

Alabama's Water Environment Association

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 18, 2007, 8:30 a.m.

Perdido Beach Resort

The following is a summary of the AWEA annual business meeting that was held on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Alabama.

President Jimmy Junkin called the meeting to order. Those in attendance included Scott Cummings – WEF Delegate, Jonathan Childs – Past President, Jimmy Junkin - President, Charles Horn – Vice President, Rob Coleman – Secretary, Tim Patton – Treasurer, Chuck Weir – WEF Treasurer, Sabra Sutton, Josh Boltz, Mary Holland, Linda Boltz, Kim Polifka, Tony Sneed, Jim LaMoreaux, and Don Defoor.

The following items were discussed:

- Approximately 300 attended this years' conference. Various favorable comments were heard regarding the conference and suggestions for next year's have been received. These will be reviewed and incorporated in the 2008 conference planning.
- Kim Polifka presented the Treasurer's Report based on the checking account balance ending March 31, 2007. The account balance including additional deposits and expenses through April 13, 2007 bringing the balance to \$83,013.36. Kim noted that conference registration fees received from 123signup are received at different times. The disposition of the CD that matured on April 17, 2007 will be completed after the conference costs are confirmed. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.
- A preliminary budget was presented for comments. The final proposed budget will be presented for acceptance at the next Board meeting in May. Improved tracking of advertising renewals, continued improvements to the website, and additional SYPC funding are included in the budget.
- Scott Cummings presented the Director's (Delegate's) Report and reported with optimism the path forward for AWEA. He thanked Chuck Weir for his attendance and contribution to this years' conference.
- Chuck Weir congratulated the AWEA on a successful conference. He noted that many WEF member associations are looking to working with other water related professional organizations to improve our industry.

- The following officers were elected for the 2007 – 2008 year:

Charles Horn – President
Tim Patton – Vice President
Rob Coleman – Secretary
Sabra Sutton – Treasurer

(Editor's note: Charles Horn tendered his resignation as President of AWEA on May 12, 2007. The Board accepted his resignation with regret during the Board meeting held on May 17, 2007. Jonathan Childs was elected by the Board to serve the remaining term as President.)

- It was agreed that the AWEA committees will be evaluated to determine if some should be consolidated and the objectives of the committees be revised to ensure that they are productive at meeting the needs of AWEA members. Several AWEA members volunteered during this year's conference to get involved in the AWEA committees and other programs.
- It was noted that Ed Moore is retiring as Editor of *The Wave*, effective after the June 2007 issue. Appreciation was expressed for Ed's efforts for improving the WAVE over the years.
- AWEA has been requested to host the July 2009 WEF Industrial Waste Conference. More information will be requested from WEF to determine if AWEA will accept this request. An evaluation of the industrial membership and interest in AWEA will also be performed.
- The Awards Committee is planning to review and revise the criteria for the various annual awards. This year's new municipal plant awards were well received.
- Exhibitor registration forms for the 2008 AWEA Annual Conference to be held at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Al on April 13 – 16, 2008 were distributed to the vendors. The comments received by the AWEA officers from visits with each of this year's vendors in the exhibit hall will be incorporated into the planning for the 2008 conference. A new booth layout for the exhibit hall that will be used for next year's conference was also distributed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.