



#### 2007-2008 GOVERNING BOARD AND OFFICERS

Karl Ott, President  
Bharat Desai, Past President  
Aaron Nelson, President-Elect  
Hiram Tanner, Vice President  
Tim Wolfe, Secretary  
Bob Wimmer, Treasurer/WEF Delegate at Large  
Ray Schulte, WEF Delegate  
Sharon Cole, WEF Delegate  
Craig Murray, Trustee/DE  
Angela Essner, Trustee/MD  
Salil Kharkar, Trustee/DC

## **CWEA Annual Business Meeting Minutes**

Date: August 28, 2008, 12:00 Noon

Location: 2008 Tri-Conference  
Convention Center  
Ocean City, MD

Attendees: Karl Ott, Charles County, Mattawoman WWTP  
Aaron Nelson, Brown & Caldwell  
Alan Will, JMT  
Sharon Cole, AA County DPW  
Russ Sharpe  
Angie Essner, Greeley-Hansen  
Craig Murray, Malcolm Pirnie  
Kathleen Cove Kharkar, Metcalf & Eddy  
Sorin Schwartz, DCWASA  
Salil Kharkar, DCWASA  
Tim Wolfe, KCI  
Carrie DeSimone, CABE  
Bharat Desai, DuPont  
CWEA Members

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting started at 12:00 Noon
- Karl Ott introduced the table.

### **2. ATTENDANCE**

- See above.

### **3. CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS (Aaron Nelson)**

- A.** Conference appeared to be very successful, Record exhibitors.
- B.** 500 attendees.

C. 119 booths (13 on the waiting list.)

**4. GUEST SPEAKER – Chuck Weir, WEF Treasurer**

A. More MA's doing Tri-Conferences.

B. Last year, the British Medical Journal stated that sanitation the most important medical breakthrough.

C. WEF Items of interest:

- WEF 2009 Budget: \$25 Million (½ revenue from WEFTEC)
- Sustainability
- Emerging topics
- Improve website
- Purchase new database ~\$1.0 Million for software
- Outsourced membership (Local VA firm).
- Increasing support of Public Communication & Advocacy
- Micro-constituents in WW
- Supports Biosolids controversy. To summarize their position.
- Expand Water is Life Program
  - PBS program in October 2008.
  - Public willing to pay as long as educated.
- Discussed some spills in Honolulu & California
  - Proceeding to grading facilities A thru F and paying penalties (min. \$3,000) for incidents.
- Expressed Wef's willingness to help; join committees

Sharon Cole presented Chuck with gifts of appreciation:

- Book on the Chesapeake Bay
- Gift Certificate to Napa Valley

**5. SECRETARY REPORT (Tim Wolfe)**

- No report.
- Tim noted that minutes from last Board meeting posted on website.

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT (Bob Wimmer)**

- Checking: \$14,678.81
- Savings: \$37,095.41
- A/R: \$25,188.88
- Kappe: \$21,600.90

**Total Assets \$98,375.12**

**7. WEF DELEGATE REPORT**

- A. Ray Schulte
  - WEF committed to improving relationship with MA's. Questionnaire put out by WEF to evaluate relationship under review.
  - Establishing new role for House Delegate steering committee.
  - WEF adding "Water Heroes" to Website. Highlights people who have a significant contribution to the water industry. Due September 11, 2008. Check website.
- B. Hiram Tanner & Bob Wimmer – no report.

**8. AWARDS**

- A. Golden Manhole Award – presented by Carlos Espinosa
  - Recipients – Laurie Terri and John Fletcher
- B. Nominations for WEF Awards – presented by Ray Schulte
  - Collection System Award – Gary Wyatt
  - Emerson Award – Sudhir Murthy (Harim accepted for)
  - Outstanding Water Environmental Award – Priscilla Brown (Larry Jarworski accepted for)
- C. Morgan Award – presented by Hiram Tanner
  - Recipient – Salil Kharkar
- D. Gordon Fair Award – presented by Hiram Tanner
  - Recipient – James H. Johnson, Jr.

**9. PRESIDENT REPORT (Karl Ott)**

- A. Made some measurable accomplishment over the past and enjoyed working with the Board.
- B. Impressive involvement with World Water Monitoring Day.
- C. Levering liquid assets – Needs vs. Funds: \$540 Billion gap.

**10. NOMINATIONS (Bharat Desai)**

Proposed Officers CWEA 2008 – 2009

President	Aaron Nelson
President-Elect	Hiram Tanner
Past President	Karl Ott
Vice-President	Craig Murray
Secretary	Carlos Espinosa
Treasurer	Tim Wolfe
DE Trustee	Carrie DeSimone
PWO MA Rep.	Sam Amad
WEF Director/Delegate	Jon Doane

No other nominees presented from members

➤ **MOTION:** Accept slate of officers.

✓ **APPROVED**

**11. NEW PRESIDENT REMARKS (Aaron Nelson)**

- A. Aaron present plaque to Karl Ott in recognition of service as past president.
- B. Discussed some goals for new term and willingness to keep a positive image of CWEA in the community.
- C. Establish a “watermark” image for organization.

**12. 5S Award (Al Will)**

➤ **Nominees**

- Ted Deboda
- Ray Schulte (not present)

**13. CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next CWEA Board Meeting August 29, 2008 at Tri-Conference.

**14. ADJOURN**

- Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Wolfe, Secretary