



**NEVADA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**



**Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 19, 2023**

**Time: April 19, 2023 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**3. Board Reports**

**a. Past - President..... Casey Mentzer**

Collection system class in process of being booked, CEU's have been given out for Conference

**b. President ..... Sabrina Dodos**

Working with Suey and Jeff to make website more user friendly, potentially present updates within next few weeks,

**c. President - Elect ..... David Williams**

No report

**d. Secretary ..... Cody McDougall**

No report

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

No report

**f. WEF Delegate ..... Joe Navas & Jennifer Mason**

Joe-Next WEFMAX is in Devner, WEFMAX for WEF/NWEA leadership, Fly in occurring next week, opportunity to meet members of congress, senators etc. in Washington DC. DEI conference call scheduled for next Thursday, focused on workforce development.

Jennifer-Not present

**4. Treasurer's Report – Michael Rawlins**

Waiting of data to be broken down for payments from conference, Casey Mentzer stated he can assist in breaking down the various forms of payments. Possibly profit \$10,000 or more from Conference. Exploring a new account that will give non-profits a better interest rate. Sabrina motioned to add Michael Rawlings and Cody McDougall to the bank account and remove Teri and Nikita, motion was approved. Working on projected budget for next year

**5. Certification Board Report – Adrian Edwards**

John Solvie-Continuing discussions on moving data management to cloud based platform

**6. Program Administrator Report – Ashley Jacobson**

No updates

**7. WPI Report – John Solvie**

Rebranding from ABC to WPI has been successful, John will be traveling to Washington DC in June



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to present about the rebranding at American Society of Association Executives Conference. Thanks given to Casey and Sabrina for the successful conference.

### **8. Membership Services Committee – Suey Huey, Jeff Bigham (Website)**

Certificate program is new and approved, will be placed on One Drive, working on website update

#### **a. Golf Committee-Joe Navas, Jonathan Leitch**

Date is June 16<sup>th</sup>, Revere Golf Club Henderson NV, sponsorship opportunities available, fundraise to send one operator to the annual conference, perhaps more.

#### **b. Social Media- Hamed Heidari**

LinkedIn page has 288 followers, with 14 new followers in last 29 days, 5 new followers since April, 26 visits to page since April, 2 posts and over 400 interactions. If anyone wants to post anything on the page contact Hamed via email.

### **9. Tri-State Report – Ashley Jacobson, Nikita Lingenfelter**

Not present

### **10. Conference Planning Committee – Dodos**

Palace Station in Las Vegas has been chosen for next year's conference. Plan to host pre-conference social event

### **11. Professional Development and Training Committee – Sabrina, David**

Upcoming trainings:

- Collection Systems – May 8,9 and 11<sup>th</sup>, class fees will be used as membership fees
- Microbiology – week of June 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>

### **12. Public Education and Outreach Committee –**

**Monica Morales—Northern**

**Tanner Spendlove—Southern**

- a. Volunteer with NWEA and the Las Vegas Science & Technology Expo
  - i. Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 9 AM – 5PM
  - ii. Location: Expo at World Market Center
- b. Earth Day Fair
  - i. Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (likely 10 am set up and break down at 5pm) must purchase temp business license from City of Reno
- c. Middle School classroom visits
  - i. Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> (May the Fourth Be With You) 8am-2pm (three 1.5 hour classes with a lunch break)
  - ii. Location: Sparks, NV
- d. Blaga has scheduled a date for Reno's WaterPalooza at an Elementary School
  - i. Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Location: Katherine Dunn Elementary Sparks, NV
  - iii. 9 participants so far, possibly 5 more
  - iv. National WaterPalooza in Chicago in October, Blaga and Monica chairing the committee, received \$3000 grant from Xylem
  - v. Discussed possibility of hosting WaterPalooza in Southern Nevada



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### **13. Young Professionals/Outreach Committee**

- **Angel Lacroix – Northern Nevada Chair**
  - a. Angel, not present,
  - b. Casey Mentzer discussed possibility of including Amy or Sean, Angel expressed interest in stepping away
- **Blake Gonska – Southern Nevada Chair**
  - a. UNLV students preparing for WEFTEC student competition.
  - b. Hamed no longer serving as president of student chapter.
  - c. Discussed high water line project looking for volunteers
  - d. Tri-State Conference opens next week for registration and exhibitors

### **14. Policies and Procedures Committee – Kamrun Ahmadi, Casey Mentzer**

Casey-Strategic Plan, finalize financial policies and procedures, and Code of Conduct, working with Jennifer to make it more NWEA specific

### **15. DE&I Committee – Joe Navas, Nikita Lingenfelter**

Meetings have fallen off calendar, need to reestablish, looking for new chair

### **16. General WEF Standing Committee -- All**

No report

### **17. Nominations and Awards Committee – Jennifer Mason**

No report

### **18. Old Business**

No report

### **19. New Business**

- a. Casey-Transition of the WaterSpot Publication, seeking new leadership
- b. Blaga-Received scholarship to attend fly in, possibly prepare pictures from event for next meeting
- c. Discussed sponsoring students who make it to the national WEF event if they are selected.
- d. Discussed hosting social events for the both the North and South. Possibly attending the NDEP mixer.
- e. Discussed reinstating the discharger meeting with NDEP

### **20. Next Board Meeting Date:**

- **Date proposed: May 17, 2023**
- **Proposed Locations: Zoom Web Teleconference& In-person (N:TMWRF and S:CCWRD)**

### **21. Adjourn NWEA Meeting**