



July 15, 2011 Officers & Committee Chairs Meeting Summary

Meeting Time/Location:

- Summer Planning Meeting, July 15, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Daniels Fund Meeting Room 139, 101 Monroe St., Denver

Attendees:

Name	Position	Name	Position
Kevin Bergschneider	<i>Chair</i>	Stephanie Elliot	<i>Membership</i>
Elizabeth Carter	<i>Chair Elect</i>	Paul Fanning	<i>Communications</i>
Dave Pier	<i>Past Chair</i>	Jim Ginley	<i>Joint Utility Management</i>
Joe Cowan	<i>Vice Chair, SECTORS</i>	Ann Hall	<i>Admin. Manager</i>
Mary Presecan	<i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	Vicki Jones	<i>Joint Education Council</i>
Sarah Dominick	<i>Assistant Sec./Treas.</i>	Sean Lieske	<i>CWUC Vice Chair</i>
Martin Garcia	<i>National Director</i>	Pete McCormick	<i>Water Treatment</i>
Mike Berry	<i>Trustee, JEC</i>	Jill Peterson	<i>Joint Site Selection</i>
Bud Spillman	<i>Trustee</i>	Jeannine Shaw	<i>Conservation</i>
Mark Hartman	<i>Trustee</i>	Sonja Sjolholm-deHaas	<i>Vice-Chair Conservation</i>
Tod Phinney	<i>Trustee</i>	Cal Van Zee	<i>Water Distribution</i>

Call to Order & Introductions

- Kevin Bergschneider called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. It was determined that a quorum of the Board was present.
- Agenda addition to be placed under Unfinished Business - Update on Water 2012

Approval of June 2011 Meeting Minutes (Sarah Dominick)

- Posted on RMSAWWA Website under Meetings Page

A motion was made by Mark Hartman and a second by Bud Spillman to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2011 RMSAWWA Board Meeting. Carried.

Director’s Report (Martin Garcia)

- Officers Dinner will take place on Sunday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. The visiting AWWA officer Gene Koontz will join the officers for dinner. The Bent Fork the grill in Loveland is a dinner location.
- All items voted on at Board of Directors’ meeting at ACE passed.
- Section Breakfast at ACE was successful. There were 18 attendees. Next year we will move the breakfast to Tuesday.
- RMS had several awards at ACE, including scholarship winners.
- Attendance numbers are still being finalized, roughly around 10,500 attendees, which would be down from recent years. Exhibitors were up with 476 vendors in 1,129 booths (up by 3%).
- Jerry Stevens, our visiting officer last year, began his term as AWWA President at ACE.
- Denver will be the site of ACE 13. AWWA will give a ten minute presentation at our August 5th Board meeting to begin preparing for the host responsibilities.



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Treasurer's Report (Mary Presecan)

▪ **Financial Report**

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- The Section Bookstore Allotment has \$196 remaining for 2011. In addition to the Allotment, books purchased for section activity qualify for special prices. If interested contact Mary Presecan. AWWA has awarded RMSAWWA with a Section Education Award which came with a prize of \$350 in AWWA bookstore funds.
- The Wells Fargo conference account does not currently earn interest so we will be checking to see we can convert that to an interest earning account.
- We will be verifying the FDIC limit plus reviewing the Investment Policy for direction on current bank accounts balances.

Get Into Water Grant Report (Dave Pier, Joe Cowan) Report attached and highlights were:

- The next HRO (Human Resources and Operations) Open Forum will be held September 20 from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. at the RMSAWWA/RMWEA Joint Annual Conference in Loveland. Betsy Beaver from CDPHE will be presenting information regarding proposed changes to Regulation 100 (certification policies). There will also be four sessions that afternoon on HR-related topics.
- The Supervisory/Leadership Subcommittee has completed their research and will forward a recommendation to the JUMC in September.
- The Water Quality Technician Program kicks off at Emily Griffith Technical College this Fall; this program will help feed students into the community college system. A meeting with Red Rocks Community College is scheduled to discuss specific articulation issues.
- The 18 months of the Sectors contract have been completed and we spent \$168,500 and returned \$16,000 of the \$184,500 available. We are finalizing the final year of the contract and we need to determine the next steps for sustainability.
- More adult scholarship funds will be available through the Workforce Centers during the last 12 months of the grant.
- Dave Pier would like to recognize the work by Paul Fanning, Cindy Goodburn, Jim Ginley, Matt Bond, Kathy Balu, and Joe Cowan for all their hard work.
- Mel Fahrenbruch presented at ACE and the session was well attended; attendees from the San Francisco area are very interested in the presentation. Mel is now serving on the national Workforce Strategies Committee.

Committee Reports

Committee	Chair	Report Attached
Action Now	Jan Cranor, Dave Hoagland	Yes
Audit & Finance	Elizabeth Carter	
Awards	Karen Burgi	Yes
Bylaws	Lela Perkins	



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Joint Water Reuse	Matt Hayes	
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Action Now Committee – On July 28 Action Now will be in Glenwood Springs. See attached report.

Audit & Finance Committee –Jon Bunyak of Bivins & Bunyak CPAS has provided a draft financial review for 2009 & 2010. Elizabeth Carter and Ann Hall have a meeting with Jon on July 18 to finalize that review.

Awards Committee –See attached report. Karen Burgi will need a list of outgoing chairs and their years of service. Kevin Bergschneider collected nominations for the Lyle D. Herman Award, Outstanding Committee Chair Award, and the RMSAWWA Volunteer Excellence Award.

Colorado Water Utility Council –Tom Mountfort, Sean Lieske and Lois Rellergert have been reworking their Council Bylaws including each utility can have one designated voter. Sean will work with Elizabeth Carter in getting comments prepared regarding Reg 100.

Communications Committee–The conference outsert was delivered and all the conference registration forms are posted on the website. The Get Into Water website is live and it is a very functional site. Our goal is to have the same host with a joint committee identity.

Conservation Committee–See attached report. The committee reviewed the nominations for the Conservation Award. Jeannine Shaw is looking into getting water bottles with the RMSAWWA logo as a committee appreciation item and by combining with a few other committees the minimum order of 50 can be met so let Jeannine know if you want to order any water bottles. The committee has completed the content review of the Pacific Northwest Section Conservation program and now a great deal of work is ahead for those with an education background to look at the presentation format for adult learning. The timeline is expected to be pushed back.



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Membership Committee–Trevor Giles from the City of Dillon along with Jason Assouline and Stephanie Elliott will be working on the Facebook project. Stephanie will be coordinating the booth sign-up to coordinate volunteers to work at the RMSAWWA booth at the Joint Annual Conference. Those who ordered shirts are expected to be able to pick up their shirts at the August 5th board meeting. See attached report.

Nominating Committee - see following Slate of Nominations September 2011 - September 2012

Position	Nominee
Past Chair	Kevin Bergschneider
Chair	Elizabeth Carter
Chair Elect	Joe Cowan
Vice Chair	Mary Presecan
Treasurer	Sarah Dominick
Secretary	Ryan Walsh
Trustee	Mike Berry
Trustee	Jason Assouline
Director (term starts June 2012)	Lela Perkins

Water Distribution Committee–Upcoming workshop will be held on August 25 in Steamboat Springs and December 9 in Aurora. They have a place for three additional members on their committee. The committee meets three times per year. See attached report.

Water Treatment Committee–The May Taste & Odor workshop was held in Fort Collins and was well received. Plans are being made for a workshop and tour at the Binney plant on October 13. If you are interested in the CSU facility for a future workshop you need to get a professor to sponsor you.

Joint Conference Site Selection Committee–See attached report. A potential multiple year contract for the Joint Annual Conference was discussed with Keystone at a July 13th meeting that included committee members Greg Woodward, Jenny Hartfelder, Jill Peterson and Sylvia Rottman. A list of potential concessions or special considerations that would be attractive to our group and our attendee were discussed with Keystone and they will come back with a proposal.

Joint Education Council–JEC will be covered later in the meeting under Additional RMSAWWA Presentations.

Joint Leadville Operator’s School–Registration for next week is down which may be attributed to the three year certification renewal cycle.

Joint New Mexico Involvement Committee–Monthly luncheons and meetings are going well and they are considering alternating months in the future. The August 18th professional development luncheon will include the Albuquerque WWTP tour. A 2012 WFP golf event is being planned. A May wine tasting brought in \$2,500 for WFP and another one is planned for



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September. Bob Paulette will be able to give Jeannine Shaw the number of water bottles needed for the NMIC. See attached report.

Joint Small Systems Committee–The 2nd annual workshop in Montrose has changed the workshop date to August 31.

Joint Technical Activities Committee–See attached report. Suggestions are welcome for their July 20th planning meeting.

Joint Utility Management Committee–The committee spun off to work with the Get Into Water Supervisory and Knowledge Management groups. Those efforts will be rolled back into the JUM. The JUM committee will be working with JSS in the fall for a seminar topic on effective management materials.

Joint Water For People Committee–See attached report. A red line event is being held at CH2M Hill. A Water Core volunteer reported that it was a great experience. A WFP sub-committee is being formed in Fort Collins. The Bolivia Theme Dinner will be held on March 2, 2012.

Joint Young Professionals Committee–See attached report.

CoWARN–They would like to have a meeting room available during the Annual Conference. CoWARN is looking to extend their contract with Mel Fahrenbruch for professional services and guidance. CoWARN could be brought into RMSAWWA & RMWEA.

All committees are reminded to post their committee meetings on the calendar. Calendar information is pulled for eRumbles and it also helps avoid conference phone line overlaps.

Unfinished Business

- Assessment Update - *Rumbles* "Message from the Chair" article on assessment is yet to arrive so the request for member feedback is delayed. (Martin Garcia, Jim Ginley, Kevin Bergschneider)
- Section-AWWA Focus Group at the Joint Annual Conference – Kevin Bergschneider has prepared a preliminary list of participants but will confirm with the conference preregistration list. Martin Garcia to coordinate with Gene Koontz (AWWA visiting officer) to determine how Mr. Koontz would like to lead the Focus Group discussion on Tuesday from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. The focus will be on training and utilities are the key benefactor.
- Membership survey results (Mike Berry) - Discussion took place on July 14 at the Joint Education Council Meeting. A 10% response was received on the electronic survey. Mike Berry will provide the results to those who responded to the survey. The survey results can be used in education planning and by committee chairs. The next effort will be the same survey but sent to operators with additional demographic questions. The survey results to be posted on the website and will consider an article for *Rumbles*.
- Summary from RMSAWWA membership focus group held at the 2010 Joint Annual Conference (Paul Fanning) [see attachment] Eight had participated – we received a very supportive message that they value the training opportunities.



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- Water 2012 Celebration (Elizabeth Carter) the website is scheduled to go live this month. Many committees have been at work for different audiences such as K-12, museums & libraries, and higher education. A display board will be available for use and you can localize a portion of the board. This is a grass roots effort. [see attachment]
- Bud Spillman would like to see the Board be provided with a long range budget for sustainability for the Section. This discussion was delayed to later in the meeting.

New Business

- TEAMS monthly report (Sylvia Rottman) [see attachment]
- Follow up report from the Strategic Planning Session on July 14 (Joe Cowan) [deferred to future meeting]

A motion was made by Joe Cowan and seconded by Mark Hartman to enter into an agreement with MJF Consulting LLC to develop a RMSAWWA Education and Training Business Plan and CDPHE Scope of Work at an amount not to exceed \$3,000. Carried.

A motion was made by Joe Cowan and seconded to amend the motion to adjust the Budget as necessary. Carried.

Additional RMSAWWA Presentations

- Membership information and future plans (Stephanie Elliott) Membership retention continues to be a focus. Stephanie distributed the talking points provided by AWWA on Individual, Service Provider and Utility Memberships. (see attachment)
- Communications presentation on Personalizing Advocacy - Paul Fanning has postponed this discussion regarding contacting your Senators and Representatives.
- Recap on the Joint Education Council meeting held July 14 (Vicki Jones) – JEC chair came to the meeting looking for direction. The results are fifteen things we might want to see JEC do and Vicki Jones will summarize those notes. Basically JEC should be involved in all education, assist in getting the training organized, and determine how that will happen. JEC always welcomes your input and everyone has a voice. Current role will continue but may be a managed effort.



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Announcements and Upcoming Events

- RMSAWWA Board meeting, August 5, 2011, 1:15 -3:00 p.m. Denver Water, WIN Colorado and AWWA (ACE13 hosting) will each be giving ten minute presentations at that meeting
- JGB Board meeting, August 5, 2011, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., Denver Water, Brad Vickers and Jeff Barnier from Emily Griffith Technical College have been invited to present.
- 2011 Joint Annual Conference, Loveland, CO, September 18-21
 - RMSAWWA Breakfast meeting, Monday, September 19, 7:00 – 8:30 a.m.
 - RMSAWWA Luncheon and Awards, Monday, September 19, 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.
 - RMSAWWA & RMWEA Banquet & Awards, Tuesday, Sept. 20, 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 - JGB Breakfast Meeting, Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 – 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m. by general consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Dominick

Distribution:

John Albert	Jamie Eichenberger	Emily Huth	Bud O'Hara
Emily Allen	Melissa Essex Elliott	Vicki Jones	Barb Osmer
Jeremy Anderson	Stephanie Elliott	Tye Jordan	Bob Paulette
Andy Andreatta	Melanie Fahrenbruch	Jeff Lasker	Lois Rellergert
Jason Assouline	Paul Fanning	Janet Leavitt	Sylvia Rottman
Heidi Bauer	Susan Franceschi	Sean Lieske	Victor Sam
Kevin Bergschneider	Steve Frank	Lee Linden	Jeannine Shaw
Mike Berry	Terry Franklin	Mary Lysaker	Sonja Sjöholm-deHaas
Angela Bielefeldt	Martin Garcia	Bob Marley	Andrea Song
Jonathan Brant	Deena Garland	Barb Martin	Bud Spillman
Karen Burgi	Randy Giffin	Pete McCormick	Edyta Stec-Uddin
Natalie Cannon	Jim Ginley	Jim Medlock	John Stomp
Ken Carlson	Josh Goldman	Sean Menk	Jim Tallent
Elizabeth Carter	Steve Grooters	Tom Mountfort	Alejandra Tarrell
Tzahi Cath	Ann Hall	Jason Mumm	Cal Van Zee
Lee Cesario	Mark Hartman	Lela Perkins	Jo Ann Vold
Emily Coll	Matt Hayes	Jill Peterson	Richard Wallace
Joe Cowan	Kevin Hill	Tod Phinney	Mark Whitlatch
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Ryan Duvé	Frank Huang	Mary Presecan	



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**MOTIONS MADE AT RMSAWWA OFFICERS
AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEETING
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ITEM NO.	MOTION	APPROVED
1	Call Meeting to Order	Yes
2	Approval of June 2011 Meeting Minutes	Yes
3	MJF Consulting Agreement Approval	Yes
4	Adjourn Meeting	Yes

**ATTACHMENTS
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**ACTION ITEMS
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ITEM NO.	LIST OF ACTION ITEMS	DUE DATE
1	Talk to Jeannie about water bottles. <i>ALL</i>	7/31/11
2	Send out survey results to people who took the survey. <i>Mike Berry</i>	8/1/11
3	Identify an ACE 2013 local host committee chair. <i>ALL</i>	10/1/11
4	Set the date for the fall orientation. <i>Elizabeth Carter</i>	asap
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Call to Order

- Quorum
- Agenda additions
 - Kevin to give a quick overview of this agenda

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Director’s Report (5 min) (Martin Garcia)

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Treasurer’s Report (5 min) (Mary Presecan)

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Joint New Mexico Involvement	Bob Paulette	Yes - Page 14
Joint Small Systems	Barb Martin	
Joint Technical Activities	Steve Polson	Yes - Page 15-16
Joint Utility Management	Jim Ginley	
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Unfinished Business (20 min)

- Assessment Update - *Rumbles* "Message from the Chair" article on assessment to arrive on July 1 with a request for member feedback by July 12 in time for discussion to occur on July 14. (Martin Garcia, Jim Ginley, Kevin Bergschneider)
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- Summary from our membership focus group held at the 2010 Joint Annual Conference (Paul Fanning) [page 20-21]

New Business (10 min)

- TEAMS monthly report (Sylvia Rottman) [page 22]
- Follow up report from the Strategic Planning Session on July 14 (Joe Cowan)
- Conservation Committee is looking into getting water bottles with the RMSAWWA logo as a committee appreciation item, but the minimum order is 50, so they want to see if other committees would be interested. (Jeannine Shaw)

Additional RMSAWWA Presentations (60 min)

- 11:00 - 11:15 Membership information and future plans (Stephanie Elliott)
- 11:15 - 11:30 Communications spiel on Personalizing Advocacy (Paul Fanning)
- 11:30 - 12:00 Recap to RMSAWWA on the JEC meeting held July 14 and get feedback before proceeding with a joint strategic plan (Vicki Jones)

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Teleconference phone may be an option but not certain – let us know if you planned to call in for the July 15th meeting.

Teleconference information - please inform Ann Hall at ann.e.hall@comcast.net if you plan on participating via conference call. Phone number 888-809-4012, pass code 7641593#



Weekly Project Update July 5, 2011

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **HRO Open Forum:** September 20, 2011 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in Loveland
- **Industry Advisory Council:** August 18, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Denver Water (no meeting in July)

RECENT ACTIVITIES

- All work on the new website was completed last week.
- RMSAWWA staff and volunteers received training on how to update and manage the website.
- The Knowledge Management Work Group meeting scheduled for June 28 was canceled and will be rescheduled for August.
- Ms. Gardner and Ms. Fahrenbruch met with Sharon Williams from the Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE) on July 1 to discuss a potential contribution to the Get Into Water! Adult Scholarship fund.
- Ms. Goodburn and Ms. Fahrenbruch met on June 30 to begin preparation of the SCADA position business case.
- Ms. Fahrenbruch, Mr. Cowan and Eric Johnson (City of Boulder-Wastewater Collections) met with the Water Utility Science Program instructors on June 28 to review the status of course materials.
- We closed out the July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011 grant funding and deliverables last week.
- Mr. Cowan and Ms. Fahrenbruch met to discuss the Water Utility Science Program and project sustainability objectives.
- Betsy Beaver from CDPHE confirmed her availability to attend the HRO Open Forum in September. She will be discussing proposed changes to Regulation 100 (certification).

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- The new website will go live this week.
- Contracts for the July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012 are currently being developed and approved.
- Ms. Fahrenbruch and Ms. Gardner will be developing a scope of work for review by Ms. Williams at CDPHE regarding a contribution to adult scholarship fund.
- Ms. Main's contract will be extended to accommodate additional work needed on the Supervisory Survey.
- Ms. Fahrenbruch and other project representatives will be meeting the staff from Red Rocks Community College and Emily Griffith Technical College (EGTC) to address articulation issues.
- Ms. Fahrenbruch will schedule a meeting with EGTC Workforce Investment Act counselors and workforce partners to discuss how to manage adult applicants for the Water Quality Management Technician Program.



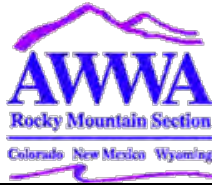
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Committee Name:	Action Now	Committee Chair:	Cranor/Hoagland
Date of Report:	June 23, 2011	Board Liaison:	Joe Cowan
Next Committee Meeting: July 2011			
Activities Since Last Report:			
<p>The Action Now Committee presented a seminar in Steamboat Springs, Colorado on June 23rd. Training topics were as follows: Valve Application and Maintenance (Walls), PRV and Control Valves (Tedder), Operator Certification Matters (Moore), Trenchless Technologies: UV Cured in Place Pipe and Pipe Bursting (Larson), Sling and Rigging Safety (Pleinis), Developing and Implementing a Valve and Hydrant Maintenance Program (Beavers). The seminar had 18 total participants, including 4 on-site registrations (2 no show). The historic 3 year average for this location is 19 participants.</p>			
Upcoming Activities/Future Plans:			
<p>The next seminar will be held on Thursday July 28th in Glenwood Springs. Historical 3 year average attendance for this location is 40.</p>			
Does your Committee require Board Action or Involvement? What is it and When?			
<p>No</p>			
Volunteer Needs:			
<p>Does your committee need volunteers? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> or No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is the need short-term? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is the need long-term? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please briefly describe the need?</p>			
<p>Don't forget to update the online RMSAWWA Calendar and your committee's webpage. Send updates to Ann Hall at ann.e.hall@comcast.net.</p>			



RMSAWWA Committee Report

Committee Name:	Awards	Committee Chair:	Karen Burgi
Date of Report:	July 7, 2011	Board Liaison:	Sara Dominick
Next Committee Meeting: July 20, 2011			
Activities Since Last Report:			
<p>We have received applications for all of the awards and we are in the process of working with the committees to select the winners. We appreciate the committees for their help in selecting the awardees.</p>			
Upcoming Activities/Future Plans:			
<p>Once the award winners are selected, we will be contacting the winners and inviting them to the awards lunch at the conference. We will also be working on preparing for the award presentation at the conference.</p>			
Does your Committee require Board Action or Involvement? What is it and When?			
<p>Yes! I need to have a list of the outgoing chairs and their years of service. I also need the Board to select winners for the Outstanding Committee Chair and Volunteer Excellence Awards. I also need to know the Lyle D. Herman Award winner.</p>			
Volunteer Needs:			
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Committee Name:	Conservation	Committee Chair:	Jeannine Shaw
Date of Report:	6/30/2011	Board Liaison:	Melissa Elliott
Next Committee Meeting: July 11 th 10:30-11:30, Platte Canyon Water and Sanitation District			
Activities Since Last Report:			
<p>Committee meeting held at Denver Water on June 13th. Discussed why people participate in the committee, what they hope to gain, what we could do better, etc. Determined that most of all people like the opportunity to share information and ideas as well as network with other professionals in the water conservation field and in the larger water industry. People appreciated the regional collaboration opportunities.</p> <p>Reviewing nominations for Alice Darilek Conservation Award.</p> <p>Discussed what type of items committee members would like as a thank you for volunteering and contributing to the committee. People liked the idea of water bottles, so Stephanie Elliott from membership researched options and got bids. Came in at about \$8.50/ea with logo and shipping, but minimum order of 50 is required. We would like to solicit other committees to order with us so that we can meet the minimum order.</p>			
Upcoming Activities/Future Plans:			
<p>Will have someone presenting on program evaluation from an outside company at our July 11th meeting.</p> <p>Will be sending out an email to committee chairs about purchasing water bottles with RMSAWWA logo. Do we have a white logo available?</p> <p>After our August 8th meeting at Parker Water and Sanitation District, we will be taking a tour of Reuter-Hess. If interested in attending, please contact Jeannine Shaw.</p>			
Does your Committee require Board Action or Involvement? What is it and When?			
Not at this time.			
Volunteer Needs:			
<p>Does your committee need volunteers? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is the need short-term? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is the need long-term? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please briefly describe the need?</p> <p>Our committee brainstormed a large list of organizations that we think we should be communicating with and we need someone to help us fill in missing contact information. We would also like assistance from someone with an education background to help review some materials for us.</p>			
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RMSAWWA Committee Report

Committee Name:	Membership	Committee Chair:	Stephanie Elliott
Date of Report:	7/7/2011	Board Liaison:	Kevin Bergsneider
Next Committee Meeting:			
Activities Since Last Report:			
<p>Facebook page - Trevor Giles has volunteered to assist with the facebook page. Jason, Trevor and I are in review of the AWWA facebook policy manual to help us develop the RMSAWWA facebook policy manual. When completed we will present it to the board for approval prior to starting up the page.</p> <p>I have contacted Lee Mathews in regards to joining as a service provider in my efforts to get those targeted on the Presidential Challenge to become members. If anyone would like to help me, particularly a utility member, with this effort I still need to contact the City of Ft. Collins and Northglenn.</p>			
Upcoming Activities/Future Plans:			
<p>The conference around the corner, I will be soliciting volunteers to man the membership booth. Please look out for the email and signup.</p>			
Does your Committee require Board Action or Involvement? What is it and When?			
Volunteer Needs:			
<p>Does your committee need volunteers? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is the need short-term? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is the need long-term? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please briefly describe the need?</p>			
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RMSAWWA Committee Report

Committee Name:	Water Distribution	Committee Chair:	Cal Van Zee
Date of Report:	June 29, 2011	Board Liaison:	Joe Cowan
Next Committee Meeting: October 2011			
Activities Since Last Report:			
<p>Preparing the presenter's list for the Steamboat Springs workshop to be held on August 25th at the Holiday Inn. The schedule and registration will be sent out mid-July.</p>			
Upcoming Activities/Future Plans:			
Does your Committee require Board Action or Involvement? What is it and When?			
No			
Volunteer Needs:			
<p>Does your committee need volunteers? Yes X or No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is the need short-term? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is the need long-term? YesX or No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please briefly describe the need?</p> <p>We have had three members resign due to job changes and need to replace these members.</p>			
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RMSAWWA Committee Report

Committee Name:	Water Treatment	Committee Chair:	Peter McCormick
Date of Report:	7.7.11	Board Liaison:	Bud Spillman
Next Committee Meeting: 7.21.11			
Activities Since Last Report:			
<p>Financial summary from May Taste & Odor Workshop attached. Workshop was a great success.</p> <p>Set date for Fall Filter Optimization Workshop. October 13, 2011 at Binney WTP, Aurora, CO.</p> <p>Reviewed RMSAWWA Award nominations.</p>			
Upcoming Activities/Future Plans:			
Finalize Filter Optimization Agenda, begin to plan 2012 calendar year.			
Does your Committee require Board Action or Involvement? What is it and When?			
No.			
Volunteer Needs:			
<p>Does your committee need volunteers? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> or No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is the need short-term? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is the need long-term? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please briefly describe the need?</p> <p>We gained two new members in the last month!</p>			
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RMSAWWA Committee Report

RMSAWWA Water Treatment Committee Taste & Odor Part II Workshop Report to the Board

Workshop Information		
Title	Taste & Odor Part II	
Date / Time	May 19, 2011	
Location	Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO	
TUs	0.60 Wtr,	
Speakers	Chris Tadanier – Committee Member Pinar Omur-Ozbek – Prof CSU Sarah Clark – Committee Member Kelly Cline – City of Westminster Harry Nelson – FlowCam Jef Morgan – Peroxygen Solutions	
Registration	TEAMS	
Number Attended	35 total registered; 37 -attended (2 on-site registrations)	
Printed Material / Other Handouts	Printed handout of slide presentations Door prizes –Restaurant gift cards, AWWA Handbooks	
Refreshments	CSU Catering Services – Lunch & Breakfast	
Target Audience	Water Treatment Operators and others in the water industry	
Actual Audience	Water Operators, Water Quality Lab Emploeyss	
Evaluation (see attached for details)	18 evaluations turned in Most thought the workshop was good	
Expense Summary (itemized below)	Expended: Income:	Balance:

Water Treatment Committee Budget			
Taste & Odor Part II Workshop 05-19-11			
Item	Cost ea.	Total	Number
Expenses			
TEAMS	\$ (9.15)	\$ (338.55)	37
Room Rental, Food, Parking	\$ (825.00)	\$ (825.00)	1
Lab Supplies	\$ (44.37)	\$ (44.37)	1
King Soopers (gift card door prizes)	\$ (25.00)	\$ (50.00)	2
TUs	\$ (50.00)	\$ (50.00)	1
Sub Total		\$ (1,307.92)	
Income (Registration) estimated			
Member (inc Students) - full day	\$ (55.00)	\$ 1,430.00	26
Member (inc Students) Late - full day	\$ (65.00)	\$ 260.00	4
Non-member - full day	\$ (65.00)	\$ 260.00	4
Non-member - Late - full day	\$ (75.00)	\$ 225.00	3
Sub Total		\$ 2,175.00	37
Balance		\$ 867.08	
35 registered - 37 attended - (2 on-site registrations)			



Taste & Odor Part II May 19, 2011 – CSU Fort Collins, CO			
			18 out of 37 turned in
No. of Votes	☺	☹	<i>Compiled comments from Evaluation Forms</i>
Background/T&O Treatment – Dr. Chris Tadanier			
Topic	18	-	Informative! Treatment portion moved a little to quickly to absorb all the info.
Speaker	18	-	Very Good!
Watershed Management – Sarah Clark, P.E.			
Topic	18	-	Too much material for time frame. Very interesting but could have been geared a bit more towards T&O.
Speaker	17	1	
Pak™ 27 – Jef Morgan			
Topic	17	1	Seemed like a sales pitch at times.
Speaker	17	1	Sales. Ran out of time. Very knowledgeable. Good topic! Delightful.
Calibration of Taste Senses/Calibration of Odorants – Dr. Pinar Omur-Ozbek			
Topic	18	-	Very interesting interactive exercise. Makes me want more training.
Speaker	18	-	Very interesting and educational fun!
Westminster Case Study - Kelly Cline			
Topic	16	-	I was hoping for some info on sampling techniques, so thanks!
Speaker	16	-	Good material, but a little monotone.
FlowCam – Harry Nelson			
Topic	17	-	Interesting device.
Speaker	16	1	Need better prep. Sales. Very Interesting. Great!
Other Topics			
Location	18	-	
Room	18	-	
Food	17	-	



**RMSAWWA
Committee Report**

Handouts	17	1	
Swag	7	2	Average.
Suggestions for Future Training topics...			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Regulatory info. -Expand on these areas. -TOC and their relation to HPC in a distribution system. 			
<p>Other Comments –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Would have liked intro to whom else is there at a Q&A session to learn about other utilities T&O issues. -Good material for 1 day class. -Not enough time, do 1 less speaker to allow others more time. -Some presentations were rushed through, slide printouts are nice supplement. 			



RMSA WWA/RMWEA Joint Committee Report

Committee Name:	New Mexico Involvement	Committee Chair:	Bob Paulette
Date of Report:	July 7, 2011	Board Liaison:	
Next Committee Meeting:	July 13, 2011		
Activities Since Last Report:			
<p>Committee continues to meet monthly (1st Wednesday) to plan events and activities in New Mexico, although this month's meeting was delayed a week.</p> <p>Professional Development luncheons included:</p> <p>Jan 27th – Pat Brady, Sandia Labs, Silica Control in Water Treatment</p> <p>Feb 17th – Robert Fowlie, CDM, Sandoval County Desalination Program</p> <p>May 21st – Bob Paulette, Wilson & Company, Bernalillo Arsenic Treatment</p> <p>June 16th - Richard Rose, NMFA, Asset Management and Infrastructure Portal Program</p>			
Upcoming Activities/Future Plans:			
<p>Next NMIC meeting is scheduled for noon on July 13th at Wilson & Company office, 4900 Lang Ave NE</p> <p>Future confirmed Professional Development Luncheons include:</p> <p>July 21st – David Jordan, ABCWUA, Kirtland AFB Fuel Spill and Effect on Water Supply</p> <p>August 18th – Wastewater Week – Picnic at ABCWUA SWRP – lunch and plant tour</p> <p>September 15th – Tod Phinney, WH Pacific, Las Vegas Raw Water Supply</p> <p>NMIC will host a Member Appreciation Nite at the Isotopes Baseball game on July 14.</p>			
Does your Committee require Board Action or Involvement? What is it and When?			
No			
Are you Looking for Additional Committee Members? Or other Support?			
We are always looking for additional input to the NMIC.			
<p>Don't forget to update the online Calendar and your committee's webpage. Send updates to rmsadmin@rmsawwa.net.</p>			



RMSA WWA/RMWEA Joint Committee Report

Committee Name:	Joint Site Selection	Committee Chair:	Jill Peterson
Date of Report:	July 1, 2011	Board Liaison:	Bud Spillman
Next Committee Meeting:	Late July 2011		
Activities Since Last Report:			
<p>As requested by JGB, committee is exploring potential multiple-year contracts for conference sites. Committee has discussed and developed a list of potential concessions or special considerations that would be attractive to our group and our attendees. On July 13, several committee members will be meeting with sales representative from Vail Resorts/Keystone to discuss multiple-year contracts further.</p>			
Upcoming Activities/Future Plans:			
<p>After the July 13 meeting with Vail Resorts/Keystone, the committee will discuss feedback obtained at the meeting. More information and a recommended future approach will then be presented to the JGB after this committee meeting.</p> <p><u>Future Conference Sites:</u> 2011 Conference = Loveland, CO 2012 Conference = Copper Mt, CO 2013 Conference = Keystone, CO 2014 Conference = Albuquerque, NM</p>			
Does your Committee require Board Action or Involvement? What is it and When?			
<p>Committee's report back to the JGB will be provided in August or September with a recommended path forward regarding potential multiple-year contracts for conference sites.</p>			
Are you Looking for Additional Committee Members? Or other Support?			
None			
<p>Don't forget to update the online Calendar and your committee's webpage. Send updates to rmsadmin@rmsawwa.net.</p>			



RMSA WWA/RMWEA Joint Committee Report

Committee Name:	JTAC	Committee Chair:	Steve Polson
Date of Report:	June 28, 2011	Board Liaison:	Dave Pier
Next Committee Meeting: July 20, 2011			
Activities Since Last Report:			
<p>June Luncheon: Presentation/tour of Mulberry Water Reclamation Facility (MWRP) on June 16, 2011. Luncheon had 23 attendees, with 3 non-members and 5 students. There were 2 no-shows, both of whom paid afterward. A net revenue of about \$168 was achieved (see attachment). Total revenue for the luncheon season was about \$2,500.</p>			
Upcoming Activities/Future Plans:			
Annual planning meeting on July 20, 2011, to be held at Carollo's office in Broomfield.			
Does your Committee require Board Action or Involvement? What is it and When?			
No.			
Are you Looking for Additional Committee Members? Or other Support?			
No.			
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Joint Technical Activities Committee													
Luncheon Seminar Summary													
2010-2011 Season													
Luncheon Date	Topic	Attendees	Non-Member	Student	Number of No-Shows	Paid	Percent	Number of Non-Reserved	Total Revenue	Total Cost	Effective Cost/Paid Attendee	Net Revenue (Loss)	Comments
10/21/10	Impacts of Upcoming Amendments on Project Funding -- CANCELLED						0%						Meager signup
11/18/10	Metro North Treatment Plant -- Nutrient Issues	85	8		4	3	75%	5	\$1,800.00	\$1,076.07	\$11.75	\$723.93	Thank-you gift for Sany Orren deducted from proceeds
12/16/10	Energy from Onions	34	2	7	7	3	43%	1	\$755.00	\$568.32	\$14.45	\$186.68	
1/27/11	Financial Challenges Facing Utilities	67	5		3	1	33%	1	\$1,385.00	\$751.48	\$10.07	\$633.52	
2/24/11	Denver Water (tbd) -- Reuse Plan or Strontia	29	4		2		0%		\$600.00	\$404.86	\$11.31	\$195.14	
3/24/11	Radionuclides	35	4	1	3		0%	1	\$735.00	\$435.24	\$10.24	\$299.76	
4/28/11	Blower Energy Costs	31	3		2	1	50%	2	\$635.00	\$419.26	\$11.04	\$215.74	
5/25/11	Binney WTP Tour	31	1		4				\$625.00	\$456.85	\$12.25	\$168.15	
6/16/11	Mulberry WWTP - Fort Collins	23	3	5	2	2	100%	2	\$495.00	\$327.10	\$10.87	\$167.90	
	TU Fee for Spring 2011									\$50.00		(\$50.00)	
?	Planning Meeting												
	Season Total	335	30	13	27	10	37%	12	\$7,030.00	\$4,489.18		\$2,540.82	



RMSA WWA/RMWEA Joint Committee Report

Committee Name:	Joint Water For People	Committee Chair:	Emily Allen
Date of Report:	July 1, 2011	Board Liaison:	Mary Presecan
Next Committee Meeting: July 6, 2011			
Activities Since Last Report:			
<p>Monthly Committee Meeting – June 8 @ 6:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • De-brief : 2011 Rwanda Theme Dinner and Auction • Planning: 2012 Bolivia Theme Dinner – March 2, 2012 <p>CEO Dinner and CEO Pub Crawl – Held on June 24th and 25th</p>			
Upcoming Activities/Future Plans:			
<p>Fort Collins Sub-Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rocky Mountain Section will be adding a sub-committee in Fort Collins! We are working with Becca Austin and Laurie D’Audney, who live in Fort Collins, and are championing the group. <p>8th Annual Water For People Volunteer Leadership Workshop 2011 – July 14th and 15th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose: To learn more about Water For People, meet Water For People Staff, develop volunteer management skills, connect with one another and come home with great ideas for your committee. • Topics Include: International Programs and World Water Corps Updates, Key Messaging of Water For People, Fundraising and Special Events Exchange, Workplace Giving, Volunteer Leadership, and Networking • Five leaders of the Rocky Mountain Section will be attending the workshop. Three from the Denver committee, and two from the new Fort Collins sub-committee! <p>Upcoming Fundraisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14th Annual Golf Tournament – August 1 at Legacy Ridge. See attached registration form. • RMSAWWA/RMWEA Conference – Water For People Booth and Silent Auction • 2012 Bolivia Theme Dinner – March 2, 2012 			
Does your Committee require Board Action or Involvement? What is it and When?			
No, thank you.			
Are you Looking for Additional Committee Members? Or other Support?			
Always!			
<p>Don’t forget to update the online Calendar and your committee’s webpage. Send updates to rmsadmin@rmsawwa.net.</p>			



RMSAWWA/RMWEA Joint Committee Report

Committee Name:	Young Professionals	Committee Chairs:	Heidi Bauer & Mark Whitlatch
Date of Report:	July 1, 2011	Board Liaisons:	Will Raatz (RMWEA) & Jason Assouline (RMSAWWA)
Next Committee Meeting: July 15, 2011			
Activities Since Last Report:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMWYP Annual Picnic – June 5th, City Park • Posted descriptions of available RMWYP Committee positions. 			
Upcoming Activities/Future Plans:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MillerCoors tour – Need to reschedule • Save the Date: RMWYP’s third annual Outreach Activity at REI/Confluence Park on Saturday, August 20th from 9:30-noon. • Joint Tour with Biosolids Committee on July 27th at Erie • Planning Broncos Social and Joint Annual Conference Happy Hour 			
Does your Committee require Board Action or Involvement? What is it and When?			
<p>No nominations were received for the first annual “YP of the Year” Award by the deadline, so it has been extended. Please NOMINATE A YOUNG PROFESSIONAL through this link today! http://www.rmwea.org/rmwea/committees/YP/2011/yp_of_the_year2011b.html</p> <p>Nominate YPs for a position in the RMWYP Committee: http://www.rmsawwa.net/PDFs/RMWYP_Committee_Position_Descriptions.pdf</p> <p>Recruit YP Operators to YP Committee!</p>			
Are you Looking for Additional Committee Members? Or other Support?			
<p>We are also looking for YPs interested in getting involved in the RMYP Committee to start shadowing current Committee members.</p>			
<p>Don’t forget to update the online RMSAWWA Calendar and your committee’s webpage. Send updates to Barb Martin at rmsadmin@rmsawwa.net.</p>			

RMSAWWA 2010 Membership Forum

Bud Spillman – Cheyenne BOPU – bspillman@cheyennebopu.org

Chris Jones – Consolidated Mutual Water – cjones@cmwc.net

Lela Perkins – Black and Veatch - perkinsls@bv.com

Kris Bassett – Grand County WSS - GCWS3@RKYMTNAI.com

Trevor Giles – Town of Dillon – trevorg@townofdillon.com

Tom Manolis – City of Sheridan, Wyoming – tmanolis@sheridanwy.net

Emily Allen – Kennedy/Jenks – emilyallen@kennedyjenks.com

Paul Fanning – Board of Water Works of Pueblo – pfanning@pueblowater.org

1. What was your primary reason for joining AWWA?

- Publications and communications:
 - Book store discounts, online publications
 - Keep up to date on issues affecting the water industry (mostly regulatory)
 - One person wishes the standards were available online
- Training
 - Clearinghouse for training opportunities (sometimes difficult to find training and AWWA really helps)
 - Training materials (guides, online courses)
 - The utility membership is very valuable for utilities from a training perspective

Note: A number of folks commented on how valuable online training is to their employees especially given the economic climate. Operators enjoy the online courses and it is easy to get them to take the online courses.

- Volunteering
 - Two attendees said they joined because someone they worked with asked them to become a volunteer

2, 3. How can training be improved?

- Curriculum
 - Sometimes too limited and repetitive. AWWA could do a better job diversifying training. One person mentioned that they wanted a class on SCADA systems and could not get one developed but Rural Water made it happen
 - Good portion of training is relatively basic. Could use more advanced training, which they feel AWWA should be able to accomplish. New operators have a lot of training opportunities but advanced operators have a harder time
 - Managers want their crew to be well rounded and knowledgeable on advanced topics
 - Availability
 - The folks like the Section’s training opportunities. However, they are often too far away to utilize. They liked the old telecasts and the idea of more Section specific webcasts

- In general, folks outside of Denver wish there was more available to them
- Advertising training opportunities
 - Generally, advertising is really good
 - Could do better summarizing what the curriculum will be prior to training
- Publications
 - Most operations folks hate the AWWA Journal
 - More material should be devoted to operations (they love OpFlow)
 - Because of the lack of operation material, operators get less benefits

4. How can the Section get more operator involvement?

- Promote smaller volunteer roles so folks can be involved w/o significant time investment
 - Develop better guidance on ways folks could communicate remotely. One participant recently found out that Wyoming has a video conferencing facility. Section could put out a white paper on ways to connect with groups remotely.
 - Some participants thought that a more structured way to get operators together in different areas of the Section would be helpful
 - Participants felt that an online forum about water would be great. They were not opposed to social networking such as Facebook

5. If you had to pay for membership out of pocket, what are the critical things that would make it worthwhile?

- Online information (e.g., regulations, water quality)
- Place to find employment
- Membership discounts
- An organization that takes a position on issues and offers advice

6. Thoughts about member appreciation events

- Difficult to get to Denver
- Maybe have it at the Annual Conference
- Could do it for every region of the Section



RMSAWWA Committee Report

Committee Name:	TEAMS	Committee Chair:	Sylvia Rottman
Date of Report:	6/30/2011	Board Liaison:	
Next Committee Meeting:			
Activities Since Last Report:			
<p>Action Now Registration</p> <p>Action Now Administration</p> <p>Small meeting registrations and reporting: Taste & Odor, Small Water, Water Distribution</p> <p>Processing/refunding Leadville CC registrations as requested</p> <p>All Joint Conference registration forms now up on the RMSAWWA.net site</p> <p>Attended WWFOCB meeting to stay informed about in items related to “Get Into Water”.</p> <p>Attend the Operator Certification and Training Summit in Washington, D.C. at the request of WEF</p>			
Upcoming Activities/Future Plans:			
Begin researching and booking sites for ACTION NOW for 2012			
Does your Committee require Board Action or Involvement? What is it and When?			
Volunteer Needs:			
<p>Does your committee need volunteers? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> or No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is the need short-term? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is the need long-term? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please briefly describe the need?</p>			
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The year 2012 is a milestone for Colorado water. It started as a small celebration of the anniversaries of legislation and organizations that built the foundation for today's Colorado water management. The idea has since grown to be a statewide celebration of water, its uses and its value. In 2012, all corners of Colorado will host events that educate our citizens on water's history and basic science, create awareness of current issues, highlight careers in water, create avenues for greater volunteerism and grow Colorado's culture of stewardship.

There are currently over 120 individuals involved in planning activities for 2012. They represent state and local governments, water providers, nonprofits, artists and interested community members. All are interested in hosting individual events within their organizations and communities. There is also a desire for the coordination of statewide events such as a media campaign, traveling displays, a symposium, K-12 activities, library reading programs, higher education events and much, much more.

A successful Year of Water in 2012 will raise awareness of Colorado water as a valuable, limited resource; increase support for efforts to manage and protect Colorado's water; create new opportunities for Coloradans to learn about and get involved in water resource issues; and set the stage for a sustained awareness campaign on the value of Colorado water beyond 2012.

Help celebrate Colorado water in 2012. There are many ways to be involved. Use the Water 2012 logo in your organization's promotions and events in 2012. Sign up for the email list to be notified of meetings and happenings. Check out the Water 2012 page at www.cfwe.org/2012 to read minutes of past meetings or see discussions at the forum. Join a subcommittee that is already planning statewide activities, or if you don't see one that interests you, start your own and recruit people to join you. You can also plan your own local activities.

For more information or to be added to the mailing list, contact the Colorado Foundation for Water Education at info@cfwe.org or 303-377-4433.

Planned 2012 Activities to Celebrate Colorado's Water

CFWE's Efforts

Through Water 2012, CFWE will:

1. **Increase the accessibility of its programs to engage more individuals with low water literacy**
 - Develop audio, video or web-based learning tools based on CFWE Citizen's Guides
 - Create an issue of *Headwaters* that contains basic water information for new audiences
 - Increase volunteerism in water organizations statewide
 - Create an interactive, web-based water IQ quiz
 - Provide CFWE content for a Water 2012 website with basic water information
2. **Use its reputation as content experts to advance a unified statewide water education infrastructure**
 - Coordinate and fundraise for Water 2012 planning and implementation
 - Create basic water presentations based on Citizen's Guide content for use by trained speakers
 - Create the infrastructure for a Colorado Water Wiki
 - Host 2012 training workshops on assessing the needs of water educators and creating mechanisms for them to succeed
3. **Increase interest in CFWE and identify and create new avenues of financial support**
 - Implement recommendations from FY2011 marketing plan for Water 2012
 - Seek grants/sponsorships specific to Water 2012 activities
 - Act as central repository for registration and attendance data and create strategy to follow up
 - Host special fundraising events in 2012

Other Statewide Efforts in the works (not comprehensive)

- **K-12**
 - Coordination of all Children's Water Festivals with a common theme and activities
 - A Rain Gauge in Every School through CoCoRaHS
 - YouTube competition
 - "Talk to a scientist" webinars
- **Universities**
 - One-day symposium focused on Colorado university programs on water
 - Professional networking events
 - Development of a water-focused scholarship
- **Library & Museums**
 - Traveling displays on water topics to public libraries and local museums
 - Author programs at Colorado bookstores like Tattered Cover
 - Summer reading program with a water theme for all ages
- **Speakers Bureau**
 - Create list of volunteers and arm them with a basic water presentation to be given to groups across Colorado
- **Website**
 - host calendar of all events and basic water information
 - host region-specific basic water information
 - host RSS feeds of water news
 - Integrate social media
- **Set stage for "Colorado Water" awareness campaign to communicate the value of water**
- **Governor's proclamation of 2012 as the "Year of Water" in Colorado**

Raising Awareness in 2012: A Statewide Celebration of Colorado Water

1) CFWE Background

Statewide nonprofit whose mission is to promote better understanding of Colorado's water resources and issues by providing balanced and accurate information and education. Non-advocacy and no lobbying. Main programs are publications (HW and CG), leadership training, tours, conferences and workshops. 22-member Board of Directors, of which Alan Hamel is one. Work closely with water providers and managers in Colorado to create effective water education programs that raise awareness of all water issues, from water quality to law to infrastructure to the environment.

CFWE is also involved in the Roundtable process through our work coordinating the PEPO. We are familiar with the goals and activities of the IBCC and Roundtables, and we know that the roundtables' work educating the stakeholders about water issues helps us accomplish our mission. I would like to say thank you for your service.

We often act as a central information hub on water education activities across Colorado. We connect people working in similar areas or needing advice on a project. We encourage people to learn from each other and collaborate to increase their effectiveness. This role has put us smack in the middle of the Year of Water 2012 activities, which is why I am here today.

2) Water 2012 Background

2012 is the 75th anniversary of CWCB, NW, CRWCD, the Conservancy Dist Act, as well as the 50th of Southeastern Conservancy District. A year ago, Chris Treese of the Colorado River District came to me to ask if CFWE would be interested in helping expand the idea beyond a few organizational anniversary celebrations to something bigger. We took on the challenge, and today we have over 90 people who have committed to helping with the effort.

The Year of Water 2012 is lead by CFWE, but we are by no means in charge. Over a dozen organizations have contributed financially to get the effort started, and many others take time to serve on subcommittees working to create library programs, traveling displays, a speaker's bureau, an awareness campaign, internet resources and their own local events. A successful Year of Water will:

- Raise awareness of Colorado water as a valuable, limited resource in 2012 through educational events and "celebrations" at the statewide and local level;
- Increase support for efforts to manage and protect Colorado's water by raising the visibility of Colorado organizations working in this area and the challenges they face;
- Create new opportunities for citizens to learn about local water supplies and become involved in decisions relating to their water.

In short, a successful Year of Water in 2012 will allow all of the people and resources within the Colorado water community to come together to celebrate, educate and involve the wider population in our work. While we can continue to do this separately, a unified voice statewide will be much more effective.

We plan to hire a ½ time person to coordinate Water 2012 activities in March. A job announcement will go out in early February. We are also creating a Management Team to act as an informal Board of Directors for the effort to advise the coordinator and help with implementation planning.

3) Basics

a) Financial

We are in process for an \$87,000 grant from CWCB and will find out in March. We have raised over \$26,000 in cash to support a coordinator position and other Water 2012 goals and additional contributions continue to come in. There are also various smaller grants outstanding such as a request to the Excel Energy Foundation to fund creation of a series of traveling displays to send to libraries and museums statewide.

1) The coordinator will provide administrative support such as holding meetings around Colorado, basic financial oversight (though CFWE's accounting staff will provide most of this), reporting to the Management Team, etc.

2)The coordinator will provide assistance in implementing local Water 2012 events. I am committing that there will be at least 5 local events within the Platte/Republican/North Platte, Colorado, Arkansas, Dolores/Animas/San Juan, Yampa/White in 2012. These local events may be one-day public symposiums, on-going K-12 activities, river clean up days, basin roundtable activities or anything else local partners want to accomplish. The coordinator will help plan the events, provide assistance with marketing, and be there to ensure it runs smoothly.

3)The coordinator will manage all Internal and External Communications, including writing press releases, going to trade shows and conventions to raise awareness, and other great ideas they will have.

4) The coordinator will fundraise for Water 2012 from both inside and outside the water community. These funds will help support the coordinator's duties beyond what has already been raised, assist in the planning and implementation of events across Colorado, and help raise awareness of Water 2012 within the general public. If funds are raised beyond the basic needs of Water 2012, the Management Team will decide how to allocate them. One idea is to create a pool of grant funds that local groups can use to host Water 2012 events across Colorado.

b) Benefits of Water 2012 to the Colorado Water Community

- Water 2012 will give water organizations a coordinated set of local events they can use to educate local audiences about their work, and engage stakeholders in issues important to them. For example, the traveling Water 2012 display on the history and management of water could visit a community's public library. The Storm Water Council could use this opportunity to offer presentations and resources at the library on water quality protection, nonpoint source pollution, etc. Coordinated implementation of Water 2012 will offer multiple opportunities for organizations to educate the public on their work.
- The Year of Water will promote cooperation and collaboration among all water users as well as between local, regional and statewide entities. We can transcend traditional boundaries of rural/urban, development/conservation or consumptive/non-consumptive and instead come together as managers and stewards of water in this headwaters state and take seriously our responsibility to educate ourselves and take pride in how we manage and use our water. Water 2012 will allow us to set aside traditional dividing lines to celebrate the work we do in protecting and managing Colorado's water, which strengthens the collaborative spirit of the roundtable process.
- Water 2012 will give increased attention and visibility to water resource issues. By effectively harnessing the increased attention that Water 2012 will bring to water, water organizations will be much more likely to accomplish their goals of engaging stakeholders in decision-making processes.
- It will create an environment receptive to supporting the strategies needed to solve Colorado's water supply and quality problems. The general public is ultimately the arbiter of investments in Colorado's water through their ability to vote for local and state officials and to approve (or disapprove) bond measures and tax increases.

Water 2012 will raise the general public's awareness that clean and abundant water is vital to the livelihoods of all Colorado citizens. By coordinating events that foster the idea that water is valuable to Colorado, Water 2012 will heighten awareness that Colorado water is valuable and that we are all responsible for ensuring proper resources are available for its management and planning.

4) How can you get involved?

- Get on the email list
- Go to meetings
- Participate on a subcommittee
- Start your own event planning
- Financially contribute to the effort

Right now funds are being collected generally to support the coordinator position and a number of basic deliverables like outreach materials, traveling displays, etc. Once the coordinator and Management Team have a better handle on specific activities to implement, fundraising for those smaller pieces will commence.



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- **Discounts for Promotional Opportunities**
 - Significant member discounts are available to exhibit at AWWA conferences and purchase sponsorships. All of your employees receive discounts to register for events.
- **Member Logo to Show Support**
 - The AWWA Member Logo may be displayed on company promotional materials – a benefit exclusive to Service Providers.
- **Sourcebook Advertising**
 - When utility managers across the country need products and services, they turn to the AWWA Sourcebook. Receive 10 free listings, a \$900 value, in this important resource, which is mailed free of charge to AWWA members and distributed at major water conferences.
- **Section Membership**
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AWWA Government Affairs Works on Behalf of the Water Community

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- **Infrastructure:** AWWA has successfully championed increased resources for State Revolving Funds and the Economic Stimulus Package.
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AWWA is constantly working in Washington, D.C., on behalf of its utility members. This work is made possible by the utilities that support AWWA.

- **Advisories**
 - AWWA keeps you informed with Regulatory Alerts and Public Affairs Advisories, which provide the latest information on proposed legislative or regulatory actions. These advisories prepare utility members to respond to inquiries from customers and the media.
- **Only Tap Water Delivers**
 - Utility members gain tremendous value from Only Tap Water Delivers, the grassroots campaign that communicates the importance of tap water service and the need to reinvest in infrastructure. AWWA frequently adds new campaign elements, so Only Tap Water Delivers is always fresh.
- **Assistance**
 - AWWA can provide direction and assistance for specific issues facing your utility. Contact AWWA for government affairs and public affairs assistance.

AWWA Government Affairs Efforts Save Utilities Time and Money

Regulatory Efforts

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- **Disinfection By-products**
 - AWWA helped persuade USEPA to adopt the drinking water standard for disinfection by-products that's based on a Location Running Annual Average instead of a single sample.
- **Total Coliform Rule**
 - AWWA took an active role in recent changes to the Total Coliform Rule that eliminates costly and alarming public notification requirements in cases where there is no immediate public health threat.
- **Arsenic**
 - AWWA's analysis of costs and benefits helped persuade USEPA to rethink the arsenic standard of 5 ppb and instead adopt the 10 ppb standard.

Legislative Efforts

AWWA's efforts on the Hill make laws better for water utilities.

- **Chlorine Gas**
 - Currently, AWWA is fighting a proposal that allows USEPA to order utilities to change their disinfectant chemicals from chlorine gas to sodium hypochlorite.
- **Bioterrorism Act**
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Security

- AWWA helped persuade USEPA and others to take information, such as precise coordinates of water intakes and treatment plants, out of the public domain.
- In addition, efforts also gave utilities the ability to protect their vulnerability assessments from public disclosure.

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Resources, Studies, and Reports Available to Utilities

AWWA supports research efforts and develops reports to help you tackle the issues of top concern. These are the only publications of their kind, prepared by utilities for utilities on issues of foremost importance to utilities.

- **Avoiding Rate Shock**
 - Reference when considering a rate increase at your utility.
- **Dawn of the Replacement Era**
 - Includes facts, talking points, and a PowerPoint presentation.
- **Water Infrastructure at a Turning Point**
 - Reference when you need to discuss asset management with your customers or your governing board.
- **Water and Wastewater Rate Survey**
 - Published every two years, the comprehensive survey of water and wastewater utilities provides rate data for more than 300 utilities. If your utility participates, you get access to the results at no charge.
- **Water Utility Compensation Survey**
 - In these difficult economic times, workforce compensation is a significant challenge. Is your utility paying market value salaries? Find out in this valuable study covering salaries for 45 utility positions.
- **Safety Talks**
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