

December 12, 2007 IPP Meeting Minutes Lansing WWTP 10 am-12 pm

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am.

Spring Seminar: Date will be May 14, 2008. Spring Training with a baseball theme, we are looking for a location if anyone has any good ideas let us know.

Great news: George Davis volunteered to be the Vice Chair for our committee. Thank you very much George.

Review of the conference suggestions/comments:

- Lots of comments about the food, it was cold, not enough, we ran out of coffee and water.
- They liked the way we did prizes this year.
- The sound system was bad. The speakers need to talk into the microphone. How about using a pin on microphone instead? Depends too much on what you are wearing. Also it would be nice to have a second microphone available for people in the audience asking questions.
- Vendors, some positive feed back from them. Daveda did greet all the vendors and thank them for attending, and said they had a positive response.
- Presentations are all available on the MWEA website with the exception of one that was large. Grace will convert it into a pdf file for us and we will see if that works to get it on the website.
- People would like to have a handout for the presentations, in our P2 efforts we have made them available online. We are going to check with MWEA about putting the presentations on the website 2 days prior to the seminar so people who wish to can print their own handouts and bring them with them. We could test this on the Spring Conference to see how it works. Lisa will ask MWEA how long the presentations are available online.
- People want to see more case studies for the seminars.

Certification/Education:

- Vicki is our liaison with the Certification/Education Committee, she can answer questions and get info for us. Soon to be available on MWEA website will be a study guide for the D and C Wastewater Operators license. Once that is up and running it will be evaluated and then they will work on getting the B and A guide available.
- The MWEA is also working on training clips that can be utilized as commercials-coming soon.
- MDEQ training will be posted in the middle of January on their website.
- Daveda brought in a handout from California Water Environment Association certifications (attached), and would like this committee to promote the Sacramento IPP certification. Saginaw's IPP Staff are all certified; and some municipalities are requiring the IPP Certification. It can increase your pay and job opportunities.

We need articles for the MWEA Matters!

IPP Professional of the Year Award Nominations:

We had three great candidates that were nominated for this award: Steve Kuplicki, Luther Blackburn, and Mike Andrews. After discussion and a vote the Committee voted Steve Kuplicki our choice to recommend to MWEA to receive this award for 2008. Congratulations Steve ☺

Legislative Reception Comments:

None of the committee members in present had attended. If you did attend and want to give us comments let Lisa know and we can take it to our next meeting.

Open Discussion:

- Ray Hamil brought in some pamphlets on the Freedom of Information Act. Attorney General Mike Cox had a meeting that Ray attended about closed meetings and FOIA.
- Ray also has completed sampling of his Dental and Medical Facilities if anyone is interested in the data. Grace said EPA is interested, and she will send Ray their website info. There has been some talk with EPA about Dental and Medical facilities becoming Categorical. EPA is very interested in before and after BMP test results, if anyone has this type of analytical it would be of great interest to EPA-the deadline for submittal is December 31, 2007. Grace will send us a quick reminder.
- Lisa had an update on the status of legal action on a couple of their small metal finishers. Genesee County is requiring a sampling manhole and applying fees, and has had to take legal action because the user failed to comply. Other committee members have taken MDEQ “thugs” with them to aid in their enforcement, and they were helpful.
- Wyoming completed their new expansion project.
- Tom Mort is going to retire in July with 30 years of service >25 of it in IPP. Great job, and congratulations Tom ☺
- Grace: January 15th deadline for fees before the MDEQ has to make drastic cuts-It takes public support to make this issue a priority.
- Carol Panagiotides is looking for info on what treatment plants have anaerobic digesters. She is interested in the gas capture (pollution prevention) - if you know of any please let her know. Also there is some grant money available for community wide food waste programs please contact Carol.

Meeting location discussion:

- Daveda would like to have meetings at different locations, to see if the committee can draw new people.
- Maybe we could send a special invitation to members in the meeting’s area that do not normally attend the meetings.
- Jack Keys had a list of municipalities and their IPP contact information, does anyone else have it? We can ask him for a copy.
- If you volunteered to host a meeting and want a speaker, you need to set that up.

2008 MWEA IPP Meeting Dates and Location Schedule

January 23, 2008 meeting location: Delhi Charter Township, 5961 McCue Road, Holt, MI 48842

March 5, 2008 meeting location: Genesee County's Linden Plant, 14412 Hogan Road, Linden, MI 48451

April 16, 2008 meeting location: Wyoming Clean Water Plant, 2350 Ivanrest, Wyoming, MI 49418

May 14, 2008 "Spring Training" Seminar- location to be determined

June 18, 2008 meeting location: City of Grand Rapids, 1300 Market Avenue, Grand Rapids, MI 49508

August 13, 2007 meeting location: Muskegon County, 8301 White Road, Muskegon, MI 49442

September 24, 2008 meeting location: "Home" in Lansing (Add to the agenda nominations for IPP Professional of the year.)

October 22, 2008: IPP Seminar

December 10, 2008 meeting and Holiday lunch "Home" in Lansing

Aaron knows a speaker that is very knowledgeable on Dental issues, would be great for next year's conference.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Members in Attendance:

Name

Daveda Quinn
Kenneth Herman
LaTanya Banks
Patrice Curtis
Lisa Milton
Allen Bryant
Tom Mort
Harold Boucher
Grace Scott
Vicki Johnson
Carol Panagiotides
Aaron Vis
Ray Hamil
Fred Hoitash
John Lemke
Rich Grant
Bill Gilbert

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