

Association of Western State Engineers
Minutes of the 91st Annual Business Meeting

Albuquerque, New Mexico
October 18, 2018

I. Call to order

Tom Blaine, President, called to order the 91st annual business meeting of the Association of Western State Engineers at 8:15 a.m. on October 18, 2018 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

II. Roll call

Hal Simpson conducted a roll call of members present. The following members were present:

- Kevin Rein, Colorado
- Brian Patton, Idaho (with proxy for Gary Spackman)
- Jan Langel, Montana
- Jesse Bradley, Nebraska (with proxy for Jeff Fassett)
- Jason King, Nevada
- Tom Blaine, New Mexico
- Garland Erbele, North Dakota
- Chris Neel, Oklahoma (with proxy for Julie Cunningham)
- Ron Duval, South Dakota (with proxy for Jeanne Goodman)
- Kent Jones, Utah
- Buck Smith, Washington
- Rick Deuell, Wyoming (with proxy for Pat Tyrrell)

Hal declared that a quorum was present in that twelve states were represented and ten are required for a quorum according to the Constitution.

The following honorary members were present:

- David Pope, Kansas
- Herb Dishlip, Arizona
- Gary Prokosch, Alaska
- Brian Dunnigan, Nebraska
- Herman Settemeyer, Texas
- Hal Simpson, Colorado

The following guests were in attendance from New Mexico:

- John Longworth
- Kristina Eckhart
- Melissa Smith

- Myron Armijo
- Rolf Schmidt-Peterson
- Page Pegram
- Nathaniel Chakeres
- Greg Ridgley
- Jeffrey Peterson
- Wayne Canon
- Sushil Chaudhary
- David Anderson

III. Approval of Minutes from 90th Annual Meeting

The minutes of the business meeting held in Fairbanks, Alaska on August 30, 2017 were reviewed and approved as submitted.

IV. President's Report – Tom Blaine

Tom thanked attendees for making the effort to come to this annual meeting. He reported on the field trip and that much of the expenses for the field trip including the bus, lunch and dinner were paid by the sponsors Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (bus), Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (lunch), and SWCA Environmental Consultants (dinner and souvenirs) .

V. Secretary-Treasurer's Report - Hal Simpson

- a) Hal reminded those present that the Association's fiscal year is July 1 to June 30. He filed IRS Form 990-N in early September and it was accepted. This maintains the AWSE tax exempt status. The form must be filed within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year.
- b) He thanked Kristina Eckhart for working so diligently on organizing the meeting and making it a success.
- c) On June 30, 2018, the cash in checking and savings was \$7,042.64. He pointed out that the budget report is at Tab 13 in the meeting notebook.
- d) The Alaska Fall Meeting in 2017 had a loss of \$6,405.09 which was anticipated because of higher costs in Alaska and intentionally keeping registration fees reasonable. The Association approved a loss of up to \$8,000 for the Alaska meeting at its 2016 Business Meeting in Utah.
- e) This year sponsorships included \$1,000 from HDR Engineering, \$500 from Olsson Associates and \$600 from four honorary members who are consultants.
- f) This year New Mexico was able to find sponsors for much of the field trip expenses and saved around \$3,000.

VI. Committee Reports

a) Nominations Committee – Kevin Rein

1. Election of New Officers

The committee recommended the following members for officers in 2018:

- Julie Cunningham, Oklahoma – President
- Pat Tyrrell, Wyoming – 1st Vice President
- Jason King, Nevada – 2nd Vice President
- Hal Simpson, Colorado Honorary member – Secretary-Treasurer

It was moved and supported to approve this slate of officers. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Honorary Members

It was moved and supported that Tim Davis, Montana, be appointed as an honorary member. The motion was approved unanimously.

b) Positions and Resolutions Committee – Jason King

1. Review of Current Resolutions

The committee recommended the following current Position Statements for consideration by AWSE members present:

- **Funding of the USGS Cooperative Water Program and the National Streamflow Information Program**
- **Endangered Species Act**
- **Drought Assistance**
- **Dam Safety**
- **States Water Rights and Natural Flows Along the Mainstem of the Missouri**
- **Hydraulic Fracturing**
- **Preemption of State Water Law in Federal Legislation**
- **Water Related Federal Rules, Regulations, Directives, Orders and Policies**

After discussion, Jason King moved to approve all ten resolutions and Garland Erbele seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Tom Blaine will send these resolutions signed by him and dated this year to all appropriate entities after obtaining updated names and addresses from Jason King's staff that will provide them to New Mexico.

c) 2019 Spring Meeting Committee – Rick Deuell

Rick reported that the Spring Meeting may be held Jackson or Casper depending on what Pat Tyrell decides. The topics for technical staff to consider include:

- Metering and reporting required by the various states
- Tracking of depletion, remote sensing of evapotranspiration vs. other methods.
- Part season uses and leases
- Ground water regulation
- Water accounting/distribution models

d) 2019 Fall Meeting Committee – Chris Neel

Chris reported that the meeting would be in Oklahoma City and the date will be determined by Julie Cunningham early next year. The suggested topics for discussion are:

- Temporary Permits
- Oil and Gas Issues
- Hydraulic Fracking
- Compact Issues
- Managing Quality of Water
- Tribal Water Rights
- Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan

VII. Report on the AWSE 2018 Spring Meeting in Oklahoma – Chris Neel

Chris reported that the spring meeting was held in downtown Oklahoma City on June 25-27 and had 25 attendees. An evening tour of the downtown brickyard area was a popular event. Jason King stated that he sent two of his deputies and they enjoyed the meeting as attendees talk the same language. Tom Blaine encouraged the states to send staff to the 2019 spring meeting.

VIII. Other Business – None

IX. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the 91st annual meeting was made and it was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Hal Simpson, Secretary-Treasurer