MINUTES FOR NC AWWA-WEA PLANT O&M COMMITTEE MEETING

24 May 2016 10:00 AM

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NCAWWA-WEA Headquarters
3725 National Drive, Ste. 17
Raleigh, NC 27612
Conference Room

• INTRODUCTIONS AND CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS
  o Welcome new member, Chad Bouffiou

• OLD BUSINESS
  o Review of Last Meeting Minutes
    ▪ Scott Oliver motion to approve, Mark Wessel second
    ▪ Motion carried

• SUBCOMMITTEE BUSINESS REPORTS
  o Career Ladders Subcommittee – Mark Wessel
    ▪ Academy Matrix has been developed for classes
    ▪ Coursework in blue on matrix is common to other tracks
    ▪ Do not have a deadline yet for deliverables but probably end of the year
    ▪ Mark suggests focusing on Class I
      • First four common core courses have been developed
      • NIMS 100 and 700 are available online
    ▪ Discussed allowing an “opt out” option for certified drinking water and waste water operators for course titled “Drinking Water/Waste Water Operations I”
    ▪ Subcommittee to meet following the July 19, full committee meeting
  o Communications Subcommittee – John Rutledge
    ▪ Report
  o Maintenance Tech School – Casey Ellis
    ▪ Eastern MT School Stats
      • 128 Attendees
        o Class I=50
        o Class II=34
        o Class III=17
        o Class IV=25
      • Some instructors actually had attendees teach points within the class and reported that it was a strategy that worked very well
      • Lowest pass rate recorded was for Class III
  o Maintenance Technologist Award Subcommittee – Scott Oliver
    ▪ Currently soliciting nominees
      • Asking previous nominators to resubmit
      • Sending out personal invitations to industry leaders to nominate
- Award Subcommittee will review instructor pool from both Maintenance Tech Schools and determine the recipient for the Don Francisco Award

- Spring Conference Subcommittee – Robert Fritts
  - Presentations have been submitted to the Association
  - Thank you emails sent to presenters
  - Very good turn out

• **REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

  - Board Liaison – Carolyn Ross
  - Schools Council Chair – Jon Lapsley
  - Representative to/from Automation Committee – Jeff Miller
  - Representative to/from Communication Subcommittee – John Rutledge
  - Representative to/from NC Waterworks Operators Association – Wendell Pickett
  - Representative to/from Seminars & Workshop Committee – Kelton Chapman
  - Representative to/from Professional Wastewater Operators Committee – Michael Wiseman
    - No Report
  - Representative to/from Wastewater Schools Committee – Scott Oliver
    - Need to reach out to this committee to get more cooperation

• **NEW BUSINESS**

  - Scott Oliver reported that he has been contacting other committee representatives concerning their involvement with PO&M
    - Jeff Miller has requested to be taken off the list
    - Viability and necessity of maintaining these representatives discussed, particularly the Automation Committee
    - Mark Wessel make a motion to revise the representative reports to more closely reflect PO&M current and future needs
      - Tony Mencome seconded the motion
      - Motion carried
  - Christy Lipscomb reported that she is looking for instructors for Western Maintenance School
  - Meeting minutes need to be updated on website
    - Missing reports need to be located
    - All reports submitted to Nici for posting
  - Christy Lipscomb reported that she would like to arrange a meeting in October for everyone involved in the Maintenance Tech Schools
    - Locations discussed
    - Mark suggested personal invitations by phone
  - Scott Oliver made motion to adjourn
    - Mark Wessel seconded
    - Motion carried
• FUTURE MEETING DATES AND EVENTS
  - January 19, Conference Call
  - March 22, NCAWWA-WEA Association Headquarters
  - Spring Conference, Asheville
  - Eastern Maintenance Technologist School, April 25-28, McKimmon Center
  - May 24, NCAWWA-WEA Headquarters
    - Western Maintenance Technologist School, June, Morganton
    - July 19, Greensboro
    - September 20, Greensboro
    - November 15 at Annual Conference