

**Nevada Water Resources Association
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 12, 2012
NV Division of Water Resources/Carson City & Las Vegas
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

1. **Welcome and Roll Call:** Jeff Johnson, Steve Weber, Michael Johnson, Christian Harrison, Bill Listerud, Edwin James, Lari Knochenmus, Mike Hardy, Mike Widmer, Tina Triplett, Dave Wathen, Randy Brown, Jay Dixon, Rick Felling, Darrell Tweidt, Jay Fischer

Not Present: Jason King, Bwire Ojiambo, Brad Goetsch

2. **Review and Approve October 13, 2011 Minutes**

The Board reviewed the October 13, 2011 minutes. There was a misspelled word on page 1 that Tina will fix. Steve Weber motioned to approve the minutes, Ed James seconded the motion and all were in favor.

3. **Financial Status**

Mike Hardy reviewed the End of the Year 2011 NWRA Profit & Loss to Date report, 2011 Profit & Loss by Event report and year-end balance sheet. The year-end bank balance was \$51,463.42. The accounts receivables that are outstanding are \$24,115.00. Steve Weber made a motion to approve the financials, Ed James seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Board briefly reviewed the 2012 draft budget. Tina will fine tune the budget based on decisions that are made today on future events to be held in 2012. Tina will present the 2012 budget during the April Board meeting.

4. **NWRA Memberships**

Mike Widmer referred back to the July 12, 2011 and October 13, 2011 meeting notes to review the discussions that have taken place regarding student memberships and the Board's desire to create more interest with students to participate with NWRA. Christian Harrison has joined us from UNLV and Lindsay Gilbertson from UNR and will both be present at the March meeting to discuss ideas for this.

Jeff Johnson spoke briefly about AHS and contacting them about student participation. Discussion took place about NWRA pursuing other states for involvement with NWRA. This subject will be an agenda item for the next meeting to be discussed further. Tina will provide the Board with a list of attendees from other states and which states participated during the conference.

5. NWRA Future Events

Tina and Jeff updated the Board on the NWRA Annual Conference Week.

- **2012 Annual Conference Week**, March 5-8, 2012 at the Tuscany Suites & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada
 - Water Rights Class, March 5, 2012
 - Lake Mead Symposium, March 5-6, 2012
 - Advanced Water Rights Class, March 6, 2012
 - NWRA Conference Tour, March 6, 2012
 - Groundwater Workshop, March 6, 2012
 - NWRA Speakeasy & Social, March 6, 2012
 - Conference Program, March 7-8, 2012
 - NWRA 5k Run, March 8, 2012
 - NWRA Breakfast Social, March 8, 2012

Mike Widmer asked the Board for topic ideas for this year's Speakeasy. He will take the ideas to Jason King (confirmed speaker for the Speakeasy) and they will organize the evening's event.

Steve Weber offered to post the Breakfast Social invite on the School of Engineers Facebook. Tina will send him the event information for this.

Jay Dixon will meet with Tina about the route for the 5K Run.

Christian Harrison will meet with Tom Piechota and they will find ways to advertise to students through UNLV.

Jeff Johnson would like to see the Annual Conference posted more prominently on the NWRA website home page. Others agreed and Tina will make the request with the webmaster this week.

- **Northern Nevada Dinner Forum**, March 28, 2012, will be held at the Meadow Wood Courtyard in Reno, Nevada. Monte Morrison with Magma Energy will be the evening speaker.
- **2012 Tahoe Science Conference**, May 22-24, 2012, on the Sierra Nevada College campus in Incline Village, Nevada
- **Well Design, Construction and Rehab Workshops**, June 2012, in Reno, Nevada.

6. NWRA Exhibiting

NWRA secured booth space and exhibited during the following events. Board members discussed the attendance turnout for each event. Mike Hardy informed the Board that NWRA has reserved exhibit space with the Northwest Mining Association for the 2012 Conference that will take place in Spokane, WA. Tina will contact Mike Heywood, conference organizer, to inquire about NWRA hosting a Water Rights Class during this event. A deposit has been paid and the Board will discuss this further during the July Board meeting for member participation.

- a. UNLV Career Fair, Fall Marketplace, October 12, 2011, Las Vegas, NV
- b. Great Basin Water Forum, October 14, 2011, Ely, NV

- c. CA-NV AWWA 2011 Fall Conference, October 17-20, 2011, Reno, NV
- d. Northwest Mining Association Conference, November 28-December 2, 2011, Reno, NV

Tina informed the Board that during the NWMA event that NWRA increased the MML with 140 contacts and signed up 18 new members.

7. **Miscellaneous**

- The Board discussed the possibility of including a small budget for future Annual Conferences for student travel. After some ideas, opinions and discussion, it was decided that this would be addressed at the next Board meeting. Mike Widmer will meet with the Student Board members before the next meeting and they will take suggestions back to the group. \$1000 has been budgeted for the 2012 Annual Conference for travel for UNR student participation.
- Mike Widmer encouraged each of the Board members to provide information to Annual Conference presenters about the NWRA Journal submission process.
- The possibility of hosting the Elko Mine Tour this year was discussed. It was agreed that NWRA will schedule the 2012 Elko Mine Tour and Darrell Tweidt, Jay Fischer and Bill Listerud will again organize this event with Tina. Tina will contact the organizers with possible dates so that an exact date can be set and advertising can begin.
- Mike Widmer will gather information about the upcoming 2012 Annual Judges training that will take place in Reno. This will be a discussion item at the next Board meeting.
- The 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award nominations were recorded by Tina and will not be included in the meeting minutes.
- It was decided that NWRA will host the Domestic Well Owners Workshops in the Fall of 2012. Cities that had low attendance in 2011 will be eliminated from the schedule. Tina will prepare a schedule of workshops for Board members to volunteer to instruct. Advertising for these events will begin during the Annual Conference Week.
- The storage of NWRA equipment was discussed. The storage of equipment is currently being done on Tina's property but we have outgrown the space. It was decided that Tina and her husband will purchase a storage shed and rent space to NWRA, not to exceed an amount that is set by the Executive Board.
- Lari Knochenmus offered to provide a history of past sessions and panels that were included in Annual Conferences. These session titles and topics will be available during the next NWRA Board meeting. The Board will review the topics and set a proposed program outline for the 2013 Annual Conference planning committee. Planning of the 2013 Annual Conference will begin in April 2012.

8. **Next Board Meeting** will be held Thursday, March 8, 2012 at the Tuscany Hotel at 4:30 p.m.

9. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

