**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2020 MEETING**

**NEW JERSEY WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION**

**NORTH JERSEY SECTION**

**CALL TO ORDER**: President John Corkery called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM at Fair Lawn Fire House #2.

**ROLL CALL:** Steve Wendowski, Lisa Oberreiter, John Corkery, Brian Bigler, Humbertt Mortola, Victoria Bonaccorso, Fernanda Lois, Alan Neggia, Natalie Pisarcik, Robert De Block, Patricia Corkery, Patrick Richardson, Dan Carey, Kellie Markert, Rob Watkins, Harry Smith, Jim Wancho, Kevin Bilin, Sean Sauder, Jacob Mamo, Gus Salles, John Mulroony, Jim Caratuza, Walter Jenness.

**RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS:**

Brian Bigler

Robert De Block

Steve Wendowski

**STATE OFFICERS:**

Executive Director: None Present

Deputy Executive Director: None Present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: President Corkery noted that the minutes for the September 30, 2020 meeting were distributed and also posted on the web site and asked if anyone had any corrections or comments. Motion was then made by Dan Carey to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Lisa Oberreiter.

The motion was approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** We received a thank you from the Parkhurst family for our donation to the Hope Center in memory of Roger Parkhurst.

**NORTH JERSEY SECTION EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:**

**President’s Report:** John Corkery; Thank you to Harry Smith for an extremely informative presentation. Since the last meeting, I have worked with Greg Burde to prepare the Scan Magazine.

There was a meeting with officers reviewing virtual meetings and webinars through 2020-2021. We are reviewing logistics for holding our annual Awards Night. Kellie Markert has offered to head up the planning of the event.

**Vice President’s Report**: Christopher Pabst; No Report.

**Secretary’s Report:** Lisa Oberreiter; No Report.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Humbertt Mortola; No Report

**SECTION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Awards Committee:** Chairman Robert De Block; If anyone has recommendation for awards at the section level, please reach out as nominations will be occurring shortly. There is also a form for any member to nominate anyone for any award they feel a member is deserving of.

Any member who would like to forward names for consideration by the Awards Committee can email

recommendations to [RDeBlock@DeBlock.org](mailto:RDeBlock@DeBlock.org)

The State Awards Committee will be soliciting nominations in October.

The NJWEA officers have determined that the 2020 NJWEA Awards will be recognized at the 2021 John J. Lagrosa

Conference and Exposition in conjunction with the recognition of the 2021 NJWEA Awardees.

North Section Members who are being recognized with 2020 awards are as follows:

Kimberly Marques, TBSA – Robert Rowe Laboratory Award

Lou Lambe, PVSC – Joseph Bonaccorso Operator Educator Award

Matthew Bodzioch, JMEUC – Outstanding Young Water Environment Professional Award

Christopher Pabst, JMEUC – James De Block Award

Ernest De Graw - WEF Hatfield Award

**Education & Meetings Committee:** Jim Wancho & Brian Bigler: Thank you to Harry Smith for coming up and providing the presentation. The preparation for have an in person TCH session is taking more effort, time, and planning so the efforts are being made by others to bring this meeting to fruition. If anyone has any idea for a January/February meeting, please let us know.

**Membership Committee:** Chairman Glen Riscen: No Report.

**Nominating Committee:** Robert De Block:

The NJWEA North Section Nominating Committee meeting was convened at noon on September 3, 2020

for the purpose of preparing nominations for North Section Delegates/Alternates to the NJWEA Governing

Council and one (1) North Section Trustee.

The following nominations were unanimously approved by the Committee and are being forwarded for

the second reading at the November 5, 2020 North Section Business Meeting.

North Section Delegates to the NJWEA Governing Council.

1 year term commencing at the call to order of the of the NJWEA Governing Council Meeting scheduled

for April 2021.

1. Brian Bigler

2. Joseph Bonaccorso

3. Mario Bonaccorso

4. Gregory Burde

5. Robert C. Fischer

6. Joanne Mancuso

7. Humbertt Mortola

8. Lisa Oberreiter

9. Christopher Pabst

10. Glen L. Riscen

North Section Alternate Delegates to the NJWEA Governing Council.

1 year term commencing at the call to order of the of the NJWEA Governing Council Meeting scheduled for

April 2021.

1. Daniel J. Carey

2. Jason Chase

3. William J. Cleary

4. Harry L. Ladisheff

5. Fernanda Lois

6. Terrence McHugh

7. Natalie Pisarcik

8. Charles P. Theodora

9. Ramon Vara

10. Steven Wendowski

North Section Trustee

3 year term commencing at the conclusion of the May 2021 NJWEA Conference

Richard D. Stafford

Motion was then made by Brian Bigler to accept the report; the motion was seconded by Jim Wancho.

The motion was approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

**Policy Advisory Committee:** Chairman Steve Wendowski: No report

**Scholarship Committee:** Chairman Frank Pestana & Dan Carey: Notices will be going out shortly looking for awardees.

**SECTION SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Affiliates Night:** Chairman Charles Theodora: No report.

**Dinner Dance Committee:** Chairman Kellie Markert: There is a contract signed with Fiesta for March 2021. We are evaluating all ways of making the event happen. We are trying to finalize the decision by December.

Discussion:

Robert De Block: If we are inclined to postpone it, make sure that we consider scheduling a date later in the year. If we are still planning on March, the behind-the-scenes work would need to begin now. It might be worth exploring the idea of postponing the event.

Steve Wendowski: If we have it later on in the year, we could also consider doing an outdoor venue instead of indoors. With this idea, we lose the touch and feel of the holiday event.

September: Half-way to St. Patrick’s Day. If we move it this far forward, we would then be moving it on a regular basis.

Jim Wancho: We don’t really know what the conditions will be. If we push it a month into April, it gives us a little time to see how things are changing. If it’s not feasible, then we can pull the plug on the event as a whole.

Support: We should reach out to membership and vendors to field opinions about holding the event and their level of support. We can do this through Constant Contact to previous attendees of the Dinner Dance.

**Golf Outing Committee:** Rick Stafford & Humbertt Mortola: Next year’s golf outing date is June 4, 2021.

**Young Professionals:** They will have the next meeting via Zoom. There will be a donation drive of gift cards for the Atlantic City Rescue Mission. Looking for volunteers for the conference for speak on a panel about their journey in the industry.

**NJWEA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:**

Executive Director/ Deputy Executive Director: Jim De Block: No Report

Federation Directors: Robert Fischer: No Report

Other State Officers/Committee Members: None.

**NJWEA, COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Financial Report: Submitted by Treasurer Humbertt Mortola**

**BILLS:** Thefollowing bills were presented by Humbertt Mortola for ratification by the membership**:**

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|  | **Bills For Ratification** |  |
|  | **Detailed** |  |
| Section Meeting 11/5/2020 |  |  |
| Railyard Tavern | September 30, 2020 Meeting Dinner | $800.00 |
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|  | Total Expenses | $800.00 |

**Treasurer’s Report** presented by Humbertt Mortola.

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| **For the Period of** | 9/30/20 - 11/3/20 | |
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| Opening Balance |  | $20,040.49 |
| Deposits |  | $440.00 |
| Cleared Transactions | | $800.00 |
| Cleared Balance |  | $19,680.49 |
| Uncleared Transactions | | $0.00 |
| Closing Balance |  | $19,680.49 |
| Scholarship CD \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*497 |  | $24,137.65 |
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| **Total Assets** |  | $43,818.14 |

Motion to approve the bills and accept the Treasurer’s Report by Robert De Block, seconded by Jim Wancho .

Motion approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

Discussion: None

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Good and Welfare:**  None.

**Benefactors:**

De Block Environmental

TC Tech – Greg Burde

John Corkery – PSI

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Brian Bigler seconded by Jim Wancho and approved unanimously.