

# **MWEA IPP Committee Meeting Minutes**

**September 16, 2009**

Lansing WWTP

Meeting called to order by Committee Chair Daveda Quinn

There is a Legislative luncheon on September 29<sup>th</sup> –MWEA is looking for volunteers to attend.

## MDEQ Update

Grace also encouraged attendance at the legislative luncheon. MDEQ furlough days, the Filley Street (MDEQ's wet testing lab) is closing Oct 1, 2009.

## Annual Conference

It's that time again; our annual IPP conference is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>. Aaron has some of the speaker presentations, but more should be rolling in. He would like them at least a week prior to the conference date.

We are still looking for door prizes for the conference, so if anyone could help us out that would be much appreciated. (Committee members please bring a door prize with you-we are looking for around a dozen at least.)

It would be a good idea if we sent out an invitational email with door prize pictures as an incentive to get people fired up.

Aaron is working on the seminar survey; he is going to add a question about the possibility of having a joint conference with IPP & Biosolids committees. Also he's going to ask if people would be interested in an IPP spring training conference and what topics they would like to see. If you have any ideas on questions for the survey let Aaron know in the next couple of weeks.

Daveda talked to MWEA about better equipment so people can see and hear better at our conferences.

## 2010 IPP Conference

Need a volunteer to look at organizing the spring training conference. As a committee we need to get the information to MWEA a minimum of 2 ½ months prior to the event. We are looking at doing a spring conference next year without a fall conference, and then in 2011 spring conference jointly with Biosolids committee. Think about the timing for these and bring your ideas back to the next meeting.

## Committee Positions

Aaron is moving up from the Vice Chair position to be our committee's new Chair. So we are looking for a volunteer to fill the Vice Chair position.

### IPP Professional of the Year

Do you know an outstanding IPP professional? Nominations for the MWEA award IPP Professional Of The Year are due October 15<sup>th</sup>. Here are a list of past award recipients off MWEA's web site. 2009 Perry Thomas, 2008 Michael Andrews, 2007 Lisa Milton, 2006 Jerald Thaler, 2004 Walter Syrkowski, and 2003 Jack Keys. Think about this...Aaron is going to put together an email to send out to us with the forms and descriptions for the award.

There was discussion about the Industrial Professional Of The Year award and last year MWEA told our committee that we were responsible for nominations for that award also. Rich volunteered Cary to look into this and we will be getting an email out to all.

### Chair Retreat

Aaron went to the MWEA chair retreat and learned a lot of useful information. Our committee's liaison with the MWEA executive committee is Brian Ross.

### City of Jackson

Francis Nwachukwu from the City of Jackson will be retiring the end of October. We will miss Francis and wish him the best in everything he does ☺

### Future Meeting Dates and Locations:

October 15, 2009 - Seminar

November 4, 2009 - Meeting will be held at Delhi Township

December 9, 2009 – Meeting will be held at Lansing, Holiday Lunch

### Open Discussion

- Grace is working on audits. There are some state and federal monies for battery manufacturing. Businesses are looking for municipalities with favorable conditions to move into (good limits, tax exemptions etc.). Some of the materials they will be working with are lithium and other exotic metals. Michigan received the lions share of the money available for this.
- Aaron said that Wyoming is kicking off their GVRBA (Grand Valley Regional Biosolids Authority) project Tuesday-look in the media for news on this. The GVRBA is a cooperative effort between the City's of Grand Rapids and Wyoming to manage wastewater biosolids on a regional basis. They are also working on a spent medicine collection program.
- Rich from Fleis and VandenBrink Engineering is keeping busy with municipal work more so than industrial.
- Delhi Township has their new digesters on line we can check them out at the November meeting. Dress appropriate for the weather.

- Muskegon County is doing some work revamping a new 11-mile long pipeline. They are also in the process of developing new local limits, and working on the flow proportional sampling requirements. Checking into the possibility of harvesting algae from their lagoons for energy.
- City of Howell is seeing some more success with Pepsi's pretreatment system since they switched from urea to pure ammonia.
- Genesee County WWS- wrapping up enforcement on some users, and arsenic systems.
- City of Grand Rapids- Brought in some info from TEEEX.org (check out their site) they provide Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities course training. This is a pretty neat deal, you provide the facility and at least 25 people and they will provide the rest... instructors, books etc. You also get CECs for the courses. As part of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC), TEEEX offers special Homeland Security courses funded by the National Homeland Security Training Program. **The federal government pays the tuition for these courses, for qualified participants.**
- Saginaw just had their IPP audit and it went well, they are doing some work on flow proportional sampling requirements. Daveda said this was her last meeting as Chair of the IPP Committee and thanked everyone for the great experience. She hopes that everyone will give Aaron the same support they gave her. Thank you Daveda for all you've done for us ☺

Members in Attendance

Daveda Quinn  
 Gwen Swanson  
 Vicki Johnson  
 LaTanya Banks  
 Lisa Milton  
 Aaron Vis  
 Grace Scott  
 Ken Herman  
 Allen Bryant  
 Ray Hamil  
 Bill Gilbert  
 Harold Boucher  
 Rich Grant

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