

NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
SOUTH JERSEY SECTION
Minutes of the October 27, 2020 Business Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

The business meeting of the New Jersey Environment Association South Section was called to order by President Bob Carlson at 14:12 hours at the Cape May County Zoo located at 707 Route 9 North, Cape May Court House, New Jersey. The following members were present at roll call:

Bob Carlson, President
Joe Pantalone, Vice President
Kathy Collinge, Treasurer
Rick Eustace, Trustee
Rocco Maiellano, Trustee
Josh Palombo, Past President
John Reardon, Association President

Approval of Minutes: Rocco Maiellano made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2019 business meeting, seconded by Harry Smith and unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Report: Bob Carlson

- Attended South Sections Vendor's Day on February 7th, 2020.
- COVID19 forced the cancellation of the Associations Annual May Conference.
- Attended 2020 Annual Meeting of the NJWEA Governing Council virtual meeting on April 17th, 2020.
- Attended virtual South Section Executive meeting on May 1st, 2020
- South Section Awards Banquet for 2020 was canceled due to COVID19, 2019 Awards Recipients will be honored at a future event.
- New officers assumed their positions on June 11th, 2020 and I would like to take this opportunity welcome our new officers and thank them in advance for all their time and dedication they are contributing to the Association. Please welcome Joe Pantalone, Vice President, Kathy Collinge, Treasure, Craig Loper, Secretary. Additionally, I would like to thank our past President Josh Palombo and outgoing Treasurer Joe Rizzuto for all their assistance and guidance they have extended during this transition period.
- Worked with the Biosolids committee to help with the fall biosolids program only to have it cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Attended virtual South Section Executive meeting on October 5th, 2020
- The effects of COVID-19 continue to have major and long-lasting effects to this organization. Just in the South Section it has forced the cancellation of our annual awards banquet, fishing trip, golf outing and business meeting so far this year.

- On a positive note the South Section was able award three (3) scholarships:
 - Joseph W. Manganaro Scholarship Award – Paige A Mills
 - Blake Maloney Scholarship Award – Kirstin Slater
 - Memorial Scholarship – Emily R. Zidanic

The scholarship recipients expressed sincere gratitude in helping to make part of their educational experience this year feel somewhat normal.

- Nominations for this year’s awards are coming due soon, Rocco will elaborate during committee reports.
- I know a lot of you have questions pertaining to testing and continuing credits Dennis will be elaborating on this topic during his committee report.
- Thanked all for attending and introduced newcomers.

Vice President’s Report: Joe Pantalone

- Attended South Section Executive meeting on October 5th, 2020.
- Membership is urged to submit nominations in a timely fashion with the due date being November 13, 2020.

Secretary’s Report: No Report

- Josh Palombo received an email from Craig confirming he is resigning and apologized for any inconvenience.
 - John Manganaro made a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Harry Smith and unanimously approved.
- Frank Deyhle nominated Joe Weber for the Secretary position. Joe accepted the nomination.
 - Frank Deyhle made a motion to nominate Joe Weber for the Secretary position, seconded by John Manganaro and unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Kathy Collinge

- Association checking account reconciled balance as of September 30, 2020 was \$46,523.01
- Submitted FY2019 financial documents to NJWEA Auditor
- The Section’s Wells Fargo Investment portfolio is as follows: \$20,000 in CD’s with varying maturity dates; \$1,042.00 cash.
- Consulted with Wells Fargo Investment Advisor on Section portfolio. A CD matured on 10/26/20. Reinvested \$6,000.00 into a CD maturing on 10/26/21. Statements are available for review.
- Attended Section Executive Committee meeting on October 5th, 2020.
- Made various deposits and disbursements.
- The most recent reconciliation, current budget vs. actual reports and profit/loss statements are submitted for ratification.
 - John Manganaro made a motion to approve the submitted financial statements, seconded by Joe Rizzuto, and unanimously approved.

Past President's Report: Josh Palombo

- Congratulated the Board Members and offered support and encouragement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health & Safety: Harry Smith

- Presented a 1-hour TCH Program on the subject of “What Every Water and Wastewater Operator Should Know about COVID-19”, hand-outs presented.
- Working on a new program for the Convention.
- If anyone needs guidance or has questions, feel free to contact Harry.

Memberships: Carl Janson, No Report

Sick & Welfare: Rocco Maiellano

- Contact Rocco with any information.

Nominating & Awards: Rocco Maiellano

- Nomination package was emailed to the Executive Board with the Nomination forms. The forms are due by November 13, 2020. Submit a nomination for anyone who you think deserves to be rewarded. Do not worry about who is supposed to get a reward, rather who deserves it.
- Completed package is due by the end of February.
- Contact Rocco or Dave Kennedy with any questions or concerns.

Seminar & Technology Transfer: Jim Neville

- Rick Eustace informed members that the Association has been granted the ability for virtual seminars. Information can be found on the NJWEA website.

Affiliates: Bill LaPorte, No Report

Industrial: Chris Jepson

- Eager to have facility tours once Covid restrictions relax.

Legislative Report: Dennis W. Palmer, No Report

NJWEA Report: John Reardon

- The Board of Examiners are putting pressure on the DEP for operator examinations.
- Efforts are happening to resolve issues for contact hours.
- We are actively planning a March seminar – Harry offered to assist. Rick expressed concern about travel limitations.

Program: Pat Witts, No Report

Golf Outing: John Manganaro

- Golf outing is rescheduled for next October at the Valleybrook Country Club in Blackwood, NJ.
- The golf outing will not be combined with the SJWPA.
- John spoke of the passing of Roger Parkhurst, John Maier's wife, Jeanne and Rocco Maiellano's daughter and Fred Schindler.
- Fred Schindler was the Operator of Operators, the Educator of Educators, a long-time friend, and mentor. No one did it better than Fred, he always encouraged people to do their best and he enjoyed teaching and sharing his knowledge. He never missed the opportunity to urge the Politicians to recognize what we do.
- John asked that we pray for those we have lost.

Ladies Night: Josh Palombo

- Ladies Night is booked for April 9, 2021 at the Mansion.

Scholarship Awards: Joe Pantalone

- The \$1,500-dollar 2020 Scholarship Awards were presented as follows
 - Joseph W. Manganaro Scholarship Award – presented to Paige A. Mills
 - Blake Maloney Scholarship Award – presented to Kirstin Slater
 - Memorial Scholarship Award – presented to Emily R. Zidanic
 - Robert Ingles Scholarship Award – not presented
- The 2021 Scholarship application is available on the NJWEA website in the South Section tab.

Operations Challenge: Timothy Fisher, No Report

Young Professionals: No Report

Archives: Carl Janson, No Report

New Business:

- Rick announced the Conference at Caesar's has been cancelled because they have sold. The May Conference will be held at the new Convention Center at Harrah's. We welcome this exciting change. More information will be available in December.
- Harry Smith brought a new member, Daren DiFonzo. Daren has been working with Harry for the past 3 years and is presently in the process of taking over the business, however Harry will continue to consult. Daren will bring safety to a new level; he has a background working in refineries. Harry started "Certified Health and Safety Services" 25 year ago.
- Frank Deyhle agreed to Chair the Program Committee
- The Nominating Committee has met and recommend the following Delegates and Alternates:
 - *Delegates*
Dave Kennedy, Rocco Maiellano, Tim Fisher, Josh Palombo, Joe Weber, Bill LaPorte
Bill Cathcart, Frank Deyhle, Dennis Palmer and Chris Jepson
 - *Alternates*
Blake Maloney, Jeff Rollins, John Manganaro, Rick Eustace, Jeannie Maiellano, Kathy Collinge, Joe Pantalone, Frank Hartman, Joe Rizzuto, and Pat Witts

Rick Eustace made a motion to approve the nominations for Delegates and Alternates, seconded by Blake Maloney and unanimously approved.

Old Business: None

Good of the Membership: None

Adjournment / Time:

John Manganaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rocco Maiellano and unanimously approved at 14:50 hours.