

NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
SOUTH JERSEY SECTION
Minutes of the January 19, 2023 Business Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

The business meeting of the New Jersey Environment Association South Section was called to order by President Joe Pantalone at 17:25 hours at Illiano's Ristorante located at 705 12th Street in Hammonton, New Jersey. The following members were present at roll call:

Joe Pantalone, President
Steve Blankenship, Vice President
Kathy Collinge, Treasurer
Kevin Whitney, Secretary
Frank Deyhle, Trustee
Rick Eustace, Trustee
Josh Palombo, Past President

Approval of Minutes: Steve Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2022 business meeting, seconded by Kevin Whitney and unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Report: Joe Pantalone

- Attended the NJWEA Executive Meeting on December 2, 2022 in Eatontown and delivered the South Section report of past months' events.
- Presented our slate of delegates as follows:

DELEGATE NOMINATIONS		ALTERNATE NOMINATIONS	
Steve	Blankenship	Kathy	Collinge
Bill	Cathcart	Frank	Deyhle
Chris	Jepson	Rick	Eustace
Dave	Kennedy	Danielle	Farrell
Bill	LaPorte	Tim	Fisher
Rocco	Maiellano	Samantha	Liccketto
Blake	Maloney	Jeannie	Maiellano
Dennis	Palmer	Joe	Rizzuto
Josh	Palombo	Jeff	Rollins
Steve	Watson	Kevin	Whitney

- The Executive Board accepted John F Cornacchia's transition from Wells Fargo Advisors to Harbor Lights Financial Group which the South Section had previously endorsed subject to the Executive action.
- League Of Municipalities - I assisted the team on covering the booth on Thursday morning of the League Week.
- Ladies Night - At our last meeting, the Executive Committee discussed the future of Ladies Night since COVID thwarted the past few events and decided to wrap the awards into this upcoming meeting.
- PFAS - As reported last meeting, I am the Chair of the AEA's PFAS Committee. The uniform sampling workplan we developed will be introduced at some point in February after the AEA PFAS Committee has had a chance after the holidays to review and accept. Earlier we reported a reluctance to test since there is concern that voluntarily submitting results to the NJDEP will ultimately be used against us. The AEA was somewhat successful in having NJDEP consider an Administrative Order that would produce a permit shield.

Vice President's Report: Steve Blankenship

- Scholarship Award Applications required some minor modifications, they are available on the NJWEA website. Application deadline is March 1, 2023. Scholarships will be awarded in April 2023.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Collinge

- Association checking account balance as of December 31, 2022 was \$49,487.73.
- The Section's Harbor Lights Financial Group Investment portfolio for December 31, 2022 closing is \$18,000 - (3) \$6000.00 CDs with maturity dates of March 2023, May 2024 and November 2024. Closing value of \$18,016.44 Cash and sweep balance is \$3,868.96. A copy of the statement is available upon request.
- The 2023-2024 South Section Budget was submitted to and recommended by the Budget Committee. The report is with me today for anyone who would like to look at it.
- The most recent reconciliation, current budget vs. actual reports and profit/loss statements are submitted electronically for ratification. The reports are with me today for anyone who would like to look at them.

Secretary's Report: Kevin Whitney

- The NJWEA Conference will be held during the week of May 8, 2023.
- Vendors' Day will be February 3, 2023.
- The 38th Annual Water Reuse Symposium will be from March 5-8, 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Utility Management Conference is on Tuesday, March 14 & Wednesday, March 15th at Caesars in Atlantic City.
- WEF/AWWA Utility Management Conference 2023 is on Tuesday, March 28th to Friday, March 31st at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center in Sacramento, CA.
- NJWEA Technology Transfer Seminar will be March 27th to March 30th, 2023.
- April 23, 2023 - Earth Day event at Egg Harbor Township, NJ
- For more information ask Kevin for a report or visit NJWEA.org.

Past President's Report: Bob Carlson

- Worked with the Biosolids committee to help finalize Biosolids / Energy program for the Spring Technology Transfer Seminar and Annual May Conference.
- Attended Executive Committee meetings.

NJWEA Report: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health & Safety: Harry Smith and Daren DiFonzo, No Report

Memberships: Vacant

Sick & Welfare: Rocco Maiellano, No Report

Nominating & Awards: Rocco Maiellano, No Report

Affiliates: Bill LaPorte

- Vendors Day is on Friday, February 3rd at the Scottish Rite in Collingswood. The tables are filling very quickly. We are having the same caterer as last year and it should be a successful event for both Vendors and Guests. We presently have thirty-five guests registered and expect a full event. Registration forms are available today.

Industrial: Chris Jepson, No Report

Legislative Report: Dennis W. Palmer

- The new year starts out with the Governor giving his State of The State speech to a joint session of the Senate and Assembly on January 10, 2023. The following are bills of interest;
- **S3282** Requires DEP and BPU to study and promote use of microplastics filtering systems and technologies in New Jersey.
- **S3283** Directs DEP to adopt regulations concerning identification and testing of microplastics in drinking water.
- **A5016** Requires water supply system testing and compliance with secondary drinking water regulations. Pre-filed.
- **A5020** Prohibits water utility from taking certain actions if utility fails to participate in Low Income Household Water Assistance Program.
- **S1006** Requires DEP, DOH, owners or operators of certain public water systems, and owners or operators of certain buildings to take certain actions to prevent and control cases of Legionnaire's disease.
- **S2712** Prohibits sale, manufacture, distribution, and use of firefighting foam containing intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

Program: Frank Deyhle

- We had 108 attendees at our mini seminar in Evesham, thank you to everyone who helped.
- The next business meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 9th at the Crab Trap in Somers Point. We are hoping to have a 1 hour TCH on laboratory sampling and DMR's.
- We are in need of volunteers to assist Dave Kennedy and Mario Bonaccorso with the Hospitality Suite on Monday and Tuesday evening.
- We are planning a Phillies game trip in June; this is a joint venture with the SJWP.
- We are planning a Fishing trip; however each trip will be limited to 10 people.

Golf Outing: Dave Kennedy

- Golf outing will be on September 22, 2023 at Vallebrook Golf Course in Blackwood.
- Joe Rizzuto has accepted the position as Chairperson for the Golf Committee.

Ladies Night: Josh Palombo, No Report

Scholarship Awards: Steve Blankenship, *refer to Vice President's Report*

Young Professionals: No Report

Archives: Kathy Collinge, No Report

Old Business: Nothing to Report

Good of the Membership: Nothing to Report

Adjournment / Time:

Steve Blankenship made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Frank Deyhle and unanimously approved at 17:50 hours.