

MINUTES OF THE February 11, 2026
NEW JERSEY WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
NORTH JERSEY SECTION

CALL TO ORDER: President Lisa Oberreiter called the meeting to order at The Fiesta at 6:01pm.

ROLL CALL: Lisa Oberreiter, Humbertt Mortola, Cathy Pabst, Sean Sauder, Natalie Pisarcik, Joseph Bonaccorso, Ann Bonaccorso, Michael Cardone, Sean Corridon, Kevin Cosman, James DeBlock, Robert DeBlock, James Hankins, John Kelley, Steven Lahullier, Louis Lambe, Walt Laskowski, Thomas Martinez, Bassem, Mohamed, Paul Nieto, Stephen Padham, James Wancho, Steven Wendowski, Luigi Zecchin.

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS:

Robert DeBlock
James DeBlock
Steve Wendowski
Joseph Bonaccorso

STATE OFFICERS-

Joseph Bonaccorso
James DeBlock
Robert DeBlock

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lisa Oberreiter: Minutes for the September 2025 meeting were presented. President asked for any comments or corrections.

Moved to be accepted as read by Joe Bonaccorso

Second-Steve Wendowski

No Discussion.

The motion was approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Natalie Pisarcik : No Report

NORTH JERSEY SECTION EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

President's Report: Lisa Oberreiter

I have participated in a variety of events since we last met, including executive committee meetings, our Beefsteak and Exhibitors night, Technology Transfer Registration, and the mini seminar. The 2026-2027 Budget was prepared and submitted to the executive committee for review and approval. We are preparing for the upcoming Dinner Dance on 3/7/2026 and hope to see you there.

No Discussion.

Vice President's Report: Humbertt Mortola

No Report

Secretary's Report: Natalie Pisarcik

No Report.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Marques

No Report

SECTION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards Committee: Chairman Robert De Block

Awards committee has met and nominees are under review for March and I expect that will be finalized later this week.

Education & Meetings Committee: Sean Sauder:

No Report Thank Kevin for coming out. If anyone needs pump help Kevin is very responsive and knowledgeable about pumps so please reach out to him.

Of course, if anyone has any ideas for future events, please feel free to reach out to the executive committee and we will put you on the list.

Membership Committee: Chairman Rob Watkins

No Report

Nominating Committee: Chris Pabst

Read by Lisa Oberreiter

Second Reading-Note one change as we get to the delegates with the unfortunate passing of Greg Burde.

Second reading of the nominations from the nominations committee for Section Officers, these are two-year terms commencing at the conclusion of the Annual John J. Lagrosa Conference 2026

President- Humbertt Mortola

Vice President Natalie Pisarcik

Secretary- Jennifer Marques

Treasurer- Lou Lambe

For Section Trustee

3-year term commencing at the conclusion of Annual John J. Lagrosa Conference 2026

John Corkery's term is ending and we would like to re-elect him for a second term.

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 2026.

1. Brian Bigler
2. Joseph Bonaccorso
3. Mario Bonaccorso
4. Sean Sauder
5. Frank Pestana
6. Joanne Mancuso
7. Humbertt Mortola
8. Jennifer Marques
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 of the NJWEA Governing Council Meeting scheduled for April 2026.

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

Motion was then made by Robert DeBlock; the motion was seconded by Joseph Bonaccorso.
No Discussion.
The motion was approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

Policy Advisory Committee: Chairman Chris Pabst
No Report.

Scholarship Committee: Dan Carey
No Report
Lisa-The committee is reviewing applicants right now, total of 7 applicants for the scholarships at the dinner dance.

SECTION SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affiliates Night: Charles Theodora
No report
Lisa-Very successful event on November 6, 2025. Thank you to those who attended.

Dinner Dance Committee: Kellie Markert:
No Report
Speaking with Kellie regarding the event and we are still in the process of working things out but we will push forward to get some sponsors and some vendors.
Registration is open.

Golf Outing Committee: Rick Stafford and Humbertt Mortola:
Scheduled for June 5, 2026 at Beaver Brook Country Club. More details to come.

Young Professionals: Brian Carey
No Report

NJWEA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:

Executive Director/ Deputy Executive Director: Jim De Block
Today is third and final section of the main workshop series. 76 participants. Overall that program was a very successful program. March Seminar, you should receive the fliers tomorrow or the next day. Seminar committee has put together a tremendous program again. There are number of moderators and speakers here who worked very hard to put together that program and we appreciate their efforts. Again, we will be at the Eatontown Sheraton. Tabletops are coming in heavy and we are pleased to have it supported so well.

The Conference exhibit sales have been good. We have been doing this for 40 years and I can tell you we have had the greatest sale of exhibitor space in those 40 years. We have 215 sold and we have 4 spaces that are currently available. We are working with the hotel and maybe have 6 or 7 more available. We haven't even gone out to the public advertising the mass mailings to sell exhibit space. We are hoping to fill up. On top of that the program committee is putting together another fabulous program as always. That should be out in about a week or so and go live 2 weeks. We are hoping to have a record attendance at the conference.

Robert DeBlock- Tech Transfer-You don't have to wait for it to come to your mailbox. It's on the website, on the main page. You can see the entirety of the program. You can register online. That's both to register for tech transfer and to take a tabletop exhibit.

The Conference-I pay close attention to every who is here and you all have your exhibits so thank you. It makes my job a lot easier. If you want extra space, come see me and we will make some room. Outside heavy equipment displays, those emails will go out probably within the next two weeks to book those. Keep in mind it's not refundable, rain or shine, it is what it is. We keep the price extremely low, just to give you an opportunity to showcase your bigger equipment. That should be out in the next week or two. Sponsorships for the conference are available. Rick Eustace runs it. Again, everything is available online, you can look at your options. If you are an exhibitor, it makes sense to be a sponsor. You get a little more recognition both in the signs in the conference itself, it will be in Effluents Magazine and if you sponsor over \$1000 Rick will get your logo and a link to your website on the main page of our website. Those who have done it really appreciate that opportunity.

You will see the banners flashing on our website. Just reach out to Rick, book your sponsorships and we will get your information up on our website.

Federation Directors:

No Report

Other State Officers/Committee Members:

NJWEA, COMMITTEE REPORT:

Financial Report: Jennifer Marques

Read by Natalie Pisarcik

BILLS: The following bills were presented by Jennifer Marques for ratification by the membership:

Bills for Ratification

Detailed

February 10, 2026

9/17/25	Sean Sauder	September Meeting Deposit	\$200.00
9/17/25	The Exchange	September Business Meeting	\$558.56
11/6/25	Charles Theordoa	Beef Steak Door Prize	\$119.93
11/6/25	The Fiesta	Beef Steak	\$14,735.51
2/10/26	Rick Stafford	2025 Golf Outing Prizes	\$1,264.75
		Total	\$16,878.75

Motion to approve the bills by Robert DeBlock by seconded by Joe Bonaccorso

Motion approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

Discussion: None

Treasurer's Report.

Finance Report

February 10, 2026

As of February 10, 2026

TD Bank-General Operating	\$57,630.87
Wells Fargo Scholarship CD's	\$26,656.00

Total \$84,286.87

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report Robert DeBlock by seconded by Joe Bonaccorso
Motion approved unanimously. Motion Carried.
Discussion: None

Old Business: None to Report

New Business:

Jim DeBlock: We are planning to offer and it's just coming together tonight, at the Tech Transfer-one evening and it is geared towards the operators- who are preparing to take the licensing exam. It will be presented by an instructor on who to take a test. This is not the subject matter, but test taking. It will be complimentary for any NJ member. No TCHs for it but it will probably be a 2-hour session. Not sure what evening yet but watch out for that, it will be out shortly we hope.

Good and Welfare:

The unfortunate passing of Greg Burde.

The passing of John Orechio. Visitation information February 21st at Richards Funeral Home in West Milford, NJ

Benefactors:

Walt Laskowski	A.C. Schultes	Patron Tequila
Thomas Martinez	The Rapid Group	Cocktail Cherries
Stephen Padham	North East Technical Sale	Wine
Joe Bonaccorso	CME Associates	Wine
Paul Nieto	Peirce Egal	Vodka and Wine

Meeting ended at 6:42pm

Motion to end the meeting Jim DeBlock by seconded by Robert DeBlock