



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



Thursday, March 17, 2022

**Time: March 17, 2022 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

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**1. Approval of the Agenda**

JD approves, at 15.15 PM

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

KA approves, JJ seconds

**3. Board Reports**

a. **Past - President..... Jake Jacobson**

b. **No report**

c. **President ..... Casey Mentzer**

d. Planning Earth Day celebration outreach event. Have handouts and materials. Member survey is still live, will send out a reminder to respond to it.

c. **President - Elect ..... Sabrina Rivera**

Nomination period closes the 19<sup>th</sup> and we will be sending out

d. **Secretary ..... TBA**

e. **PWO Representative..... TBA**

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

JD – WEF awards are open. First round of scholarships given out, most used for WEF DE&I training. Next round closes June 1<sup>st</sup> can use this for materials, WEFMAX, etc. WEF is doing a



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member code of conduct, can modify for what suits our membership. JD having a training in April and will update NWEA. 3 in-person WEFMAXs. WEF working on new strategic planning goal, creating vision statement and mission will start sometime this Fall.

WEF Collections System in Detroit in April

WEF DE&I survey for all the MAs. Joe filled it out for us, will use it as a resource to get ideas that we can apply to Nevada. Options other than DE&I training.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report – Kamrun Ahmadi**

- Updated budget with revenue for conference, waiting for some expenses to hit the account. Especially NWRA's account.

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

- Sent out letter for the accommodation request.
- Approval for going back to written exams, Ashley setting up dates. Need to find a proctor up North before we can set up dates. Pretty open qualifications just can't be an entity that puts money towards NWEA/NDEP.

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

- No report

#### **7. WPI Report – John Solvie**

- Going to Reno next week to meet with NV Operators Forum. Talk about ABC exam development and what goes into it. Board of directors meeting in May. Starting new drinking water exam development in June. Putting together new job analysis to go to operators across US to develop exam. Next will be wastewater. Will just focus on operators.
- WEF stormwater committee coming up.

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

- Reached out to Gayle to schedule some website training on the back-end. Cost will depend on how many are interested. Email Suey if you want to be involved with the training.
- Membership updates have been completed, testing them out. Sign up and renewals for membership, welcome email to NWEA.

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

- No updates, next meeting at the end of May.
- Sponsorships opening 2 weeks before regular registration. Allows exhibitors to choose booth quantity and then register. Will help streamline process.

#### **10. Conference Planning Committee – Jacobson, Lacroix, Mentzer, Pagilla, Rivera**

- No report.

#### **11. Professional Development and Training Committee - Kent Carlson, Ralph Stevens**

- Kent- design, engineering, maintenance for sewer pipes. Also pumping and operations of



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treatment plants. Focused on collections.

- Potential topics for collection system:
- Goal of 1 class per month (1 hour or more depending on topic)
- Target 1 class per discipline per month
- Addition of 2 specialty workshops/conferences
- Prefer in person but some topics can be done virtually
- Send out a training survey with what their needs are what location they went to.

### **12. Public Education and Outreach Committee – Kathryn Foxworthy, Monica Morales**

- Officially made the committee into a North and South Chair
- South: Earth Day event at Springs Preserve. Order 2 sets of material so we have the same supplies for N and S. Need volunteers 10 am – 4 pm. Make signs about careers and opportunities in the field.
- North Volunteer Opportunity: Outreach event at Agnes Risley Elementary School on Friday, May 6th from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm for a water filtration activity. Contact [Monica.Morales@jacobs.com](mailto:Monica.Morales@jacobs.com) for more info!
- Wooster High School field trip bringing 40 HS students to Tahoe and all the way down the treatment train.

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

- **Angel Lacroix – Northern Nevada Chair**
- Re-starting UNR school chapter.
- **Blake Gonska – Southern Nevada Chair**
- UNLV student design competition on-going. Getting them involved with manufacturers and local resources.

### **14. Policies and Procedures Committee – Keli Callahan**

- Going through Organizational Manual with committee to revise and update.
- JD sent a version from 2018 and make sure we incorporate those.

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

- Will get regular meetings scheduled. Looking for other people from the north that might want to be involved.

### **16. Old Business**

- Officers will be re-discussed after the 60-day nomination period has closed.

### **17. New Business**

- Discuss ideas for future fundraising event (golf, bocce ball, etc.)
  - JD will look back through her notes to see about bringing back golf tournament in the north
  - Submit any ideas you have!
- Tour of Apex Landfill with Republic Services, Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM
- MA Grant program, less than \$50k. Will start assigning tasks to make sure we can make it by



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the deadline. Nikita to get DEI training quotes. Materials – Sabrina/Casey/Angel. Blake/Sabrina sending students/YP to students and WEFMAX. Swag for public outreach Monica/Angel/Kathryn. Consultant fee for training to Jake. Suey website training. Rick/Krishna will work on the cover letter. Due by next meeting.

- WEFMAX to put it into the budget for future years. We still need to figure out how to approve these line items. Just need to know if there is budget and submit budget to President for approval.

Nominations and awards committee: will keep track of award deadlines, order the awards. Proposal to create the committee. Past-President to chair and whoever else wants to be involved. Also need Dr. James from the 5S ceremony, and also WEF delegate. Check if nomination forms are always available on the website, do we list the requirements for each position?

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

- **Date proposed: April 21, 2022**
- **Proposed Locations: Zoom Web Teleconference& In-person (N:TMWRF and S:City of Henderson)**

### **19. Adjourn NWEA Meeting**

SR motions, JD seconds. Adjourned at 1.11 PM.