

NEVADA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2025

1 PM

1. Approval of the Agenda

Williams approved motion, McDougall second

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Williams approved motion, Wozynski second

- 3. Board Reports
 - a. Past President......Sabrina Dodos Will address items later in the agenda
 - b. PresidentDavid Williams

Will address items later in the agenda

c. President ElectCody McDougall

Will address items later in the agenda

d. SecretaryAaron Kraft

Will address items later in the agenda

e. PWO Representative......Dave Wozynski

Nothing to report

f. WEF DelegateKamrun Ahmadi

Kulpna Solanki, our national WEF delegate, addressed the group in support of WefMax attendance & and gave updates on MA spotlight discussions.

- **4.** <u>Treasurer's Report</u> Michael Rawlins- reported that we are on track to break even hosting this conference.
- 5. <u>Certification Board Report</u> Adrian Edwards- reported that the certification board meeting will be held right after this meeting as well as the 5S's meeting. Adrian and Ashley discussed opportunity to use Hobbyist level meeting transcription service, whereby the \$144 annual cost could be split with Certemy board and NVWEA exec. Open meetings rule so no legal issues with FOIA. Boards agreed to engage.
- **6. Program Administrator Report** Ashley Jacobson discussed issues with Certemy staff not being responsive in attempts to correct system issues. Adrian & Ashley will be reaching out to the



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supervisor in hopes of a more responsive solution. Williamson indicated based on the lack of response and in the interest of exhausting our time, it may not be worth even salvaging of Certemy. Adrian and Ashley will work with April from NDEP at today's Cert Board mtg. Michael suggested that we remove all things wastewater out of it since only 930 NV operators. Williamson said we have been trying to locate a copy of the contract to see what our options. Ashley has to do too much work for what is supposed to be an easier solution.

7. WPI Report – John Solvie. After 2 years new Water and WW treatment, collections, T&D, all new exams with scale scoring. WPI asked John to present on new exams and Need to Know at Rural conference at Nugget in Sparks in March.

8. Membership Services Committee -

- a. Suey Huey & Jeff Bigham (website)- nothing to report
- b. Golf Committee upcoming event will be held on June 13th at Revere Golf Club. Make plans to support, volunteer and join in on the fun.
- c. Social Media- nothing to report
- d. Blog Development- nothing to report
- **9.** <u>Tri-State Report</u>- Ashley reported on options for growth if that what we all want to do. Website is being updated, increasing number of abstracts each year. Still at South Point. Cowboy theme: "Manure Happens." NVWEA will not make as much next year due to increased conference costs.
- 10. <u>Conference Planning Committee.</u> Meeting Update 15 signed up for tour. Keeping track of everything is too challenging. Want to streamline into one app or one email. 18 vendors going well. Early bird registration next year. Get abstract requests out 2 months earlier than what we do now. Awards program needs to be started sooner too. Wed night bowling. Ashley suggested we keep it up in Reno instead of offsetting Vegas/Reno. Also suggested by Adrian, maybe a one-day Symposium in Vegas.
- **11.** <u>Professional Development and Training Committee Update</u>- Casey aligned some training up here for TMWRF. Being scheduled. Kamrun said these two proposed events will use up most all of the grant.

12. Public Education and Outreach Committee

North- Monica still out

South- Julia and Daylin are putting together a workshop for leadership development. Julia was asked to participate at an elementary school event to talk about girls in engineering. She got ideas for other events. Daylin is collaborating with ASCE about upcoming events. Need to take advantage of setting up blogs on our website. John S. asked if we could track hits on our website. Brian will have to set up to access statistical metrics.



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13. Young Professionals/Outreach Committee

- Northern Nevada Chair no report
- Southern Nevada Cochairs reported in items above
- **14.** <u>Policies and Procedures Committee</u>- request to approve By Laws, all Executive Board members voted in favor of Kamrun to make updates as drafted and so approved.
- 15. General WEF Standing Committee- nothing new to report
- 16. Nominations and Awards Committee nothing new to report
- 17. Old Business- none

18. New Business

- Board position transitions will happen at the conference Awards ceremony, Williams to Past President, McDougall to Current President, Kraft to President elect and Martin to Secretary.
- Kraft and Williams reported on success of Feb. 13th Chicken n Pickleball social event in Henderson. Encouraged North to host such a membership drive event.

19. Next Board Meeting Date

March 18, 2025

20. Adjourn NWEA Meeting

Time: 2:45 pm