

# NEW ENGLAND WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

## With All Committee Chairs Sunday, January 22, 2017, 12:00 PM

Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel, Boston, MA

- I. Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum Introductions and Welcome President, Ray Willis
- II. Approval of the Agenda President, Ray Willis
- III. Approval of the Minutes and Announcement of Notices President, Ray Willis
  - A. Minutes November 16, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting
  - B. Business Meeting January 23, 2017, 8:00 AM
- IV. Key Officers Report
  - A. President Elect (2016 Planning Summary and SMT Report) Jim Barsanti
  - B. Vice President Janine Burke-Wells
  - C. Past President Matt Formica
  - D. WEF Delegates Dan Bisson/Susan Sullivan/Fred McNeil
  - E. Treasurer Priscilla Bloomfield
  - F. Secretary Ray Willis to report
  - G. State Directors

Connecticut – Jay Sheehan Maine – Mac Richardson Massachusetts – Mike Moreau New Hampshire – Sean Greig Rhode Island – Mike Spring Vermont – Nathan Lavallee

- H. Executive Director Mary Barry
- V. Council Directors and Committee Reports
  - A. Ad Hoc Committee Council Janine Burke-Wells, Vice President

Voluntary Certification TF – Tom Groves State Director Council – Janine Burke-Wells

B. Collection Systems and Water Resources Council - Virgil Lloyd, Director

Collection Systems – John Digiacomo Sustainability – Courtney Eaton/Rob

CS Certification – Greg Kidd Montenegro

CSO/Wet Weather Issues – Ivonne Hall Water Reuse – Nick Ellis

Industrial Wastewater – Sarah White Watershed Management – Phil Forzley

Stormwater – David Bedoya/Vinta Varghese

C. <u>Communications Council</u> – Jenn Lachmayr, Director

Journal – Joe Boccadoro

Public Awareness – Kate Biedron/Meg Tabacsko

Media Relations – TBD

Website – Rob Musci

Newsletter – Ashley Dunn

D. Management Review Council – Matt Formica, Past President

Assessment & Development – Charlie Tyler Nominating – Mike Bonomo

Awards – Chuck Applebee Sponsor Committee – Dennis Vigliotte

Committee Member Appreciation – Dan Roop

Bylaws - Doug Miller



E. Meeting Management Council – Elena Proakis Ellis, Director

Conference Arrangements – Ron Tiberi

Exhibits - Paul P. Casey

Manufacturers' Rep – Jim DeLuca

Program – Helen Gordon Registration – Kerry Reed

F. Public Outreach Council – Jonathan Kunay, Director

Government Affairs - Peter Grose

Humanitarian Assist & Grants - Tim Vivian

Membership – Dave Archard Public Education – Geri Ciardelli Safety Committee – Dave Aucoin Scholarships Committee – Udayarka Karra Student Activities – Annalisa Onnis-Hayden Water for People – Anastasia Rudenko Young Professionals – Justin Skelly

G. Treatment, Systems Operations, and Management Council - Marylee Santoro, Director

Asset Management – John Rogers Energy – Denise Breiteneicher Lab Practices – Jim Galasyn Microconstituents – Justin Irving

Operations Challenge - Mike Burke

Plant Operations – Ray Vermette Residuals Mgmt. – Elaine Sistare Small Community – Dan Ottenheimer Utility Management – Brian Armet

#### VI. Action Items

A. FY16 Q4 Report - Pricilla Bloomfield

#### VII. Items for Discussion

A. NEWEA/NEWWA Partnership - Mike Wilson, Exploratory Committee Member

#### VIII. Information Items - FY2017 - FY 2018

- A. Status FY2017 Annual Conference Boston Marriott (January 22 25, 2017) Elena Proakis Ellis
- B. Status FY2017 EPA NEWEA/NEWWA Effective Utility Management Webinar (February 28, 2017) Brian Armet
- C. Status FY2017 Washington DC Fly-In (March 21 22, 2017) Peter Grose
- D. Status FY2017 ECM Executive Committee Meeting with all Chairs NEWWA Tradeshow, Worcester, MA (April 5, 2017) Jim Barsanti
- E. Status FY2017 Collection Systems and Sustainability Conference (May 1, 2017) Rob Montenegro
- F. Status FY2017 Watershed Mgmt. Conference Utility Resiliency (July 12, 2017) Jennifer Jones
- G. Status FY2017 Asset Management and Energy (September 13, 2017) John Rogers
- H. Status FY2018 Golf Benefit Fund Raiser (October 2017) Mary Barry
- I. Status FY2018 North East Residuals & Biosolids Conference (TBD) Elaine Sistare
- J. Status FY2019 CSO/Wet Weather Conference (October 29, 2018) Ivonne Hall

## IX. Adjournment



## NEW ENGLAND WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

#### **Minutes**

Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 9:30 AM
AECOM Office, Training Room, 250 Apollo Drive, Chelmsford, MA 01824

These minutes reflect all motions, action items and significant discussions or oral updates from submitted electronic reports, which are on file at the NEWEA Office. For the sake of brevity, items in written reports are not always repeated. All motions as distributed with the agenda are also signed by appropriate officers and filed at the NEWEA

I. Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum – Introductions and Welcome – President, Ray Willis

#### In Attendance:

Mary Barry, Jim Barsanti, Kate Biedron, Priscilla Bloomfield, Janine Burke-Wells, Justin deMello, Matt Formica, Anthony Giovannone, Peter Grose, Jonathan Kunay, Jennifer Lachmayr, Fred McNeill, Gerald Potamis, Elena Proakis Ellis, Mac Richardson, Susan Sullivan, Meg Tabacsko, Ray Willis, Mike Wilson by phone

- II. Approval of modified agenda listing update WEF delegates. Passed by unanimous consent.
- III. Approval of the Minutes; September 21, 2016 ECM. Passed by unanimous consent.
- IV. Key Officer Reports:
  - A. President Elect: 2016 Planning, Next Steps and SMT Report: The visit to URI and UVM were very successful. A key to establishing student NEWEA Chapters is recruiting a faculty advisor due to other academic requirements or simply coordinating visits with alumni contacts. Using a recruitment fair at the AC, State Association Conferences, or University career days are alternatives to increase student awareness of NEWEA.
  - B. WEF Delegates: WEF is focused at the National level and several important issues to NEWEA like SRF funding allocation for the EPA Regions must be advocated by the local professional organizations. Our Region does not have key legislators on appropriate funding committees.
  - C. State Directors:
    - Maine 25 Past Presidents attended a recent meeting held in their honor
    - Massachusetts Revitalizing visits to vocational schools and planning a joint meeting with MWWA
    - New Hampshire The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gala is planned for June 23, 2017 and 30 Past Presidents attended a recent dinner meeting in their honor
    - Vermont Fall Trade Show combined water and wastewater sessions and had over 400 in attendance
  - D Executive Director: Innovations Pavilion planned for AC.
- V. Council Directors and Committee Reports
  - A. Meeting Management Council:
    - 33 Technical Sessions, 191 Booths & YP Summit planned for AC. Still working on Key Note Speaker
  - B. Communications Council:

Public Awareness – Provided excellent PowerPoint slide overview of Water Champions Campaign and Ad Campaign. Need to investigate propriety of modifying poster to add logos for use in recognizing other sponsors

- C. Management Review Council Matt Formica (Past President)
  - Assessment & Development Charlie Tyler (absent but sent report and action items)

#### VI. Action Items

A. Motion: The NEWEA Assessment and Development Committee recommends that the Executive Committee accept the proposed Organizational Manual changes (as requested by the Executive Committee based on 2016 Planning Session discussions) as indicated below, Motion Passed unanimously, and changes will be incorporated into the NEWEA Organizational Manual for a final update approval vote at the next Executive Committee Meeting):

Each standing committee description, as appropriate, shall have the following language added to its charge in order to promote student and public outreach activities within the organization. These activities shall be included as a consideration in the triennial review of the committees.

- Under Specific Duties:
  - To participate in a least one existing or new student (of any age group) and/or public outreach activity (e.g., a presentation at a school classroom, a participating visit at a student chapter meeting, presenting before a community service club meeting) each year to promote academic and public awareness of technical challenges and occupational opportunities in the water and wastewater community.
- Under Tasks: Participate in a minimum of one existing or new student (of any age group) and/or public outreach activity (e.g., a presentation at a school classroom, a participating visit at a student chapter meeting, presenting before a community service club meeting) each year to promote academic
  - and public awareness of technical challenges and occupational opportunities in the water and wastewater community.
- B. Motion: The NEWEA Assessment and Development Committee recommends that the Executive Committee accept the proposed Organizational Manual Secretarial Duties language changes indicated below: Motion Passed unanimously

With the anticipated bylaws change removing the position of Secretary at the 2017 Business Meeting, the section of the Organizational Manual that now lists Secretary Duties shall be replaced by the following:

## **Executive Director Secretarial Duties**

- 1. The Executive Director or a staff designee shall serve as the recording secretary for meetings of the Executive Committee, and shall be responsible for recording, finalizing and distributing minutes of all Executive Committee meetings and the Annual Business Meeting.
- 2. Draft minutes of Executive Committee meetings should be produced as soon as possible after a meeting, but no later than 30 days prior to any subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee so that members may review and offer informed comments to the minutes prior to their formal approval.
- 3. Final minutes will be approved at a subsequent Executive Committee meeting and will reflect all motions, action items and significant discussion items. Minutes do not need to reflect items submitted in electronic reports.
- 4. Approved minutes along with agenda and all meeting reports material will be filed electronically and available on the NEWEA web page.
- C. Motion: Changes to the Utility Management Committee, in order to retain some essential functions of the previously discontinued ad hoc Utility Council, as underlined below: Motion Passed unanimously

Under Overall Charge:

5. To serve as a management resource for the wastewater, storm water and drinking water industries, professionally and responsibly promoting environmental protection and compliance through support of legislation and regulations.

#### Under Membership:

The committee should consist of members from each state to reflect regional issues. Leaders of
major utilities and <u>municipal managers</u> should be encouraged to become active members, but
membership is not limited. The Chair shall be appointed by the President.

#### **Under Specific Duties:**

4. To provide a forum for the exchange of information on utility management and for the betterment of the wastewater, storm water and drinking water industries.

#### **Under Tasks:**

- 8. Through communications with utility managers, determine major utility issues, determine actions and resolution paths for helping to resolve them.
- 9. <u>Provide a means for electronic solicitation and discussion of current utility management issues</u> through blogging or other methods available on the NEWEA web site.
- D. Motion: The NEWEA Finance Committee recommends that the Executive Committee accept the proposed amended 2017 budget as described in the distributed attachment: **Motion Passed unanimously**

#### Discussion

- The amended budget reflects a revised Total Income of \$1,024,785.00 with a Net Ordinary Income of \$7,577.26
- The previous approved budget projected an estimated negative balance \$422.74
- The revised income resulted from an agreement to provided administrative management services to CAWPCA Management by NEWEA staff time up to an amount of up to \$8000 not including overhead.

#### VII. Items for Discussion

- A. Regulator membership roll-out Planning a recruiting effort to increase regulator attendance at AC and possibly committee meetings
- B. GAC Legislative Events More infrastructure funding being proposed by new Federal Executive Administration while other regulatory issues are uncertain. The next fly-in should be very interesting. It is important to get at least one elected official from each state to attend since they facilitate access to our Legislators.
- C. YP Summit at AC This is a recommendation from the March Planning Session with the goal opportunities for YP networking, professional development, meeting with industrial leaders, and general mentoring. This will be held on Sunday as a means to kick off AC from the YP perspective.
- D. NEWEA/NEWWA Partnership Meeting planned after Thanksgiving and a sub-committee has been established.
- E. YP Presentations at Conferences These will be integrated with appropriate technical sessions, rather than scheduled as a separate session.
- F. Information Items FY16 and FY17 These items were referenced but not discussed
  - a. Report 2016 Golf Benefit Fund Raiser (October 3, 2016) 144 golfers
  - b. Report 2016 Water for People Softball Tournament (October 15, 2016) Anastasia Rudenko
  - c. Report 2016 North East Residuals & Biosolids Conference (October 12-13, 2016) Elaine Sistare
  - d. Report 2016 POO & Brew Networking RI, NBC, RI (Field's Point WWTF and Foolproof Brewery) Justin Skelly/Ben Stoddard
  - e. Report 2016 POO & Brew Networking VT, Burlington VT (November 9, 2016) Justin Skelly/Chris Cox
  - f. Status 2017 Annual Conference Boston Marriott (January 22 25, 2017) Elena Proakis Ellis
  - g. Status 2017 Washington DC Fly In (March 20 24, 2017) Peter Grose

- h. Status 2017 ECM Executive Committee Meeting with all Chairs NEWWA Tradeshow, Worcester, MA (April 5, 2017) Jim Barsanti
- . Status 2017 Collection Systems and Sustainability Conference (May 2017) Rob Montenegro
- j. Status 2017 Watershed Mgmt. Conference Utility Resiliency (May 2017) Jennifer Jones
- k. Status 2017 Asset Management and Energy (September 2017) John Rogers

VIII. Adjournment

Respectively Submitted

Gerald C Potamis Secretary



Subject: Committee/Officer Report Submission

Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 at 8:33:54 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Raymond Willis
To: laustin@newea.org

Category: SMT, Executive Committee, Finance Committee

#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

President

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Attended the November ECM, participated in monthly SMT calls, attended NEWEA Government Affairs Committee, and participated in planning activities for the 2017 Annual Conference. Also, met with MassDEP to introduce leadership to the new NEWEA Regulatory Membership Category.

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

See above

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

See below.

#### Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

I will be undertaking roles associated with Past President and Council Director for the Management Review Council after the Annual Conference. Also, will be initiating a review of the Spring Meeting as proposed during the 2015 Planning Session.

## **General Comments**

- 1. I wish to thank the members of the SMT, the NEWEA Staff, the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs for their efforts this year. NEWEA had an outstanding year and it was because of all of you!!
- 2. I look forward to taking on the new roll as Past President. I will do my best to keep up the witty "General Comments" section of the office report that my predecessor has provided throughout the past year.
- 3. I know that our members, as well as water quality professionals throughout the country, are very concerned about the transition of power to the new President. To alleviate your concerns, I wish to state that the President Willis and President-Elect Barsanti transition teams have been working together in harmony to ensure a smooth transition of power on January 25, 2017. President-Elect Barsanti continues to say that during his administration "We are going to do wonderful things! The next year is going to be so special! It's going to be great, fantastic!" Let's hope :-)

#### Report Submitted by

Raymond Willis

## Submitter's Email

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#### **Date Submitted**

01/20/2017

Subject: Committee/Officer Report Submission

Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 9:29:56 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Jim Barsanti

**To:** laustin@newea.org

#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

President Elect

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

My activities since my last report included attendance at the GMWEA Fall Tradeshow, the Young Professionals Poo and Brew in Burlington, and participating in a student outreach event at the University of Vermont. My other activities include ongoing planning with the SMT for various activities and events for the 2017 Annual Conference.

#### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

In addition to our monthly Senior Management Team Conference calls, I participated in conference calls with the Young Professionals Committee to plan for the YP Summit, the Program Committee to plan the technical sessions for the AC, the Journal Committee for the winter edition, and the Membership Committee to finalize the Regulators program.

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

I am in the process of contacting existing and new committee chairs to confirm our committee chair roster for 2017.

## Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

I participated in the Government Affairs Committee's meeting held at the NEWEA office in December to kickoff our planning for the Washington DC Flyin and our 2017 ASA legislative event calendar.

#### **General Comments**

Another turning point, a fork stuck in the road. Time grabs you by the wrist, directs you where to go. So make the best of this test, and don't ask why. It's not a question, but a lesson learned in time.

#### Report Submitted by

Jim Barsanti

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#### **Date Submitted**

01/03/2017

Subject: Committee/Officer Report Submission

Date: Monday, January 9, 2017 at 12:26:57 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Janine Burke-Wells
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**Category:** State Directors

#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Vice President

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Participated in monthly Senior Management Team conference calls. Participated in the initial group meeting with the New England Water Works Association exploring possibilities for collaboration.

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Led a conference call for State Directors and State Association Presidents on December 6th and prepared meeting minutes.

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

Coordinating the completion of efforts (from the 2014 Planning Session) by the Lab Certification Task Force to make improvements to the administration of the voluntary laboratory professional certification program. A meeting is planned for Monday, January 23rd at 1 PM at the annual conference.

## Report Submitted by

Janine Burke-Wells

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#### **Date Submitted**

01/09/2017

**Subject:** Committee/Officer Report Submission

Date: Friday, January 6, 2017 at 3:30:21 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Matt Formica

To: laustin@newea.org

Category: SMT

## **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Past President

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Continue to work with the four workgroups on the NEWEA long term planning effort. Working to finalize the workgroup efforts to include in a draft long term plan for SMT and ECM distribution in the next few months.

Participated in SMT calls.

Working with Mary to complete the NEWEA staff annual reviews.

#### **General Comments**

I plan to closely monitor and evaluate the leadership parallels (if any) between President Elect Barsanti and President Elect Trump.

#### Report Submitted by

Matt Formica

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#### **Date Submitted**

01/06/2017

Subject: Committee/Officer Report Submission

Date: Friday, January 6, 2017 at 7:02:13 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Priscilla Bloomfield

To: laustin@newea.org

## **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

## Name of Committee or Office

Treasurer

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Developed presentation for New Chair Orientation at the AC about committee budgets.

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Participated in SMT calls. Had a call with Merrill Lynch to discuss the status of NEWEA's investments.

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

Finance Committee to review Humanitarian Assistance Grant criteria.

## **Report Submitted by**

Priscilla Bloomfield

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## **Date Submitted**

01/06/2017

Subject: Committee/Officer Report Submission

**Date:** Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 2:29:12 PM Eastern Standard Time

**From:** Jay Sheehan

To: laustin@newea.org

Category: Government Affairs Committee, Executive Committee, State Directors

#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Connecticut State Director

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

#### **CWPAA**

- o Appointed 1 new member to the CWPAA Board of Director's (Serdar Umar GA Fleet)
- o Formed a Bylaw Review Subcommittee and a Nomination Subcommittee
- Proposed new legislation for Continuing Education Requirements for Wastewater Operators CAWPCA
- o Will support (co-finance) Stockholm Junior Water Prize and publicize their involvement
- o Membership is now free for all CT WPCA members. Associate Membership is \$100.
- o Formed a Bylaw Review subcommittee
- Set tentative presentation topics for Spring Workshop. Topics to include CWF, onsite treatment, regionalization, stormwater

Other

 The Legislative Subcommittee has decided to do two days of Legislative visits/appointments and a Legislative Reception instead of a Legislative Breakfast. The team is optimistic this will be more effective than the breakfasts of the past.

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

## **CWPAA**

- o Board Meeting (11/10/16)
- o Fall Manager's Forum with NEIWPCC (11/17/16)
- Meeting with CT State Representative for Bill sponsorship (12/5/16)
- Board Meeting (12/8/16)
- Board Meeting (1/12/17)

**CAWPCA** 

Board Meeting (12/16/16)

Other

CT Legislative Planning Meeting (1/13/17)

#### **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

Known dates for 2017:

- o January 22-25 NEWEA Annual Meeting at the Marriott-Copley in Boston, MA
- February 15th & 22nd CT Legislative visits at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford, CT
- o February 10th CWPAA Ski Classic at Stratton Mountain, VT
- o March 21 & 22 NEWEA Congressional Briefing & Fly-in, Washington, DC
- April 27th CWPAA Annual Meeting & Tradeshow, New Life Church, Wallingford, CT
- o May CAWPCA Spring Meeting at the Marriott-Courtyard in Cromwell, CT
- o May 18th CWPAA Wastewater Appreciation Day Social Event
- May 20th Connecticut Wastewater Appreciation Day
- o May/June Legislative Reception to be held in Hartford, CT
- Spring Plant Tour (TBD)
- June 4 7th NEWEA Spring Meeting in Falmouth, MA
- o June 17th CWPAA Sewer Open, Skunkamaug CC in Coventry, CT
- June/July CWPAA Scholarship Awards
- September Plant Tour (TBD)

- o September 23 & 24 20th Annual Source to the Sea Cleanup (Connecticut River)
- o October/November CWPAA Operator Exchange
- o October/November CWPAA/NEIWPCC Fall Mangers Forum at MDC Training Facility in Hartford, CT

## Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

- o CWPAA is looking at new membership models. Mike Bisi will speak with Mary Barry about this.
- CWPAA continues to support Greater New Haven WPCA on getting CT Ops Challenge Team. Need coaches and others from NEWEA with Ops Challenge experience to visit New Haven and share knowledge.

#### **General Comments**

- The CT Associations have gotten a bill for Operator Continuing Education sponsored. This is a huge step forward for the groups as this is the first legislative action undertaken!
- · CAWPCA continues to collaborate with NEWEA for administrative duties. It has been a terrific experience for CAWPCA thus far. Thank you NEWEA!
- · I enjoyed my 3 years as Connecticut State Director and our teams have made tremendous progress over this time. Best wishes to Virgil Lloyd as takes over as incoming Director.

## Report Submitted by

Jay Sheehan

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#### **Date Submitted**

01/17/2017

Subject: Committee/Officer Report Submission

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 9:34:01 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Mac Richardson

To: laustin@newea.org

#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

maine State Director

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Matt Timberlake has assumed the reigns of power as our 2017 President. We are grateful for the service of Scott Firmin who is feeling a bit more relaxed now that his year as head honcho is done. Tim Haskell, our government affairs chair has been busy networking with other maine associations (Maine Water Utilities, Maine Rural Water Association, Associated General Contractors, etc) to build a coalition to support the upcoming clean water and drinking water infrastructure bond that Governor LePage actually says he supports!

#### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Executive Committee meeting was held on December 16 at MMA in Augusta which included a holiday lunch. We will have another executive committee meeting before the NEWEA AC It will be held in Livermore Falls, Maine in an effort to get out around our state a bit more.

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

We are still working with the friends of Casco Bay and others on Ocean acidification and other topics. Unfortunately the Friends of Casco Bay volunteer appreciation day is during our AC, but the announcement post card sported a picture of your truly wearing a NEWEA hat and taking a grab sample for nitrogen.

#### Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

- 1. Plans are underway for the MWUA annual conference -- MEWEA sponsors a training "track" at that conference and as been cooperating with MWUA for the last few years on that event (a win/win for both associations).
- 2. Plans are getting set for our Legislative breakfast which will be March 9 at the Senator Inn in Augusta. We have confirmed that our DEP commissioner, Paul Mercer is going to speak at the event. We are still working on trying to get a media person (TV or newspaper) to speak as well.
- 3. the Young Professionals Committee is sponsoring a family skating day at the rink at Thompson's point in Portland on Friday January 27 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The Association pays for ice time after skate drinks are on you!
- 4. We are working with NHWPCA to put together this year's joint ski day. This year in honor of the NHWPCA 50th anniversary it will be held at Attitash in Bartlett, NH on Friday march 24th. It is a great deal. ski tickets are just \$50 for the day and include morning coffee, lunch and one apres' ski beverage (with munchies and appetisers) There are sponsorship opportunities available, and special discount tickets for the Saturday and Sunday. If you have not participated and you ski, you owe it to yourself -- and birng the family they get the deal too!

#### Report Submitted by

Mac Richardson

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Subject: Committee/Officer Report Submission

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 9:07:54 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Sean Greig

To: laustin@newea.org

#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

**NH State Director** 

#### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

The NHWPCA had its winter meeting in December had its elections of officers. Kevin Maclean from Hanover NH will be the NHWPA's president for 2017. Kevin looks forward for 2017 because it is the NHWPCA's 50 anniversary.

January 13, 2017, the NHWPCA Board of Directors had it first meeting of the year. The Board worked on its 2017 budget and plans to approve it at its February meeting.

Following the Board of Directors meeting, the 50th Anniversary Committee had a meeting to continue planning for the events that will take place this year.

#### **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

There was discussion on whether to eliminate the NHWPCA's Permit Committee. The Board of Directors decided to have the Permit Committee make recommendations to the BOD before any decisions are made.

Each Board of Director Liaison was asked the progress of the following events:

NHWPCA Legislation Breakfast March 8, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Concord NH;

NHWPCA/NHWPCA National Water Policy Fly-in on March 20-22, 2017;

NHWPCA and MEWEA Ski Day Friday March 24, 2017 at Attitash Mountain Resort in Bartlett NH;

NHWPCA Trade Fair April 6, 2017 at the Executive Court Banquet Facility in Manchester NH

The Directors indicated that the events were on track.

## **Report Submitted by**

Sean Greig

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#### **Date Submitted**

01/18/2017

Subject: Committee/Officer Report Submission

Date: Friday, January 6, 2017 at 8:18:07 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Michael Spring

To: laustin@newea.org

Category: Executive Committee, State Directors

#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

State Director, Rhode Island

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

The NWPCA has had a successful 2016. NWPCA held elections in December 2016 for the upcoming year of 2017. We have two new board members Jason Trenholm and Anthony Calenda. NWPCA board members are President; Scott Goodinson, Vice President; Peter Eldritch, Secretary; Nora Laugh, Treasure; Peter Connell, Executive Board; Bernard Bishop, Michael Bedard, Jason Trenholm, Anthony Calenda, State Director; Michael Spring, Director of Certification; Paul Desrosiers. Vendor consultant; Stephen Buckley and Bob Mack. At the Elections / Holiday party, NWPCA raised 836 lbs. of can goods for the Rhode Island food bank.

#### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Normal business meeting, review 2016 calendar. Successes of trainings and events for the 2017 year.

#### **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

At our next board meeting (01/10/17) we will be assigning new committee Charts as well as assignments for the new year.

Our committees for 2017 are; Membership, Entertainment, Public Relations, Operator Training, Scholarship, By-Laws, Golf Outing, Tradeshow, Finance and Operations Challenge.

## **General Comments**

NWPCA was well supported by NEWEA and we would like to thank you for your continued support.

## Report Submitted by

Michael Spring

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## **Date Submitted**

01/06/2017

Subject: Committee/Officer Report Submission

Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 at 9:21:05 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Nathan Lavallee
To: laustin@newea.org

Category: Executive Committee, State Directors

#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

State Director, Vermont

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

November GMWEA Annual Conference was another successful one. GMWEA hosted their first Poo and Brew with a great turnout. GMWEA hosted Jeff Kalmes from Massachussetts for the the Operator Exchange. Jeff, was great to bring around, and had a lot of knowledge to share. He also put together a great write up for TPO Magazine. GMWEA Executive Director has been hard at work, revamping the GMWEA website and improving interaction/outreach to membership. Along with this GMWEA committees have been reorganized and streamlined. The GMWEA newsletter has been revamped slightly and color has been added.

#### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Normal Executive Committee meetings the Second Wednesday of each Month.

#### **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

Committee Chair Assignments have been made. Committee assignments and goals coming up at the next meeting. More outreach to membership and interaction is planned through the revamped website and blog.

## Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

Planning is underway for the Annual May business meeting. Legislative meet and greet is scheduled for 1/19/2017. The Spring Sacramento course, again was sold out and has a waiting list.

## Report Submitted by

Nathan Lavallee

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## **Date Submitted**

01/16/2017

Subject: Committee/Officer Report Submission

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 4:01:03 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Virgil Lloyd

To: laustin@newea.org

#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Collection Systems & Water Resource Council

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Planning for various specialty conferences, that are at different points in the planning process (Collection Systems & Sustainability joint; Watershed Mgmt.; CSO/WWI).

#### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Various conference calls for specialty conference planning. Conducted conference call with incoming council director, for transition, etc.

Also participated in Council Director conference call.

#### **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

none

#### Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

None

## **General Comments**

Besides "GO PATS!!!!!"......

This is a great council, I have really enjoyed my time as director of Collection Systems and Water Resources Council!! And I am super thrilled that it will be in great hands with John Digiacomo!!

## **Report Submitted by**

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#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Collection Systems Committee

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

The Committee (in conjunction with the Sustainability Committee) is working hard on planning our second Specialty Conference in less than a year. We had a very successful conference in September 2016and are confident that this specialty conference will be just as successful. The Joint specialty conference is to take place on May 1, 2017 at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough. By the time of the Executive Committee meeting, the call for Abstracts will have ended and the committees will be well into reviewing and selecting abstracts and finalizing speakers and moderators. More information will be given during the Executive Committee meeting at the Annual Conference.

#### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Multiple calls have occurred for the Specialty Conference.

#### **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

New Officers for the Collection Systems Committee (January 2017 - January 2020) Chair - Peter Garvey Vice Chair - Scott Lander Clerk - Tom Loto

#### Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

The Collection Systems committee has been in discussions with the WEF Collection Systems committee on working to have better communication between the committees. One of the NEWEA Collection Systems committee members has joined the WEF committee and has been placed on the WEF CS Committee Outreach Group which helps put together their newsletter. This position will be important in ensuring that NEWEA CS is aware of WEF initiatives and programs and that we are aware of theirs as well. Also, NEWEA and the Collection Systems Committee is going to continue to discuss the possible collaboration between NEWEA and NASSCO that was discussed during our September specialty conference.

#### **General Comments**

The Annual Conference will be the end of my 3 year journey as Collection Systems Chair. I've been honored and blessed to have such an amazing group of committee members who no matter how quick of a turnaround I gave them always came through for me. I've also been lucky to have a great Vice Chair and Committee Clerk who were able to pick up the slack for me when work and life got a little crazy. Thank you to Peter Garvey and Stacey DePasquale for your hard work and assistance over the last three years. I know the Committee is going to be in great hands with the new slate of officers. I look forward to working with them as my new journey begins as their Council Director.

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## **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

CSO/Wet Weather Interest Committee

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Scheduled next technical conference for 10/29 - 10/30/18 at Holiday Inn in Portland, ME.

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

I've asked for permission to hold our AC meeting on Monday 1/23 at noon at Champions. I'm not sure if this request has been approved yet.

#### Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

At the next committee meeting at the AC, I will propose that our committee compiles a white paper where we show the different levels of CSO control that EPA Region 1 has accepted in different states. At the CT DEEP, I have recommended that the CSO Control Policy be updated for CT.

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#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Industrial Wastewater Committee

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

- \* We did not receive enough abstract submittals to form an entire Industrial Wastewater Annual Conference technical session so we'll be focusing our energy on future endeavors.
- \* We've decided on a specialty conference for late summer/ fall 2017 to tentatively be held in Portsmouth. The City has many industries that have proven to be challenging to regulate. Potential speakers will be folks from the City's wastewater plants, a couple different industries and engineers who helped on both sides.

#### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

- \* Call scheduled for week of Jan 9th: To be discussed details on upcoming specialty conference
- \* As we firm up details and speakers, we'll likely be able to repeat/duplicate the technical parts into the 2018 Annual Conference -- we'll discuss.
- \* We'll meet in person on Monday of the Annual Conference.

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

Co-Chair yet to be determined.

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Category: Committee Chairs

#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Stormwater

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

We have has bimonthly meetings (every two months) with the committee members updating them on upcoming events with NEWEA, Regional activities and updates with EPA and other local activities.

The committee reviewed 23 abstracts for the NEWEA annual conference. Coordinated with other committees to get the right paper in the right session.

The committee also review several papers for the ASCE LID conference which was held in August of 2016 (Portland, Maine).

Working on details for the NEWEA Stormwater Specialty conference in Maine in October.

#### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

The Stormwater Committee leadership meets every month (conference calls)

As a committee, we meet every two months and the last meeting was on December 22nd.

Agenda for NEWEA's Stormwater Committee bi-monthly calls:

- 1- Greetings (5min)
- 2- Stormwater Committee news and welcome to new members (5min)
- 3- Stormwater presentation (15-20min+ 5-10min of Q&A)
- 4- Stormwater Committee initiatives update (NEWEA Annual Conference, awards, specialty conferences, others)-(10-15min)
- 5- Open Forum and discussion on stormwater issues -(10min)
- 6- Closing remarks
- 7- Adjourn

#### Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

We are planning a specialty conference with the Maine Stormwater committee in October. Working with NEWEA to hash out the details.

#### **General Comments**

We have 54 members in our committee. During the bi-monthly calls, we have an active participation of at least 30 members.

## **Report Submitted by**

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From: Rob Montenegro

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## **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Sustainability

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

- \* Acceptance and Implementation of the NEWEA Position Paper titled "Support for Sustainable Infrastructure"
- \* Planning and implementation for the Sustainability/Collections Systems Joint Specialty Conference on May 1, 2017
- \* Transition from previous chair (Elizabeth Watson-Keddy)

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Multiple calls with the Committee and Subcommittee related to the Joint Specialty Conference.

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

Continued planning and preparation for the Joint Specialty Conference

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#### **Date Submitted**

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Subject: Committee/Officer Report Submission

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From: Nicholas Ellis

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#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Water Reuse

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Since the last meeting the Reuse Committee has received and reviewed abstracts and created a session for the annual conference. In conference calls during this process we've also discussed how to leverage the recent severe drought conditions in New England to bring attention to the value of water reuse in mitigating drought and lowering demand for stressed water resources. All committee members have been encouraged over the phone and in writing via email to engage colleagues and clients in discussions along these lines.

#### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Two calls to discuss the session at the annual conference and committee membership

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

Rob Scott from Woodard and Curran has been named co-chair of the committee. Discussions re: a specialty conference have started, with a plan to hold one in 2018.

## Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

N/A

#### **General Comments**

The Water Reuse committee has historically been one with a few dedicated members from NEWEA. The hope is that, given the recent conditions in New England, consultants and clients alike will stop looking at reuse as a west coast/florida thing, and realize that there are real applications in the northeast.

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#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Watershed Management Committee

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

The Watershed Management Committee is actively planning a Water Resources and Infrastructure Climate Resiliency specialty conference for July 2017. The conference is being co-sponsored by New England Water Works Association (NEWWA) and New England Chapter American Public Works Association (NEAPWA). The conference will relate the current climate change outlook and potential impacts on critical state and municipal infrastructure. The conference will focus on practical resiliency strategy case-studies for flood prone inland areas and coastal zones, municipal utility infrastructure and watersheds.

#### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Conference call to discuss the specialty conference with NEAPWA and NEWWA was held on November 21, 2016. Several calls between smaller groups to follow-up on action items have also occurred.

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

Chair: Jennifer Johnson Outgoing Chair: Phil Forzley Actively seeking a Vice Chair

#### Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

The specialty conference planning is taking most of our time but we will be looking forward for potential events and programs stemming from the conference and other interests of the committee.

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#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Journal

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

The Journal Committee and professional staff finished the Winter edition and

then turned attention to the Spring Journal. Activities/decisions include: as noted below, a conference call was held; a guest editor was named; coordination with authors providing potential content; editing of content and planning for our underlying 'throwback' theme for 2017. Themes for each seasonal edition are: spring 2017 - stormwater/watershed planning; summer 2017 - wastewater treatment and collection system operations; fall 2017-

municipal/agency topics; winter 2017-national issues of regional interest.

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

The Journal Committee held a conference call on November 29, 2016. Discussion topics included: status of winter journal; planning for spring journal; discussion of seasonal themes; volunteers for guest editor slots for 2017; potential content for spring journal.

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

Committee to continue to generate content and plan for the spring 2017 edition. Members are also brainstorming ideas for 'throwback' content for underlying 2017 theme.

#### Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

Journal Chair/Editor is considering the inclusion of brief profiles of historic figures in the wastewater industry as part of 2017 underlying throwback theme.

#### **General Comments**

None

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From: Ashley Dunn

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## **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Newsletter

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Published the latest draft of the newsletter 12/23.

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Communications done chiefly by e-mail.

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

Committee is in need of a Vice Chair.

## Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

We plan to publish the next edition of the Newsletter in Early March 2017.

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#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

**Public Awareness Committee** 

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

- Worked with City of Medford to get NEWEA Ad posted on electronic billboard on Rt. 93
- NEWEA Ads on MBTA buses and stations now up and running
- Forwarded Water Champion Submissions to Journal and Newsletter Committees

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

- numerous emails and conf. calls pertaining to ad campaign

#### **General Comments**

-Committee Meeting scheduled for Mon. 1/23/17 from 3-4 in Champions, if interested in learning about the committee please join us.

Special thanks to Elena Proakis for assistance in getting the NEWEA Ad on the electronic billboard in Medford.

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Date: Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 1:29:14 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Charles Tyler

To: laustin@newea.org

Category: Executive Committee, Committee Chairs

#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Assessment and Development

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Completed review forms received from the 14 committees that were selected for review this year; comments from Council Directors included as appropriate . Results compiled and reviewed by committee. Recommendations drafted for Executive Committee presentation.

Org Manual changes drafted for Executive Committee presentation.

New committee chair / officer orientation program developed for presentation at Annual Conference prior to Executive Committee meeting.

#### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Email forum utilized for committee reviews

Conference call scheduled for week of January 10 (this report due prior to that call).

#### **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

Plan to derive list of committees for 2017 review and to initiate review cycle at an earlier point than in 2016.

## Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

Plan to report progress/confirm assignments with Senior Management Team on a quarterly basis as appropriate.

#### **General Comments**

Still seeking a vice chair for this committee.

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**Subject:** Committee/Officer Report Submission

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From: Douglas Miller

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## **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

**Bylaws** 

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

We have a vote on changing the Bylaws at our Business Meeting on Monday morning. Please let me know if you need any assistance.

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

None

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

Bylaws Changes at the Annual Meeting

## **Report Submitted by**

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Category: Committee Chairs

#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Sonsor Committee

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

I was asked to take on role of Sponsor Committee Chair September 2016. Had EC meeting 9-21-16, with nothing to report from the Sponsor Committee. I reached out to Linda Austin and Mary B. and got current committee roster as well as copies of the 2015 & 2016 Sponsors form and a 2016 listing of company sponsors with level of sponsorship, a la carte selections, and advertising selections. Sent emails to the Committee members on the existing roster introducing myself as the new chair, and asking that all respond with their intentions to stay on the Sponsors Committee for 2017. All but 2 replied yes....one "no reply" and one retired. Updated roster and sent back to Linda and Mary for files.

Sent 2015 and 2016 sponsors form and 2016 sponsors list to committee in prep for Nov. 1 conf. call to discuss small changes

#### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Held conference call on Nov. 1 to review some small changes to the Annual Sponsors form and get buy in from Committee members. Due to being new to the committee (and the chair), and the limited timeframe between this conference call and the need for the Annual Sponsors form to go to print, there were no major changes suggested. We added back in the Spring golf tournament as a sponsor option (previous year was NYWEA/NEWEA combined and that options was not available) as well as clarifying some of the verbiage for the "a la carte" options that caused some extra work and phone calls last year when sponsors did not complete their forms correctly. Hopefully that will solve that problem for the 2017 sponsors.

Will have call next week to go over 2017 Sponsors and divide up some calls to previous sponsors that have not responded to latest Sponsorship drive to try to get them on board before the Jan 16th printer deadline

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

AC Sponsor Committee meeting Tuesday 9am Champions for breakfast. Discuss getting help for Peter Kibble with Spring Meeting golf, discuss the loss of the Ops challenge golf tournament.

Talk about how advertising and sponsorship may be linked for certain events. Discuss how to improve value for Sponsors and expand scope of businesses we can market to for Sponsorships.

#### **General Comments**

Hope to continue the good work of the Sponsors Committee and appreciate the level of support I've received from the NEWEA Executive Committee so far.

#### Report Submitted by

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From: Elena Proakis Ellis
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Category: Executive Committee, Council Directors, Finance Committee

## **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Meeting Management Council

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

All of the committee chairs are working hard to get everything ready for the AC.

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

A conference call was held on 1/5/17 to discuss final preparations for the 2017 AC.

## Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

Our next "meeting" will be with the hotel staff on 1/20 at 10 AM at the Copley Marriott, followed by registration packet stuffing at around 2 PM at the hotel.

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From: Kerry Reed

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## **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Registration

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Plan for AC

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

N/A

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

N/A

## Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

N/A

## **General Comments**

Good support from registration committee for the registration desk at the annual conference. Updated #s for registration for the annual conference will be reported at the ECM.

## Report Submitted by

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## **Date Submitted**

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From: Peter Grose

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#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Government Affairs Committee

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

This will be a very interesting time to be active in government affairs! While President-elect Trump has spoken about his strong support for investing in America's infrastructure, we don't yet know what that will mean for our aging water, wastewater and stormwater systems. The future of the EPA's staff and its environmental focuses are not yet clear, but will certainly include some significant changes.

The NEWEA GAC has been providing updates from WEF and some other groups regarding early expectations about what the Trump administration will mean for the water environment. We shared WEF's letter to the President-elect, which was a good summary of major points that WEF hopes the new administration will act upon.

Participated in the Public Outreach Council conference call.

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

The Government Affairs Committee met December 8, 2016 at the NEWEA office in Woburn. We had 17 participants in person or via phone and covered the following major topics:

- News from Washington provided by WEF's Steve Dye
- State Legislative Events
- NEWEA Congressional Trip to Washington
- Plans for the GAC and other meetings at the Annual Conference

Detailed notes of the meeting were distributed to all GAC members.

#### **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

Each of the NEWEA-affiliated state associations is making plans for their own state legislative events. These include:

- Maine Legislative Breakfast, March 9 (Contact Tim Haskell)
- New Hampshire Legislative Breakfast, March 8 (Contact Shelagh Connelly)
- Vermont Legislative Meet & Greet, Jan. 18 and Legislative Luncheon, Feb. 24 (Contact Bob Fischer)
- Massachusetts Legislative Luncheon, May (date tbd), with MA Water Works (Contact Adam Yanulis)
- Rhode Island Legislative Meeting, March 15 (Contact Janine Burke-Wells)
- Connecticut Legislative Breakfast, date tbd (Contacts Mike Bisi and Tom Sgroi)

Ideas for increasing legislator attendance were shared.

#### Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

The NEWEA trip to Washington DC to seek greater federal support for the water environment will be March 21-22, 2017. We will be joining the WEF/NACWA/WERF National Water Policy Fly-in once again, to be joined this year by AWWA. We will be hosting a NEWEA kickoff luncheon on Tuesday March 21, to prepare for visits to Capitol Hill by NEWEA members and guests on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday. We will not hold our traditional Congressional Breakfast this year, in light of the more compact schedule. NEWEA members will be part of a Clean Water Rally at Capitol Hill Wednesday morning and a Congressional Reception Wednesday evening. State associations should start scheduling visits with Senators, Representatives and their aides now, as well as making hotel reservations and travel plans.

We prepared a flyer for the NEWEA Washington trip which was included in the Winter 2016 Journal and will be available as a handout for the Annual Conference.

#### **General Comments**

I will be turning over the Chair of the GAC to Bob Fischer at the Annual Conference in January. It's been an honor to

have led this very active and important committee at NEWEA, and am proud of the communications our members have been able to have at both the state and federal levels to stress to legislators the issues that are important to the clean water industry.

In late December, I prepared a guide for the NEWEA GAC Chairman's Guide that summarizes the logistics of the various events that the GAC undertakes annually, and have provided this to Bob and to Mary Barry to help strengthen the foundation for the GAC going forward.

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Category: Government Affairs Committee

## **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Membership Committee

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Following the EC's move to create a new NEWEA only membership category, we were able with the help of Mary and staff complete the language required to market to the local Environmental Regulatory Community about the new membership category and associated fees. Susan Sullivan and her staff has reached out to their contacts in the Regulatory Community and we have requested the State Directors to do the same.

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

December

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#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

## Name of Committee or Office

**Public Education** 

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Finalizing the new career brochure for rollout at the AC.

Scheduled Mr. & Mrs. shows Fish for Wednesday, January25, 2017 at the AC.

We are holding a committee meeting on Tuesday, January 24 at 430pm at Champions.

Our new booth will be used for the first time at the AC.

Northeastern University is holding a career event on Thursday, February 2 from 12pm - 4pm. Penny and Annalisa will be attending.

Awards discussion has started and there were some names and plants mentioned. Nominations need to be submitted.

Discussion about a NEWEA initiative to designate a special date for DPW/Wastewater awareness. We will be readdressing this at our January 24 meeting.

### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Conference Call on December 6.

### **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

see above

### Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

see above

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Category: Committee Chairs

### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Safety

### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Organized the safety session for the Annual Conference. Session 17, Title "Today's Safety Climate - Is Your Program Compliant?"

Excellent lineup of speakers, covering important and timely safety topics on OSHA's Top 10 Standard Violations, New Topics and Trends in Health & Safety, Medium Voltage Electrical Safety and Hydrogen Sulfide Safety.

### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

The Committee continues to communicate primarily through email.

Our Annual Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 1/24 at the AC. We'll be reviewing a draft agenda for a Specialty Conference in late 2017.

### **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

Dave Aucoin will continue to serve as Committee Chair for 2017. James Laliberte will continue to serve as Committee Vice-Chair for 2017.

# Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

In early March, the Committee will be sending out the Annual Safety Survey to all State Member Association heads. We continue to appreciate the help in distributing the Survey to the WWTFs in each state and are hopeful we can improve on our 9% survey response rate from 2016.

The 2015 Survey Results are still posted on the Safety Committee webpage. Once compiled, the 2016 results will be published in the Newsletter, as well as on the webpage.

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#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Scholarship Committee

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Two Candidates were selected for the 2016 Scholarship Awards. Both recipients were selected from a pool of applicants under the Environmental Majors (Undergrad & Grad) category. No applications were received in the non-majors category. In spite of the fact that the applications were sparse, the quality of the applications was impressively good and sufficiently challenging to rank.

- 1. Undergrad Evelyn Grainger
- 2. Graduate Zhiheng Xu

With a reduction in the total scholarships award amount available, couple of things being considered by the scholarship committee to boost the number of applicants for next round of scholarships:

- 1. Eliminate the non-major scholarship award, and redistribute that amount between the two major awards. The decision on how to distribute the scholarship amount has been left up to scholarship committee by executive members. The committee will finalize before the next years scholarship awards are to be advertised.
- 2. Simply some parts of the application and extend the time between announcement of the scholarships and application deadlines. We would still like to keep the essay that the applicants have to submit, however, it will simplified along with some of the other requirements for the application.
- 3. The database of schools and colleges (with Environmental Majors) will be updated and scholarship announcements will sent out the contacts, and increase participation.

### **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

NEWEA provided with a database that is used by the office to send out scholarship announcements. The list is not comprehensive and will need to updated to include current chairs/contacts at schools and institutions that offer environmental programs. The committee is hoping to make it a collective effort and work with other members of the outreach council to populate the information. This will benefit the Scholarships, YP, and Student Activities committees as well.

### Report Submitted by

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## **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

### Name of Committee or Office

Water for People

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

- Started planning for new 5k event at Deer Island
- Organized panel discussion at annual NEWEA conference as part of Water for People session

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Planning teleconferences for 5k and panel discussion.

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

Anastasia Rudenko - Chair Renie Jesanis - new co-vice chair Mary White - vice chair

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#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Young Professionals Committee

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Committee is finalizing details for upcoming Young Professionals Summit on Sunday at the Annual Conference. Currently gathering bios for panel discussion and finalizing agenda. Also held Poo & Brew in Vermont cohosted by GMWEA in November.

### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Held multiple conference calls to discuss YP Summit logistics and planning. YP Committee will hold committee meeting on Monday at Annual Conference during lunch.

### **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

Ben Stoddard will be taking over chair of YP committee after Annual Conference. Justin Skelly will stay involved with committee in a "past-chair" role. Additional roles will be implemented after the committee meeting at the AC. Roles to be identified include vice-chair, YP Summit sub-chair and Poo & Brew sub-chair. Amanda Lade has been identified to continue role as communications sub-chair.

### Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

Poo & Brews will resume in spring '17. Several treatment facilities have been in contact as potential hosts. More details will be discussed at the AC committee meeting.

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#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Treatment, System Operations and Management Council Director

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Keeping in touch with Committees via email and Conference Calls.

### **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

There has been some Committee Chair shuffling and rotation going on.

Working with new Committee Chairs and existing Committee chairs to fill open positions and have coverage at the ECM.

As of now, no committee has a Specialty Conference scheduled for 2017.

Biggest goal will be to get some programming going.

Will promote Co sponsoring where it makes sense.

### Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

Working with Ops Challenge to create some Chair responsibilities to prevent vacancies- so that there is always a vice chair to assume the job within a regular rotation.

also working with Ops Challenge on budgeting for new events and equipment needs when events change. This will need coordination with WEF to get a heads up on those changes in advance in order to plan for them appropriately.

\*Plant Ops has an initiative to compile Reciprocity for Operators by State.

This is a noble task and a resource that would be useful to all of NEWEA- may dovetail with the Certification programs.

I recommend we include the State Directors in this activity.

#### **General Comments**

Only Utility Management is not holding a committee meeting during the AC

Have been trying to engage the Vice Chair in the absence of Chairperson for this event.

Asset management needs a new Vice Chair and will need to work on a Specialty Conference as the Vice Chair was heading that initiative but has stepped down.

Small Communities also always holds a Specialty Conference

Residuals just had a chairperson change but has a Vice Chair in place, so all is well:)

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### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Asset Management

# **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Selected abstracts and designed 2 AM sessions for the Annual Conference. Also scheduled committee meeting during the Annual Conference.

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Held a couple committee calls reporting no news/progress on initiatives (Joint Specialty Conference with Energy in September 2017, new AMC web pages content, new members).

### **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

Recently received notice of Vice Chair stepping down, and a proposed Vice Chair for our IT&A Subcommittee.

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#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

**Energy Committee** 

### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

The Energy Committee recommended the City of Keene, NH for its annual energy award after discussion at its October conference call. There was also discussion about how to increase nominations next year. The committee decided that the Chair would send out preliminary notices to the committee members to get it on their radar screen early.

Additionally, the committee discussed potential topics for the 2-day joint specialty conference to be held with the Asset Management Committee in September. Several potential topics were developed.

Webpage development was also discussed. The Committee would like to add case studies and links to energy related projects to its webpage. Asset Management is also focusing on its webpage this year and they gave the Energy Committee some good ideas for evaluating potential case studies to be included on the webpage.

### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Two conference calls held - June and October, 2016. Items discussed presented above.

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#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Lab Practices Committee

# **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

We are planning to hold a committee meeting at the annual conference. Several email discussions among the LPC have been held concerning the agenda and how to increase participation in our meeting. As of now, we have ten of our committee members planning to attend. Topics of discussion will include laboratory judge volunteers at the spring operations challenge event, state variances from Standard Method requirements, and presentations from two vendors, Hach and Thermo Fisher, who will present on nitrogen and phosphorus testing using their analytical instrumentation.

# Meetings/Conference Calls Held

Several email discussions have been held, but no meetings or conference calls were scheduled other then the meeting at the annual conference.

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

None

### Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

None

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## **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

### Name of Committee or Office

Microconstituents Committee

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

None

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

None

# **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

In discussions with a new members about leadership roles (Vice Chair)

## Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

None

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Date: Friday, January 6, 2017 at 2:08:25 PM Eastern Standard Time

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#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

Operations Challenge

#### Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting

Travis Peaslee has agreed to take over as the Operations Challenge Chair. Travis is not new to the Challenge and is an ex Operations Challenge competitor that has been assisting me over the past two years as well as helping out with judging the events I have the utmost confidence that he will do a fine job in his new role.

Andre' Brusseau could not stay away and has agreed to take over the Safety Event

Mike Smith will be stepping down from the Collections Event and handing the reigns over to Michael Arms. Mike Smith will however stay involved in the Operations Challenge with judging etc...

#### **General Comments**

We will be holding our Operations Committee meeting on Monday January 23rd in room TBD. All are welcome to attend

- Finalize event coordinators
- Finalize training day
- Trophies, Shirts, etc...

If anyone is interested in joining the committee or helping out in Ops Challenge please let Travis or myself know.

As I move on from the Ops Challenge Chair I would like to thank the NEWEA Executive Committee, Mary Barry, Linda Austin, Janice Moran and of course Ron Tiberi and the Ops Challenge Committee for all of their support.

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Category: Committee Chairs, SMT, Executive Committee

## **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

### Name of Committee or Office

**Plant Operations** 

# **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

I am working on the Agenda for my final committee meeting slated for Monday morning at the Annual Conference.

### **General Comments**

I will be attending and participating in the Annual Conference from Sunday through Wednesday.

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## **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

### Name of Committee or Office

Residuals Management

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Fall Residuals Conference held in October 2016 in Cromwell CT, including technical sessions and two tours (Hartford WPCF and Southington WPCF)

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

2017 will have new Chair of the Residuals Committee,

Elaine Sistare of outgoing Natalie Sierra will be incoming Chair Eric Spargimino will remain as Vice Chair

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## **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

### Name of Committee or Office

**Small Community** 

## **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

None

## Meetings/Conference Calls Held

None

## **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

None

## Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

Will hold working meeting at the AC, vice chair will begin planning for Specialty Conference to be held in 2017.

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From: Brian Armet

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Category: Government Affairs Committee

#### **Executive Committee Meeting Date**

January

#### Name of Committee or Office

**Utility Management Committee** 

#### **Activities/Decisions Since Last Executive Meeting**

Working on the transition of Gary Zrelak into the Chair's position. He will take the reigns in January 2018. He is new to the committee and would like a couple of years on the committee before assuming a leadership role.

The Board has rolled the Utility Management Council in to the Utility Management Committee as a subset of the Committee, The Committee through emails expressed considerable interest in this inclusion and as the Board feels the committee also feels that this is the appropriate place for the Utility Council and a natural. The majority of the Utility Mgt Committee's membership is from senior positions in Utilities.

### Meetings/Conference Calls Held

6 members of the committee met at the NEWEA Winter meeting in January. Only four of us attended the Spring Meeting so the committee did not meet.

We have had two conference calls. And have exchanged group emails over the course of the year.

#### **Action Plan Committee/Officer Assignments**

As stated above Gary Zrelak is on track to take over the Chairmanship in January 2018.

### Other Activities/Initiatives/Programs

In November the Committee was asked to reach out to Jeff Murawski, Deputy Public Works Director for Water and Wastewater, Fitchburg, MA. I reached out to the Committee and four people responded to assist. Meg Goulet offered to make the initial contact. She and Jeff finally touched base, both very busy, the latter part of December and had a very successful conversation with him. This conversation will continue at the Winter Conference.

With the new charge, going forward I will be communicating with the committee through more emails followed up by additional conference calls.

#### **General Comments**

None at this time. I wish everyone a Happy New Year and enjoy the cold weather in Boston. I will be enjoying the warm weather in the Caribbean.

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# New England Water Environment Association Executive Committee Meeting January 22, 2017

# **ACTION ITEM: APPROVE FY2016 Q4 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

•	·	e following FY 2016 Q4 Financial Statem Meeting on January 22, 2017.	nent, to be accepted by
Respectfully subn	nitted January 22, 2016 by th	e NEWEA Finance Committee	
Priscilla Bloomfiel Mary Barry Matt Formica Janine Burke-Wel Elena Proakis Ellis Jim Barsanti	ls		
ACTION ITEM			
The NEWEA Finar Statement as des		that the Executive Committee accept th	ne FY 2016 Q4 Financial
Action:	Approved	Approved as Amended	Denied

To: NEWEA Executive Committee

From: Charles Tyler, Chair

Assessment and Development Committee

Date: January 22, 2017

Re: Issues Identified by 2016 Committee Reviews, Draft

CC: Mary Barry, Council Directors, Assessment & Development Committee

A&D Committee: C. Tyler (Chair), J. Barsanti, M. Bonomo, J. Burke-Wells, T. Groves, J. Lachmayr, D. Mahoney, B. Moore, J. Potamis, M. Formica (Council Director)

This memorandum summarizes the results of the committee reviews performed by the Assessment and Development Committee in 2016. More specifically, it summarizes specific issues raised by the some of the fifteen reviewed committees that warrant further discussion between the respective committee chairs and the Executive Committee such that the issue(s) can be resolved.

Initially, there are a couple of general comments (that arose from the reviews) of which the Executive Committee should be aware:

- Several committees reached out and asked for help recruiting new members. It has been suggested that NEWEA might make more of an effort to "gently coach" new members to those Committees that have asked for membership help (noted by committee below). Also suggested were the idea of an outreach effort such as a "volunteers needed" section on the web page or in the Link newsletter or a "Survey Monkey" poll to gauge lack of interest or possible concerns with membership in committees.
- Government Affairs Committee review generated some discussion about how far we should go with regard to politicking, with particular concern about crossing the "lobbying" line in terms of our organizational status.

Individual committee review conclusions and resolutions follow.

- 1) Assessment and Development Committee:
  - a. This committee is under the Management Review Council.
  - b. This is a healthy committee with nine (9) active, experienced members. The committee lacks a Vice-chair, but otherwise has no major issues
  - c. Proposed A&D Resolution: Continue the Committee as constituted under current charge; suggest more regular communication with Senior Mgt. Team
- 2) Sponsor Committee
  - a. This committee is under the Management Review Council.
  - b. This committee has had turnover, and a chair vacancy has been filled by a new member there are currently seven active members.
  - c. The Committee is currently working on new ideas and approaches to fundraising activities.
  - d. Proposed A&D Resolution: Continue the Committee as constituted under current charge. Additional guidance/attention/coordination by the council

director and executive director are recommended to keep the committee on track and to help the committee coordinate with other overlapping committees.

# 3) Manufacturers' Representative Committee

- a. This committee is under the Meeting Management Council.
- b. This committee is struggling to find an identity. By definition a 3-member committee formed to represent Mfr's Rep interests, the feeling is that Exhibits and Sponsors committees do this, and that response to past Mfr Rep suggestions has been minimal, and it is a struggle to field even 3 members. There is agreement that this committee seems redundant with functions of the Exhibits and Sponsor committees.
- c. Proposed A&D Resolution: Dissolving this committee and merge its functions with Exhibits and Sponsors committees. The perceived lack of attention and response from the Executive Committee needs to be addressed, so that the interests of Manufacturers and their reps (who are responsible for significant NEWEA financial support) are given clear attention and demonstrated response. While merging MFR Rep committee assignments with the Exhibits and Sponsor committees, each of these committees' charges should be adjusted to guarantee Mfr Rep membership and to include a task of polling or otherwise surveying and demonstrably responding to MFRs Rep interests.

### 4) Public Awareness

- a. Based on last year's review and recommendation, this committee is still an Ad-Hoc committee, but is carried under the Communications Council.
- b. The Committee has two co-chairs. This committee has 15 listed members plus the co-chairs. It is viewed as a vital committee to the current goals of the organization; however, while a charge exists, due to some oversight, it has yet to be published in the NEWEA Org Manual.
- c. Proposed A&D Resolution: Public Awareness should continue as an Ad-Hoc Committee under the Communications Council. As noted in the review, the committee should pay close attention to its charge and propose revisions as appropriate. As an Ad-Hoc, this committee shall be reviewed again in 2017.

## 5) Media Relations (MR)

- a. This committee is still under the Communications Council.
- b. The 2016 A&D resolution passage called for MR to be "sunsetted and consider moving some of their charge to the Public Awareness (PA) Committee and NEWEA office", however as there is no published PA charge, this was not accomplished. While some portions of the MR charge are being carried by NEWEA office and others, some of the duty/task focus may be worth reassigning.
- c. Proposed A&D Resolution: The committee should be sunsetted, but its charge should be carefully considered to ensure that important media functions are clearly assigned to other parties; PA, Newsletter, and NEWEA office are among potential responsible parties. Further recommendations to follow.

# 6) Website Committee

- a. This Ad Hoc committee is now under the Communications Council
- b. This committee has seven listed members, but the review indicates that more active members are needed to perform the important necessary work.

c. Proposed A&D Resolution: We recommend continuing this committee in its current status. However, an executive commitment is needed to help with increasing the participatory membership.

# 7) Asset Management Committee

- a. This committee is under the Treatment, System Operations, and Management Council.
- b. This committee has a very strong membership and a robust model for division of work, and monthly conference calls to enhance engagement. Currently planning a joint specialty conference for 2017. This is a healthy committee.
- c. Proposed A&D Resolution: Continue the committee as constituted under current charge.

## 8) Microconstituents Committee

- a. This committee is under the Treatment, System Operations, and Management Council.
- b. Although there are 28 listed members, this committee is clearly struggling to remain vital. There is no vice chair, and the Chair has had trouble maintaining committee focus. The committee addresses a field of subject matter that is likely to intensify based on industry trends; in addition, state and regulatory personnel have interest as they search for answers to microconstituent problems, and it has been suggested that new Regulatory category members may be engaged.
- c. Proposed A&D Resolution: A&D Committee recommends to continue the Committee as constituted under current charge. However, serious executive attention and help is needed by the chair in efforts to revitalize focus and participation. A&D proposes revisiting this committee in the 2017 review cycle to monitor progress.

# 9) Utility Management Committee

- a. This committee is under the Treatment, System Operations, and Management Council
- b. Although this committee has 20 listed members, there is a struggle for members and potential members (who manage utilities) to find the time to be active. The committee now has a vice chair, and the recently approved addition of Utility Council charge items is considered appropriate and helpful. A specialty seminar was hosted by this committee in 2016.
- c. Proposed A&D Resolution: This committee should be continued as constituted under current charge. It is recommended that this committee be monitored for continued success and vitality, though a 2017 review is unnecessary.

### 10) Collection Systems Committee

- a. This committee is under the Collection Systems/Water Resource Council.
- b. This committee is an extremely healthy committee, with 66 members and successful annual specialty seminars, awards, and other engaging activities. It is an exemplary committee, and a great, nationally recognized reflection on NEWEA.
- c. Proposed A&D Resolution: This committee should continue as constituted under current charge.

### 11) CSO/Wet Weather Committee

- a. This committee is under the Collection Systems/Water Resource Council.
- b. Committee lists 40 members and remains very healthy, with an enthusiastic and dedicated chair. Some overlap with Stormwater, but stands alone well.
- c. Proposed A&D Resolution: This committee should be continued as constituted under current charge.

# 12) Water Reuse Committee

- a. This committee is under the Collection Systems/Water Resource Council.
- b. This committee has about 24 members, with 15-20 active. Chair is engaged and dynamic. An issue arose with Program Committee, because "Hot Topics" session undermined Water Reuse abstract availability. Chair expressed a need for NEWEA to help more with encouraging member involvement.
- c. Proposed A&D Resolution: This committee should be continued as constituted under current charge. Issue with Hot Topics competition for committee abstracts should be broached with Program Committee. Engage the chair to obtain suggestions on encouraging member engagement.

# 13) Government Affairs Committee

- a. This committee is under the Outreach Council.
- b. This committee is healthy and vital; a long-active vice chair (bob Fischer of Vermont) is ready to take over this committee. The GAC is active nationally and supportive on the state level, effective, and progressing. Good projects are in planning stages, and fresh ideas are encouraged.
- c. Proposed A&D Resolution: This committee should be continued as constituted under current charge.

### 14) Humanitarian Assistance Committee

- a. This committee is under the Outreach Council.
- b. This committee is sustainable. It's a reasonably healthy committee with good leadership and membership. The committee's originally-named purpose (arranging donations to local charities with the object of expanding public recognition of NEWEA) never came to fruition due to concerns over 503C rules. Committee name could be changed to reflect its actual role.
- c. Proposed A&D Resolution: This committee should be continued as constituted under current charge. However, EC may want to consider changing the name of the committee to reflect its activity.

## 15) Safety Committee

- a. This committee is under the Outreach Council.
- b. This committee is healthy with active members.
- c. Proposed A&D Resolution: This committee should be continued as constituted under current charge.