**MINUTES OF THE September 27, 2023 MEETING**

**NEW JERSEY WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION**

**NORTH JERSEY SECTION**

**CALL TO ORDER**: President Christopher Pabst called the meeting to order at the Booton Station 1904 at 6:05 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Chris Pabst, Lisa Oberreiter, Jason Chase, Robert DeBlock, Rob Watkins, Gavin Wagner, John Corkery, Rick Stafford, Tasnim Ritu, Greg Cardena, Vinnie Cautero, Cathy Pabst, Natalie Pisarcik, Mario Bonaccorso, Dan Cary, Steve Wendowski, Michael Hudson, Cole Hudson, Scott Hansen, Jim Wancho, Brian Carey, Robert Pennington.

**RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS:**

John Corkery

Steve Wendowski

Robert DeBlock

Mario Bonaccorso

**STATE OFFICERS-**None Present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: President Pabst noted that the minutes for the October 14, 2022 meeting were distributed asked if anyone had any corrections or comments. Motion was then made by Steve Wendowski to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by James Wancho.

No Discussion.

The motion was approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**NORTH JERSEY SECTION EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:**

**President’s Report:** Christopher Pabst

Beefsteak report to be read later.

Introduction of Cathy Pabst-New Comptroller and Recording Secretary for NJWEA North Section. We thank Tory Bonaccorso for her many years of service to the North Section.

Technology Transfer-March 2024 Tech Transfer is the last Tech Transfer for the 3-year cycle. It will be the last Tech Transfer before the September 30th deadline for the DEP. The next Fall Tech Transfer will be in October 2024 and the first for the new cycle. Spread the word. Some of the other opportunities for TCHs before the September 30, 2024 deadline are the annual conference in May and some mini seminars in January 2024 and June 2024. Also there will be an attempt to set up some webinars after June but Do NOT rely on the webinars because they will only be an hour here or there.

**Vice President’s Report**: Lisa Oberreiter;

Membership Committee NJWEA State Level Meeting-Discussed the Utility Partnership that NJ is not a member. This is a way to consolidate the membership renewals at the municipal levels. This takes the ownership away from the individual member and puts in on the authority. NJWEA decided that if needed we would compile membership renewals together to assist rather than leaning on WEF.

PWO membership is now called the PO Membership-When you go to renew and you are an operator or a previous PWO member, if you did not include a license they are requesting that you put a license in through WEF online and WEF may question if you did not enter one. WEF was informed that in New Jersey there may be individuals that do not have licenses.

Changes on the WEF site. If you have any trouble with the WEF website, resort back to NJWEA website.

**Secretary’s Report:** Humbertt Mortola; No Report.

**Treasurer’s Report**: No Report

**SECTION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Awards Committee:** Chairman Robert De Block

The NJWEA North Section Awards Committee will be meeting virtually in the month of November for the purpose of preparing nominations for the Outhouse and Supporting Benefactor Award for presentation at the 2024 Frank S. Miller Dinner Dance and Awards Night.

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 is presently soliciting nominations for all awards that will be presented at the 2024 John J. Lagrosa Conference. Nomination forms are available on the NJWEA Awards Committee webpage, deadline set for November 29, 2023. Nomination should be emailed to Rocco Maiellano, [rumpelstll@aol.com](mailto:rumpelstll@aol.com).

Anyone can make a nomination for any state award.

Some awards that have not been given at in recent years:

-The Foreman Award-The study and application of in plant processes. If delivered a presentation at a Tech Transfer or at the annual conference on in plant processes.

-Burk Facility Safety Award: A WEF award. If you have a authority or muncipality with a good safety program, reach out and we can help you complete the application.

T William Cleveland Award selected by past 3 recipients.

**Education & Meetings Committee:** Sean Sauder: Put together wonderful tour and presentation. Thank you to Natalie and Erik for the presentation and tour.

**Membership Committee:** Chairman Rob Watkins: Attended virtual WEF membership meeting 8/15/23 and 9/19/23. At September meeting the current WEF membership slightly over 31,000 members (2% increase over this point last year).

Discussed upcoming WEFTEC Membership booth.

WEF Member Mix

Daily New Member Drawing

Amazon gift cards, wireless headphones/speakers, tote bags, pens, etc.

Grand Prize VR Headset

**Nominating Committee:** Frank Pestana Not Present-Read by Chris Pabst

The NJWEA North Section Nominating Committee was convened electronically on 9/3/23 for the purpose of preparing nominations for North Section Delegates/Alternates to the NJWEA Governing Council.

The following nominations were unanimously approved by the Committee and are being forwarded for the first reading at the September 17, 2023 North Section Business Meeting.

North Section Delegates to the NJWEA Governing Council.

1 Year term commencing at the call to order of the NJWEA Governing Council Meeting scheduled for April 2024.

1. Brian Bigler
2. Joseph Bonaccorso
3. Mario Bonaccorso
4. Gregory Burde
5. Frank Pestana
6. Joanne Mancuso
7. Humbertt Mortola
8. Lisa Oberreiter
9. James Wancho
10. Natalie Pisarcik

North Section Alternate Delegates to the NJWEA Governing Council.

1 year term commencing at the call to order of the NJWEA Governing Council Meeting scheduled for April 2024.

1. Daniel Carey
2. Jason Chase
3. William J. Cleary
4. Harry L. Ladisheff
5. Terrence McHugh
6. Glen Riscen
7. Richard Stafford
8. Charles P. Theodora
9. Ramon Vera
10. Steven Wendowski

Motion was then made by Robert DeBlock; the motion was seconded by Jason Chase.

No Discussion.

The motion was approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

**Policy Advisory Committee:** Chairman Steve Wendowski: No Report.

**Scholarship Committee:** Dan Carey: Initial scholarship notices will go out late November.

Get word out for Beef Steak which is the primary fundraiser

**SECTION SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Affiliates Night:** Chris Pabst on behalf of Charles Theodora:

We are looking forward to a wonderful and successful Beefsteak Affiliates Night 11/2/23. So far we have 54 people and 10 vendors that have signed up. We only have 5 weeks until the event. Our goal is to have 300 people and 30 venders; we had to guarantee the Fiesta 200 people. Please remind your friends and venders to sign up for our Beefsteak event. Thank you for your support and hope to see you all on Thursday November 2, 2023.

**Dinner Dance Committee:** Kellie Markert:

The 51st Annual Frank S. Miller Dinner Dance is scheduled for March 2, 2024 here at the Fiesta.

Advertising will begin after the officers set the pricing.

**Golf Outing Committee:** Chris Pabst on behalf ofRick Stafford: Friday, June 7, 2024 at Beaver Brook Country Club. Information will be provided as we get closer to the date.

**Young Professionals:** Brian Carey: If you have any young people that work with you, bring them out and get involved.

**NJWEA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:**

Executive Director/ Deputy Executive Director: Jim De Block not present/ Report from Robert.

Robert DeBlock-Conference 2024 conference exhibit sales are open.

You will receive an email in the coming weeks if you have had a previous exhibit. We have gotten a good response already. There are open booths, additional space has been added. Previous booths that are not booked by January 5, 2024 will be open for general sale.

Sponsorships are open. The conference is financed on exhibitors and sponsors. Dozens of sponsorship opportunities.

Sign-ups are on NJWEA website on the conference page.

WEFTECH-Annual Lunch is at Maggiano’s on Monday. Registration is still available online. There will be a bus available from the exhibit hall to lunch.

Federation Directors:

Other State Officers/Committee Members: Lou Lambe; No Report

**NJWEA, COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Financial Report: Submitted by President Chris Pabst**

**BILLS:** Thefollowing bills were presented by Chris Pabst for ratification by the membership**:**

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|  | **Bills For Ratification** |  |
|  | **Detailed** |  |
| **Section Meeting 9/27/23** |  |  |
| The Fiesta  Beaver Brook CC  Beaver Brook CC | April 2023 Business Meeting  2023 Golf Outing  2024 Golf Outing Deposit | $1,066.25  $12,138.26  $500 |
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|  | **Total Expenses** | $13,704.51 |

Motion to approve the bills and accept the Treasurer’s Report by Jim Wancho, seconded by John Corkery.

Motion approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

Discussion: None

**Treasurer’s Report**.

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| **For the Period of** | 4/14/2023-9/27/2023 | |
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| Opening Balance |  | $15,500.99 |
| Deposits-Pending |  | $29,355,07 |
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| Scholarship CD \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*497 |  | $23,455.29 |
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| **Total Assets** |  | $68,311.35 |

**Old Business:** None to Report

**New Business:** Call for Abstracts is open on the website for the annual conference. Also email blasts will be sent out.

**Good and Welfare:**  It was noted that Gary Fare and Steve Askew recently passed away. Joe Bonaccorso recently underwent knee replacement surgery and is recovering well at home.

**Benefactors:**

John Corkery PSI Process

Jason Chase – Harper-Haines Fluid Control

Scott Hansen -Zoeller

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm on a motion by Robert DeBlock and seconded by Natalie Pisacik and approved unanimously.