Carrie Cox provided a brief explanation of the high school senior scholarship as created by the Membership Committee years ago as a benefit to members. Three students applied and one was selected at random to receive the \$1,000 scholarship. Ryan Clark, child of Dale Clark, who is attending Bay College, will receive the 2018 High School Senior Scholarship.

E. Secretary-Treasurer's Report – Mike Williams provided a Treasurer's Report showing the financials as of December 31, 2017. He provided highlights of revenues and expenses for fiscal year 2017 and reviewed the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2017. Williams also updated the membership on new Board policies including an investment policy.

F. Old Business

There was no old business.

G. New Business

There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Williams, Secretary/Treasurer