

**SOUTH JERSEY SECTION  
OF THE  
NEW JERSEY WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the April 19, 2007 Business Meeting

President Eric Harrell called the Business Meeting to order at The Crab Trap in Somers Point NJ and Marty Walsh took roll call.

Eric Harrell, President  
Russell Franks, Vice President  
John Manganaro, Treasurer  
Marty Walsh, Secretary  
Blake Maloney, Past President  
Clark Shimp, Trustee  
Luz Cabrera, Recording Secretary  
Rocco Maiellano, Membership & Ladies Night Chairperson  
Rick Eustace, Seminar & Tech Chairperson & Nominating & Awards  
Ernie Anderson, Sick & Welfare Chairperson  
John Saville, Health & Safety Chairperson  
Tom McCormick, Affiliates Chairperson  
Eric Fox, Golf Outing Chairperson

*Don Wharton, Somerdale Sewer  
Tom Morgan, Ewing Lawrence SA  
John Reardon, Cape May County MUA  
Jim Neville, Cape May County MUA  
James Hazell, Cape May County MUA  
William Cathcart, Cape May County MUA  
Robert Hollenweger, Cumberland County UA  
Ted Probert, Cumberland County UA  
William Lewis, Cumberland County UA  
Mike Fernandez, Cumberland County UA  
Kurt Schneider, Willier Electric  
Scott & Chris Morton, Evesham MUA  
Steve Blankenship, Hamilton Twp MUA*

*Harry Smith III, Certified Health & Safety  
J David Skorny, Washington Twp MUA  
Ron Baldino, HA DeHart  
Tom Lauletta, Atlantic County UA  
Chris Harris, Atlantic County UA  
Michael Gille, Atlantic County UA  
Don Teefy, Sea Isle City  
Andre Cipado, Sea Isle City  
Paul LaRosa, Sea Isle City  
George Manganaro, Scholarship winner  
Beth Managanaro  
Anthony Johnson  
Jeanne Maiellano*

**Approval of Minutes:** Marty Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes from March 1, 2007 business meeting, seconded by Russ Franks and unanimously approved. A moment of silence for the lives lost at Virginia Tech University was observed.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**President's Report:** Eric Harrell

- This year the Joseph Manganaro Scholarship was presented to two students in the amount of \$500 each. The two awardees were George Joseph Manganaro and Caitlan Rambo. Eric presented the scholarship to George Joseph Manganaro, Caitlan Rambo was not able to attend meeting, scholarship will be sent to her.
- Eric presented the Knights of the Golden Shovel Award to Ernie Anderson.
- Eric thanked the staff at Ocean City for allowing our association to tour their facility.
- Eric thanked James T Hazell from CCMUA for seminar presented before meeting on NJDEP Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).
- Joseph Soporowski sent a thank you card for the flowers that were sent. He is recovering from a quadruple heart bypass.

**Vice President's Report:** Russ Franks

- Russ was offered the position to chair State's Operators Challenge Committee by President Bonaccorso and has accepted.
- The Invitational Operations Challenge will be held September 7-8, 2007 at the Clarion Hotel in Pleasantville NJ. Looking for additional help to move equipment for the event.
- The South Section has donated \$400 to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Day Celebration, hosted by Gloucester City Environmental Utilities at Proprietor's Park in Gloucester City on May 19, 2007 from 11:30am – 2:30pm. Various events taking place throughout the day including the Drinking Water Quality Contest. If additional information is needed you can contact Fred Schindler.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Manganaro

- Current Assets for April 2007: Checking \$10,559.72 & Savings \$5,025.35

**Secretary's Report:** Marty Walsh

- Marty will be judging vendor displays along with John Manganaro at the NJWEA Conference in Atlantic City. He will also be collecting membership updates and will try to get more emails.
- Marty will be supplying the entertainment at the Environmental Day Celebration.
- Pitney Bowes will not longer be used for postage, we will use email for upcoming events and meeting notices.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Constitution & By-Laws:** Russ Franks, No Report

**Seminar & Technology Transfer:** Rick Eustace

- Rick thanked James T Hazell for his presentation. This session was worth 1 TCH.
- There will be five pre and five specialty workshops at the May Conference. The numbers are low on the WEF workshops and if anyone wants to attend please sign up.
- NJWEA will be offering 25 workshops starting on Tues at 8:30 am & ending Thurs at 4 pm.
- Five mini seminars will be available in June 2007. The two topics are Bypass Pumping and Groundwater Extractions and Treatment. For more info contact Rick.
  - June 4, 2007 Sussex County Fire Academy – Groundwater Extractions & Treatment
  - June 5, 2007 Camden County MUA – Bypass Pumping
  - June 6, 2007 Franklin Twp SA – Bypass Pumping
  - June 7, 2007 Atlantic County UA – Groundwater Extractions & Treatment
  - June 8, 2007 Bergen County UA – Bypass Pumping
- The next NJWEA Technology Transfer Seminar in Tinton Falls will be held Sept 2007 (not in October as in past years).

**Nominating & Awards:** Rick Eustace

- NJWEA Scholarship Award Winners
  - Daniel E Bilger Award Ryan Smith, Rowan University
  - Robert S. Shaw Award Matthew Palmer, Fairleigh Dickinson
  - Louis Fontenelli Award Matt DeNafo, Rowan University
- The following awards were given out at the Ladies Night Dinner on April 13, 2007
  - Leo J Saverese - Robert Lender
  - William Pine (Affiliates) KRS Services – Richard Shaw

**Membership:** Rocco Maiellano

- South Section received nine new members from the student chapter at Rowan University.
- The average age of the WEF is 46 years old.

**Program:** Russell Franks

- This was the last business meeting for this cycle. The Executive Committee will meet at the May Conference to schedule business meetings and facilities that we would like to tour. If anyone has a suggestion on a facility we can tour, please contact Russ.

**Sick & Welfare:** Ernie Anderson

- Flowers were sent to Joseph Soporowski and received a thank you from him.
- James Laughlin past away and a private ceremony was held.

**Legislative:** Dennis Palmer, Report Submitted

- The following bills are being monitored:
  - A913* Establishes additional bases for disqualification of bidder under “Local Public contracts Law” and clarifies existing law.
  - A1017* Appropriates \$424,559 to the DEP from the “Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund” for a grant to a certain local government for sewer infrastructure improvements.
  - A1107* The “Public Surface Water Supply Protection Act”.
  - A1115* Requires State to purchase energy efficient machinery and electrical equipment and requires governmental entities to prepare energy savings plan.
  - A2770* Repeals bidding requirement for local public contracts to allow bidders to avoid unresponsive bid if they inadvertently omit business registration from bid proposal provided that bidder was registered before bid submission deadline.
  - A3063* Concerns meeting notices and minutes requirements of Open Public Meetings Act. Bill requires comprehensive minutes posted on website within five days. That is impossible to get it done. Also, comprehensive minutes of closed sessions.
  - A3843* Exempts certain State authorities and local government contracting units from bidding requirements when goods and services are procured below prices available under State contract.
  - A3899* Clarifies time by which public bodies are required to make minutes of meetings available in the public. This bill requires minutes to be available in 30 days regardless if they have been approved.
  - S1009* Requires release of bid list prior to bid date under “Local Public Contracts Law”.
  - S1722* Requires water purveyors and licensed operators to notify the municipalities they service regarding water supply and water quality issues.

**Industrial Waste:** Chris Jepson, No Report

**Affiliates:** Tom McCormick, No Report

**Health & Safety:** John Saville

- There is still room in the Driver Training Class on Monday, April 30, 2007. Its available for point reduction and those who complete it will be eligible for discounts on their insurance.
- John Saville is the moderator for the Safety Workshop (Arc Flash Basic Electrical Safety) being held at the NJWEA Conference on Thursday, May 3, 2007 from 8am to 12:45pm. Attendees will receive 4 TCH’s.
- PEOSHA is focusing heavily on hearing conservation and machine guarding. There has been a greater emphasis on hoisting and lifting equipment inspections. Not only are they looking for the guards and noisy operations, but they are citing for lack of written policies and procedures. They are carrying noise meters with them and stopping if they see a chipper or mowing operation in progress. If you have shops with equipment in need of guards like drill presses, be sure to get the proper guards in place. Also, if you are issuing paper dust masks you must give all affected employees a copy of 29 CFR 1910. 134 Appendix D, which explains the use of Dust masks in the workplace. Appendix D can be downloaded from the OSHA website [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov) .

**SUBCOMMITTEES**

**Ladies Night:** Rocco Maiellano

- Ladies Night Dinner was held at The Westin in Mount Laurel NJ on April 13, 2007.
- Next year's Ladies Night will be held at The Mansion in Voorhees NJ on April 5, 2008.

**Golf Outing:** Eric Fox

- The golf outing will be held September 13, 2007 at Jaworski Valleybrook Country Club in Blackwood NJ.

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**NJWEA Report:**

- The NJWEA Annual Conference in Atlantic City will be held April 29 – May 4, 2007. South Section is assisting in the Hospitality suite on Tuesday, May 1, 2007.
- John Manganaro asked for than any pictures taken at the NJWEA Conference be forward to him.
- State Publications committee is looking for articles to put into the next SCAN newsletter.
- Rowan University held their first student chapter meeting on April 16, 2007 and the NJWEA presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 for a pilot study on pipe materials used in wastewater.

**Old Business:** No Report

**New Business:** No Report

**Good of the Membership:** No Report

**Adjournment / Time:** Marty Walsh made a motion to adjourn meeting at 5:45 pm, seconded by Eric Harrell unanimously approved.