

**MAINE WASTE WATER CONTROL ASSOCIATION**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Friday, August 15, 2003**  
**Maine Municipal Association, Augusta**

**Attendance:** Al Jellison, Darold Wooley, Leonard Blanchette, Mike Grove, Greg Cataldo, Don Albert, Howard Carter, Tom Wiley, Skip Clough, Dave Anderson, Jeff Pinnette, Janet Abrahamson, Mary Waring, Nancy Sargent, Joan Kiszely

- I. **Call the meeting to Order:** Al Jellison called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
- II. **Approval of the Minutes from the July 18, 2003 Meeting:** Mike Grove made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2003 meeting. Howard Carter seconded the motion. All approved.
- III. **Financial Report:** Vivian Matkivich was not present. Vivian submitted a written report. The financial report for the period ending July 31, 2003 will be tabled until the October meeting. Al Jellison noted that the July breakdown has not yet been received from MMA. Al discussed the credit card matter as set out in Vivian's report. Discussion took place regarding options for a corporate credit card. Al reviewed the remainder of Vivian's report with the Executive Committee.
- IV. **NEWEA State Director's Report:** Greg Cataldo reported that he sent out an e-mail for nominations for the Operator of the Year and Peloquin Award. Greg made the recommendation for Steve Butler for Operator of the Year and Vivian Matkivich for the Peloquin Award. Greg noted that the decision was made this year that NEWEA awards do not require NEWEA membership. Darold Wooley asked if he could nominate the superintendent of Old Town, Gary Stetson, for the Operator of the Year award. Discussion followed on the two candidates, Steve Butler and Gary Stetson. Vote was taken for candidates – Three for Gary. Four for Steve Butler. It was noted that Gary could be a candidate for a DEP Certificate of Achievement. Gary's name can also be carried over for next year's candidates. Vivian Matkivich was a unanimous decision as the recipient for Peloquin Award. Greg did not have a report for NEWEA. The Public Awareness committee of the Public Utility Association invited MWWCA to participate in a meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Mike Grove agreed to attend the meeting.
- V. **DEP Representation:** Don Albert reported electronic filing of DMR's will be piloted this fall. Dick Darling met with Vermont and New Hampshire on certification issues. One item discussed at the meeting was going away from ABC tests and try pooling questions from the three states and comprise their own program. DEP is in the process of creating a new position of Compliance Inspector for Aquaculture. Don spoke with Brooke Barnes this morning on the bond issue and it looks like there will be no grant money, just SRF match. DEP

may want help from MWWCA to support the Bond #1569 issue. Discussion took place on the bond issue and things that have been done.

**VI. Old Business:**

**Fall Convention:** Tom Wiley reported that after the last board meeting, some members of the Executive Committee took a tour of Point Sebago to familiarize themselves with the layout of the convention. He noted that the mailing went out late, but he wanted to retool the packet to make sure all information was included and easy to read. Discussion took place on the details of the convention. Tom advised the Executive Committee that there are new contact persons at Point Sebago and Joan Kiszely and Nancy Sargent will go and meet with them next week. Tom went through the packet with the Executive Committee. Wright-Pierce will take care of the signs.

Tom Wiley further reported that after the fall convention is over, he will be marketing Downeast to see what venues may be available for the Spring Conference.

**VII. Committee Reports:**

**Ops Challenge:** Vivian Matkivich's written report covered ops challenge.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Darold Wooley reported that he started gearing up for 2004 Stockholm Jr Water Prize contest. He will delete the Principal's Association and information will now be sent to the Science Department Head. Hoping that will make sure the information gets to the appropriate people. Darold wants the mailing out in early September. He wants the date of April 10<sup>th</sup> using the same room as last year.

**Awards:** Mary Waring reported that she ordered the President's and Gagne awards. The names of the DEP and JETCC award winners need to be given to Joan Kiszely so they may be offered a discount on their registration for the Fall Convention. Mary noted that award recipient names will be kept quiet until after the award. Mary wrote a letter to Roger Gagne's son and if he responds, she may consider inviting him to the awards luncheon where he could say a few words about his father before the award is presented. Al noted that there are some extra brochures and sludge videos and it was noted that a couple should be saved, but the rest can be given away.

**Government Affairs:** Mike Grove reported that Jane Lincoln will get back to him on the Bond issue. He has not seen anything posted yet on the Electrician's Examining Board Issue. He'll contact the Board when he can and see where they stand. It will probably mean that a group from MWWCA will want to meet with the Electrician's Board.

**Residuals:** Jeff Pinnette reported that the committee has not met since July. One action item that has not been done is the fundraising for the White paper. There will be an update at the conference on the stockpiling and White paper matters. John Peckenhams solicited a small group to review the White paper.

**Personnel Advancement:** Janet Abrahamson is looking for moderators and asked that if anyone was interested, to let her know. Janet will e-mail the committee as people sign up to let everyone know which sessions are still available. Janet reminded the Committee of the Celebrate the Saco festivities taking place on Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Laboratory:** Dave Anderson reported that the committee has not met since June. The members are working on the lab procedures. The Committee will meet again in September.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Vivian Matkivich was absent – no report.

**Membership:** Paul Wintle was not present. Al noted that there are four new members since the last meeting. There was \$26,000 collected for membership and just need \$1,000 more to meet the goal.

**Public Relations:** Brad Moore was not present. Al reported on the video. He noted that the Committee will meet with John Bronson and if there is enough footage, he will put something together. The committee will meet in October and see what may be done at that point. Shirts/hats, etc. are ordered to ensure sufficient supply for the Fall Convention. Will do the 50/50 raffle on Thursday with the proceeds to go to MWWCA.

**Safety:** Andy Rudzinski was not present – no report.

**Collection Systems:** Leonard Blanchette had no report this month.

**Web Master:** Steve Lane was not present – no report.

**Industrial Representative:** Mike Barden was absent – no report.

**Past President:** Howard Carter had no report.

**Pretreatment:** Ron Letarte was not present – no report.

**JETCC:** Leonard Blanchette reported that the request from NEWEA to partner for training will be discussed at the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. He does not think there will be a Charles Perry award this year. Leeann will have some awards to present. She would like some time at the convention.

**Convention:** Tom Wiley covered his report under old business.

**VIII. New Business:**

- a. **Update on EPA Meeting:** Darold Wooley wanted an update on the EPA meeting. Al noted that he did not do anything further with it. He stated that he did not see the point in going to the federal government when there is more trouble trying to get money from the state government. Al has put more of his efforts toward the state side of the funding. Darold noted that someone needs to get back to Mr. Hunter on the status of the federal EPA meetings.
  
- b. **Motto change.** Darold noted that there was supposed to be a meeting to come up with approximately three proposed changes to the motto to bring to the membership at the Fall Convention. To date, that has not happened. Discussion took place on how to get the information out and how to draw attention to it at the fall convention. The list of proposed mottos was distributed to the Committee to vote. The top vote getters were as follows:
  - Maine's Water Quality Professionals
  - Water Quality is our Maine Concern
  - Career Stewards of the Environment
  - Maine Water Quality Professionals at Work.These will be printed up and distributed at the Fall Convention for voting by the membership.
  
- c. Greg reported that he played in a tournament for Maine Water Utilities. He explained how the scramble worked and how winning the coveted "salmon jacket" worked. He thought that it may be something MWWCA may want to consider for their golf tournament. Mike Grove made a motion to allow Greg Cataldo to expend funds to buy a jacket for the golf tournament. Howard Carter seconded the motion. All approved.
  
- d. Skip Clough wants to get involved in the Association. There are two volunteers to take Vivian's place as Secretary/Treasurer, Skip Clough and Dan Bisson. The Treasurer position is elected by the Executive Committee. This matter will be taken up at the October meeting. Al would like both candidates to meet with Vivian to get information on what is entailed with the position. Al will go through the Admin Guide to see whose terms are up.

- IX. Adjourn:** Howard Carter motion to adjourn. Mike Grove seconded. All approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.