NC AWWA-WEA Plant O&M Committee Meeting – Minutes
November 15, 2016

Casey Ellis opened the meeting at 3:00. The agenda was followed closely.

Business review:

There were some new faces at this meeting and experienced ones (CCW from Casey Ellis); Thomas Urbanek, Christie Lipscomb, Tim Hebert, Andy Taylor, Carol Ross, Kelton, Erin John Rutledge, Paul Jackson, Mark Wessel, me (Scott Oliver) and Casey Ellis.

The Maintenance Technologist Minutes were not read but accepted as submitted.

It was agreed we would schedule committee meetings on the third week of every other month starting with January 2017.

Brandon Gardner will check the availability of the Greensboro location since it is central to the state.

The meeting would continue to be 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, trying to make them shorter and possibly eliminating lunch.

Schools were discussed later in the meeting.

Subcommittee Business Reports:

Academy subcommittee, Mark Wessel, provided information and planned a meeting of the subcommittee in December finish laying out the technical portion of the Careers Ladder using the Collections and Distribution as a model. Level one and two are the focus in 2017 trying to have trial runs in April or May. Christie and Brandon Volunteered to produce the Operations “Needs to Know” for Water and Wastewater while Chad Bouffiou, Bob Fritts and Andy Taylor volunteered to produce the Maintenance Knowledge “Needs to Know”.

Communications subcommittee, John Rutledge indicated the theme of the upcoming Issues of the currents are fixed for Winter, Summer, Spring of 2017 and the plant spot light is the Kerr Reservoir plant.

Maintenance Technologist Schools subcommittee, locations were to be confirmed in Raleigh at the McKimmon Center April 24-27, Classes 1-3. Morganton June 12-15 covering classes 1, 2, 4. Testing for Classes 1-3 at the conclusion of the schools and Test 4 only once in the year approximately 6 weeks after the conclusion of the class. Cannot change the dates of the schools to get into two different budget years until the 2018 when we enter new contracts for the schools locations. The School’s curriculum/schedule review meeting is scheduled for January 17 at noon – until. We will break up into groups and knock-out the review. Discussions entertained possibly reviewing only class Three and the schedule.

Awards subcommittee, Julie and Angela were to present the awards at the awards banquet.

Spring Conference Subcommittee, Scott Oliver, reported the O & M portion of the Spring Conference was scheduled and awaiting the theme so we could start working on the presentations, I think we will
focus on safety, plan to utilize some of the same presentations and a few new ones, the presentations to be due in mid-February.

Board subcommittee, Carolyn Ross reported the board is worried about “new” memberships to the organization and wanted to have everyone think of ways to get the membership increased. It was discussed that the conferences are becoming upper level personnel and engineers, while leaving the technicians out of the loop unless they are competing in the contests.

Policy Subcommittee, no new policy changes/revisions.

Meeting was adjourned.