Schools Council

MEETING REPORT – 1-20-15

NC AWWA-WEA, PLANT OPERATION & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 20 JAN 2015 10AM – 2PM
Water Resources Operations Center
2602 S. Elm-Eugene St.
Greensboro, NC 27406
Conference Room # C205
Minutes by Allen Kimbro, Brandon Garner
Attendance Sheet attached
Members with Action items are in Bold

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS
   a. Subcommittee Changes: David Hamilton is no longer Chair of Communications, Tony Mencome has been succeeded by Mike Wiseman as Chair of the PWOC
2. OLD BUSINESS
   a. Review of Last Meeting Minutes – Accepted/Approved
3. MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGIST SCHOOLS
   a. Eastern, Raleigh, NC, February 17-20
      i. Deadline for applications is January 23
      ii. Share Point will not be used after the February school
   b. Western, Morganton, NC, June 15-19
4. SUBCOMMITTEE BUSINESS REPORTS
   a. Communications Subcommittee – Dell Harney
      i. Subcommittee chair position is open
      ii. Plant Spotlights for NC Currents – Kenny Atkins with the City of Winston-Salem has submitted an article for the upcoming issue
      iii. Maintenance Tech Certification Corner – Allen Kimbro requested that members send questions taken from the reference material and cite the reference material in answers
   b. Curriculum Development Subcommittee – Dell Harney filling in for Robert Fritts
      i. Training Blocks for the Class IV Core Competencies have been completed
      ii. Class IV is based on CWEA Mechanical Class IV and is supervisory in nature
      iii. Currently using CWEA Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities
      iv. Asked that information shared during the meeting not be broadcast outside of the PO&MC Committee due to potential liabilities as NCAWWA and CWEA are still in negotiations
      v. Next step is to complete the reference materials list
      vi. Goal is to have Class IV Curriculum complete with reference materials by end of February to allow enough time to develop the Class IV School scheduled for June, 2015
   c. Instructor Support Subcommittee – Toni Branson
      i. There will be a dinner on Monday night prior to the start of the Eastern School for instructors/staff
      ii. Debriefing will be scheduled very soon after conclusion of the Eastern School
      iii. In need of the Class IV Curriculum so that planning can begin for the Class IV School in June, 2015
d. Policy Subcommittee – Brandon Garner
   i. Revision expected in 2015 based on finalized contract with CWEA and legal counsel review of Version 2.0
   ii. CEU’s are now water or wastewater
   iii. Adjustments to the experience criteria in Version 2.0 to make it easier for people without water or wastewater experience to earn Class I certification

e. Maintenance Technologist Award Subcommittee – John Hodges
   i. Two nominations received to date
   ii. Would like addition nominations prior to the July deadline
   iii. Would like nomination forms and poster displayed at schools and Spring Conference

f. Spring Conference Subcommittee – Brandon Garner
   i. O&M Track for SC15 is set
   ii. John Rutledge, Scott Oliver, and Christi Lipscomb agreed to help staff the O&M Track
   iii. Dell Harney will man committee table
      1) Sonya confirmed that committee tables will be allowed at conference
   iv. Scott Oliver agreed to help coordinate SC15 and SC16

5. OUTREACH AND LIASON REPORTS
   a. Board Liaison – Mark Wessel – no report
   b. Schools Council Chair – Steve Drew – no report
   c. Representative to/from Automation Committee – Jeff Miller – no report
   d. Representative to/from Communication Committee – Position Open
   e. Representative to/from NC Waterworks Operators Association – Wendell Pickett
      i. Updated list of classes presented in the agenda
   f. Representative to/from Professional Wastewater Operators Committee – Mike Wiseman
      i. Gave an update on upcoming section meetings
   g. Representative to/from Seminars & Workshop Committee – Sonya McLamb – no report
   h. Representative to/from Wastewater Schools Committee – Jerry St. Hilaire – no report

6. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Operator’s Tailgate
      i. NC Currents has a section titled Operator’s Tailgate, that may also be developing into an online format
      ii. PO&MC had been working on a parallel path to determine feasibility of an online Q/A format geared towards the O&M community
      iii. Dell Harney made a motion to amend the PO&MC Work Plan to drop the PO&MC online Q/A format and redirect those efforts to supporting the Communications Committee efforts on the Operator’s Tailgate
         1) Allen Kimbro seconded the motion
         2) Motion carried by unanimous vote
      iv. Discussion surrounding how to increase participation in the Operator’s Tailgate included using an “Idea Box” at schools and conferences
         1) Having a way to submit questions electronically
7. **FUTURE MEETING DATES/VENUES**
   a. Tuesday 20, JAN (Greensboro)
   b. Tuesday 31, MAR (Greensboro)
   c. During Spring Conference (Wilmington)
   d. Tuesday 19, MAY (Greensboro)
   e. During Western School (Morganton)
   f. Tuesday 21, JULY (Greensboro)
   g. Tuesday 15, SEPT (Greensboro)
   h. During Annual Conference (Winston-Salem)