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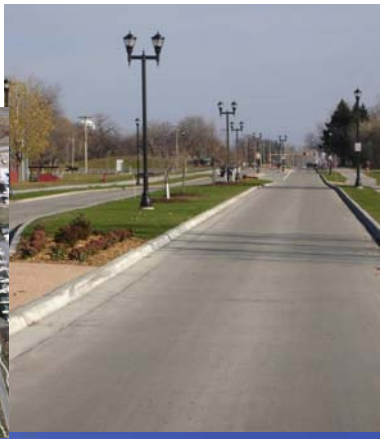

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Minutes of the 79th Annual Meeting of the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference

The 79th Annual Meeting of the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference (NDWPCC) was held in Fargo at the Holiday Inn on October 24, 25, and 26, 2007. The Annual Meeting/Convention was held jointly with the North Dakota Water Environment Association (NDWEA), the North Dakota Chapter of the American Public Works Association (NDCAPWA), and the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association (NDAWWA).

The NDAWWA Education and Research Committee held a pre-conference meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, in the Mezzanine I Suite.

The NDAWWA held a board meeting Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m., October 24, in the Frontier Room of Dakota Hall, to plan its Thursday noon luncheon, hear committee reports, and conduct other business. NDAWWA committee meetings were held at 10:30 a.m. following the Wednesday Joint Board Meeting. In addition, the officers of the NDAPWA and NDWEA met at 8:00 a.m. in the Embassy A and Embassy B Rooms of the Great Hall, respectively. Both associations planned their business luncheons, listened to committee reports, and conducted other necessary business. Their respective business meetings were held Wednesday, October 24, and Friday, October 26.

North Dakota Department of Health (NDDH) water and wastewater operator certification exams were scheduled between 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, with 16 operators taking 20 examinations.

Registration opened at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 24, with Dawn Brown and Darlene Germain welcoming and registering all attendees. A total of 371 attended the Conference, with 346 pre-registered.

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The Joint Board of Directors of the NDWPCC, NDWEA, NDCAPWA, and NDAWWA met at 9:30 a.m. The meeting, chaired by NDWPCC President Mark Blonigen, was called to order at 9:33 a.m. in the Prairie Room of the Dakota Hall. The following were in attendance: Chuck Abel, Sue Anderson, Mark Blonigen, Brian Blotsky, Gary Bracht, Danielle Bratvold, Mike Brisben, David Bruschwein, Eric Dodds, Joe Ferguson, Bill Gefroh, Rick Gillund, Steve Himmelspach, Dave Johnson, Miranda Kleven, Jack Long, Seth Lynne, Joe Mantua, Grant Marquardt, Karla Olson, Tim Paustian, Rod Reetz, Terry Rust, Julie Rygg, Dean Sletten, Hazel Sletten, Larry Thelen, Richard Wanner, Greg Wavra, and Tom Welle.

President Blonigen entertained a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes from the May 23, 2007 Joint Board Meeting at the Seven Seas in Mandan, and approve the copy mailed to each board member prior to the 79th Conference, or the copy published in the *Official Bulletin*, January 2007-June 2007, Volume 92, Numbers 7-12. Miranda Kleven so moved. Jack Long seconded, and the motion carried.

Mike Brisben presented the NDWPCC Treasurer's Report for fiscal year 2007 (FY07), listing a net income of $32,194.31 and a net worth less NDWEA monies of $74,659.29. Bill Gefroh moved to approve the report as presented. Tom Welle seconded, and the motion carried.

President Blonigen called for any old business. Mr. Brisben reported that a joint NDWPCC/NDWEA checking account had been opened at BNC National Bank with a total of $8,139.12 being transferred to the joint account.

Continuing with old business, Mr. Brisben reported that a memo and proposed amendments to the NDWPCC Constitution and Bylaws was mailed to all members September 21, 2007. The proposed amendments are to be voted on at the Friday, October 26 NDWPCC business luncheon.

Eric Dodds next reported on the Student and Young Professional's Reception to be held Wednesday night between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings. Mr. Dodds reported that $1,150 had been raised and noted that a poster listing the sponsor

donations was placed in the South Convention Corridor, near the conference registration table. Mr. Dodds also indicated that the North Dakota State University (NDSU) Student AWWA/WEF Chapter took first place at the WEFTEC Student Design Competition in San Diego. President Blonigen thanked Mr. Dodds and the students for their fine work organizing the reception.

President Blonigen next asked for comments on the changes made to the *Official Bulletin*. Terry Rust indicated he felt the *Official Bulletin* looked very professional with all in attendance agreeing. Mr. Brisben offered thanks to Katie Luther, *Official Bulletin* editor, for her hard work. President Blonigen called for any other old business.

Hearing none, President Blonigen called for new business. President Blonigen asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Bill Gefroh, Terry Rust, and Miranda Kleven were appointed. Next, volunteers were requested for the auditing committee; Jack Long and Dave Johnson accepted.

Continuing with new business, Mr. Brisben asked attendees to review the proposal for a rate change for *Official Bulletin* advertising included in the handouts. Larry Thelen noted that the changes were being proposed to offset publication costs. Mr. Thelen stated that Ms. Luther estimated a $700 and $1,600 loss for the Conference issue and Spring issue, respectively. Mr. Rust asked when the last time rates were increased. Mr. Brisben responded that there has not been a change for many years. Mr. Thelen stated that the rate for a full page color ad in North Dakota Water is $700. Mr. Gefroh asked Tom Welle for his thoughts as an advertiser. Mr. Welle indicated that Ulteig Engineers would have no problem with a price increase. Brett Jochim from Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. (AE_2S) concurred.

Further discussion continued with Mr. Thelen noting that the goal was to break even by either raising rates or by recruiting more advertising. President Blonigen tabled further discussion and requested that Mr. Brisben provide more data that could be reviewed at the January 2008 Joint Board Meeting.

Mr. Gefroh next reported on the NDWEA-sponsored topic survey and asked all in attendance to encourage conference members to complete a survey. Mr. Gefroh indicated that those completing the survey would be eligible for a NDWEA door prize to be drawn at the Friday, October 26 business meeting.

Mr. Brisben next reminded board members to start considering topics and presenters for the 2008 spring training sessions and fall conference. Mr. Brisben noted that guest speakers were recruited from ND Rural Water, Midwest Assistance Program, and the City of Bismarck for the 2007 spring sessions. Any other interested groups would be welcomed. Mr. Rust indicated that the West Fargo/Moore Engineering Lift Station Project may be of interest for the 2008 Conference.

Continuing with new business, President Blonigen requested a report on host proposals for 2012. Mr. Brisben reported that proposals had been received from Minot, Dickinson, and Grand Forks. President Blonigen next welcomed representatives of the Greater Grand Forks Convention and Visitors' Bureau (GGF CVB) and Alerus Center. Julie Rygg, GGF CVB Executive Director, introduced herself and the other Grand Forks representatives (Danielle Bratvold, Alerus Center; and Grant Marquardt, GGF CVB). Ms. Rygg thanked the joint boards for the opportunity to present to the group and provided those in attendance with a proposal package. Ms. Rygg's presentation included a video and power point presentation. Hazel Sletten encouraged the joint boards to consider the Grand Forks proposal and sited several new infrastructure activities that are in line with Conference objectives. President Blonigen thanked the Grand Forks representatives and recommended the Grand Forks proposal be put on the January 2008 agenda.

President Blonigen called for any other new business. Hearing none, President Blonigen requested a motion to adjourn. Jack Long so moved. Terry Rust seconded and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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NDAWWA committee meetings were held in the Frontier Room immediately after the Joint Board Meeting.

Water samples for the 16th annual water taste test, sponsored by NDAWWA, were accepted at the registration table throughout the day.

At 11:30 a.m., 176 people attended the Wednesday buffet luncheon and NDCAPWA business meeting in the Royale Room of the Great Hall. Fargo Mayor Dennis Walaker welcomed all attendees on behalf of the City of Fargo, and Mark Blonigen, NDWPCC President, welcomed all on behalf of the officers of the NDWPCC, NDCAPWA, NDAWWA, and NDWEA. Chuck Abel, NDCAPWA President, presided over the business meeting. Larry Frevert, APWA President, Kansas City, Missouri, was the guest speaker.

At 1:00 p.m., the annual golf tournament was held at the Edgewood Golf Course, with Tom Welle and Karla Olson handling the local arrangements.

The Wednesday afternoon concurrent sessions opened at 1:15 p.m. with NDAWWA Director Jack Long, NDWEA Past-President Gary Bracht, and NDCAPWA Secretary-Treasurer Rustin Roteliuk moderating the three sessions held in the Conference and Director's Rooms of Harvest Hall, Board and Executive Rooms of Harvest Hall, and the Dakota Hall, respectively.

Wednesday's topics included:

- Red River Valley Water Supply Project - David Johnson, District Engineer, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District
- Fargo Odor Control Update - Seth Lynne, Project Engineer, Ulteig Engineers, Inc.
- Fargo Landfill Renewable Energy Project - Bruce Grubb, Enterprise Director, City of Fargo
- Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) - Alfredo Lagos, Emergency Management/Response Specialist, Computer Science Corporation
- EPA Region VIII's Biosolid Permit - Robert Brobst, Biosolids Coordinator, U.S. EPA, Region VIII.
- Maple River Dam - Jeffrey Volk, Project Manager, Moore Engineer, Inc.
- Water Engineering - Hands-On Bolivia Experience - Mary Anderson, Project Engineer, AE_2S
- Stormwater Update - Randy Kowalski, Environmental Scientist, NDDH
- Public Works in North Dakota - How APWA Can Help - Larry Frevert, President, APWA
- Large Diameter Water Transmission Line Case Study, Minot, ND - Tim Paustian, Project Manager, Ulteig Engineers, Inc.
- Fats, Oil, & Grease Control - Bill Gefroh, Lab Manager/Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator, City of Bismarck
- State Requirements for Plans and Specifications - Chuck Abel, Environmental Engineer, NDDH
- Water Fluoridation Basics - Katie Luther, Environmental Scientist, NDDH
- Hydrant Repair - Rick Wanner, Senior Sales Representative, American Flow Control
- Tank Options for Water Storage - Tony Belden, President, Engineering America, Inc.

The 2:45 p.m. break was held in the South Convention Corridor, with all breaks sponsored by the business firms, vendors, and commercial suppliers associated with the water, wastewater, and public works industry.

The Wednesday night buffet was attended by 185 NDWPCC members and guests. Fourteen people participated in the Hankinson Casino excursion, and a large crowd supported the Student and Young Professionals' Reception at Buffalo Wild Wings.

The tabletop display program opened at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, with 60 vendors participating. This was the 19th year of the tabletop display program, with the vendors again sponsoring the buffet breakfast in the Great Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The following participated in the display program: NDAWWA; NDWEA; NDCAPWA; Flexible Pipe Tool Co.; Concrete Inc.; Wunderlich Malec Environmental; MVTL Laboratories; Northern Water Works Supply, Inc.; American Flow Control; ABM Equipment Supply, Inc.; Thein Well Co.; North Dakota Sewage Pump Co.; North Dakota LTAP Center; Tech Sales Co.; AE_2S; NDSU AWWA/WEF Chapter; Engineering America, Inc.; Houston Engineering, Inc.; Fargo Water Equipment; Sensus Metering Systems, Inc.; Johnston Fargo Culvert, Inc.; Uni-Bell PVC Pipe Assoc.; Sweeney Controls Company; Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc.; SJE-Rhombus Controls; Bartlett and West Engineering, Inc.; General Repair Service; KLM Engineering, Inc.; Tonka Equipment Company; Ford Meter Box; Sanitation Products, Inc.; Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc.; Fergus Power Pump, Inc.; Hawkins,

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A total of 111 attendees toured the Fargo and West Fargo water, wastewater, and public works facilities. The Thursday spouse/guest program provided lunch at the Café Muse by Mosaic Foods, followed by a tour of the Plains Arts Museum and an art studio experience.

The NDAWWA luncheon and business meeting were held Thursday at 12:00 p.m. in the Directors, Board, and Executive Rooms, with NDAWWA President Dave Johnson presiding. Joseph Mantua, AWWA Vice President, Gaithersburg, Maryland, was the guest speaker. The luncheon and business meeting were attended by 223 people. NDAWWA sponsored a motivational speaker, Patty Corwin, after the business meeting. Ms. Corwin's topic, "Motivation - Whose Job Is It?" taught us the three most common motivators and the six keys for turning capacity into results.

Three concurrent sessions convened at 2:15 p.m. with NDAWWA Secretary-Treasurer David Bruschwein, NDWEA Secretary-Treasurer Bill Gefroh, and NDCAPWA President Chuck Abel moderating in the Sterling Room of the Great Hall, Dakota Hall, and Conference Room, respectively.

Thursday's topics included:

- Fundamentals of Oxidation/Reduction and Applications of Oxidation/Reduction in Water Treatment - Delvin DeBoer, Director, Water and Environmental Research Center, SDSU
- Design for the Future: Upgrading an Existing HPOAS Process - Dustin Dale, Zach Maruska, and Cory Bjornberg, NDSU AWWA/WEF Chapter
- Nyloplast BMP Products - Matt Carpenter, Midwest Area Manager, Nyloplast, Inc.
- Trouble Shooting Lagoons Update - Terry Rust, Lab/Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator, City of West Fargo; Skip Rapp, Public Works Manager, City of Dickinson; Karla Olson, Project Engineer, Ulteig Engineers, Inc.; Robert Brobst, Environmental Engineer, US EPA, Region VIII; and Gary Bracht, Environmental Engineer, NDDH
- Traffic Calming Devices - Brock Storrusten, Project Engineer, Moore Engineering, Inc. and Chris Brungardt, Project Coordinator, City of West Fargo
- Riverdale Membrane Filtration Case Study - Cory Chorne, Project Manager, AE_2S
- Centrifugal Pumps - Michael Fears, District Manager, Gorman-Rupp Pump Co.
- Design and Installation of Corrugated Polyethylene Pipe - Roger Baldwin, Regional Engineer, Advanced Drainage Systems

Attendees met at 2:45 p.m. in the South Convention Corridor for an afternoon break.

A social hour was held in the Great Hall at 5:30 p.m. prior to the annual banquet. The following companies graciously sponsored the social hour, door prizes, coffee breaks, and golf tournament: Advanced Drainage Systems; AE_2S; American Flow Control; Bartlett and West Engineers, Inc.; CPS Engineering; Cutler-Magner Company; Dakota Pump and Control; Engineering America, Inc.; Fargo Water Equipment; Graymont Western Canada, Inc.; Hawkins, Inc.; Houston Engineering, Inc.; Hughes Lift Station Service, Inc.; INFRATECH; Interstate Engineering, Inc.; MVTL Laboratories; Moore Engineering, Inc.; ND Sewage Pump Company; Northern Water Works Supply, Inc.; Parsons Engineered Products, Inc.; Prinsco, Inc.; Swenson, Hagen & Company; Team Laboratory Chemical Corp.; Ulteig Engineers, Inc.; and Widseth Smith Nolting and Assoc., Inc.

The annual banquet was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Terry Rust gave the invocation and Steve Stark served as Master of Ceremonies. After introducing the head table, Mr. Stark called on the visiting dignitaries and joint board members to present several awards.

Joseph Mantua, vice president of the American Water Works Association presented three awards. Kenneth Ruby, former Fargo Director of Utilities, received the AWWA Gold Water Drop Award for 50 active years of membership in good standing. Dennis Howey, Maintenance Supervisor and Water Technician, Gwinner, received the AWWA Operator Meritorius

Service Award for outstanding service. Charlie Vein, President, AE_2S, received the AWWA George Warren Fuller Award, for distinguished service and leadership to the water supply field.

Mark Blonigen, NDWPCC president, presented Mr. Mantua a gift of appreciation from the NDWPCC and City of Fargo for being a guest at the 79th Annual Conference.

Deon Stockert, drinking water manager, AE_2S, presented the Annual Water Taste Test Award. Eight community water systems participated; Greg Batzer accepted the award on behalf of the City of Grand Forks.

Charlie Vein drew the prizes for the 6th Annual Water for People raffle, with Gary Bracht was this year's grand prize winner. This year's total of $4,475 was raised from the raffle tickets, golf tournament sponsors, and mulligans.

Larry Frevert, president of the APWA, presented the NDCAPWA with the APWA President's Visit Award for attending this year's conference. Chuck Abel, NDCAPWA president, accepted on behalf of the NDCAPWA.

Mr. Abel presented Mr. Frevert a gift of appreciation from the NDWPCC and City of Fargo for his contributions to the conference.

Chris Schmit, Board of Trustees for WEF, presented the WEF Burke Safety Award to representatives of the City of Bismarck for their commitment to safety related to safety training and program implementation. Richard Wanner, maintenance supervisor, Bismarck Public Works, accepted the award on behalf of the city. Mr. Schmit also presented Rod Reetz, manager, MVTL Laboratories, the WEF Director's Service Award, for his dedicated service and commitment to protecting the environment.

Richard Wanner, NDWEA president, presented Mr. Schmit a gift of appreciation from the NDWPCC and the City of Fargo for attending and contributing to the conference.

Keith Demke, Bismarck wastewater superintendent, along with members of the Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers (5S), provided a special presentation. Five nominees were selected from those in attendance to partake in the 5S initiation. Initiation included both taste and smell tests, as well as reciting the membership oath. New members who were inducted included: Rod Reetz, Terry Rust, Tom Welle, and Gary Bracht. Chris Schmit was also inducted as an honorary member.

Katie Luther, NDDH, presented 50-Year Fluoridation Awards to: Steve Suko, water treatment plant superintendent, City of Jamestown; and Jason Sorenson, water treatment plant superintendent, City of Minot, for their communities' commitment to public health and the prevention of dental caries and dental disease.

Mike Brisben, NDDH, presented Operator of the Year awards to: Duane Golliet, public works wastewater lift station maintenance supervisor, City of Fargo; Ray Peterson, wastewater treatment plant maintenance supervisor, City of Fargo; Terry Rust, lab/pretreatment coordinator, City of West Fargo; and Jerome Olson, manager, Traill Rural Water District for outstanding service in water and wastewater operation.

Master of Ceremonies Stark assisted Mr. Brisben by drawing for the grand prizes.

Mr. Stark completed the evening by entertaining those in attendance by drawing a historian's mural. The mural depicted the chronological events from his excellent presentation on the history of Fargo/Moorhead, Cass County, and the Red River Valley.

Two hundred twenty-three individuals attended the annual banquet, awards ceremony, and evening entertainment.

The North Dakota Operator Certification Advisory Committee met Friday, October 26, 2007, at 7:30 a.m. in the Mezzanine II Suite to select new members and elect officers. The committee provides support for the ND Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Program.

The annual meeting for public works directors and city engineers was held at 7:30 a.m. in the Mezzanine I Suite.

The three Friday morning concurrent sessions began at 8:00 a.m. and were moderated by Brett Jochim, NDAWWA Chair-Elect; Miranda Kleven, NDWPCC Director; and Sarah BaeHurst, NDCAPWA Director;

in the Conference and Directors Rooms, Board and Executive Rooms, and Dakota Hall, respectively.

Friday's presentations included:

- UV101: Introduction to Ultraviolet Light Disinfection for Drinking Water Treatment Plants - Deon Stockert, Drinking Water Manager, AE_2S
- Southside Sewer System Master Plant, Minot, ND - Tim Paustian, Program Manager, Ulteig Engineers, Inc.
- Chemical System Overview - Methods and Standards - Mike Berg, Water/Wastewater Services, Ulteig Engineers, Inc.
- Large Diameter Water Transmission Line Case Study, Moorhead, MN - Tom Welle, Vice President, Water/Wastewater Services, Ulteig Engineers, Inc.
- Upper Souris River DO TMDL Project Progress Report - Mathew Baker, Graduate Student, NDSU
- Small System Funding Options - Eric Volk, Supervisor/Training Specialist, ND Rural Water Systems Association
- Water Distribution System: Operational Decisions - Deon Stockert, NDAWWA; Hazel Sletten, Grand Forks; Keith Demke, Bismarck; Ron Hendricksen, Fargo; Randy Nelson, Wahpeton; Dennis Larson, Park River; and Jerry Blomeke, Cass Rural Water District
- Wastewater Odor Control - Bill Gefroh, Lab Manager/Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator, City of Bismarck
- Snow and Ice Control in Urban Areas - Jerome Horner, Associate Research Fellow. Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI), NDSU.
- Devils Lake Water Supply Project - Nate Weisenburger, Operations Manager, AE_2S, and Mike Grafsgaard, City Engineer, Devils Lake
- Urban Plains - A Unique Approach to Stormwater Management - Eric Dodds, Operations Manager, AE_2S, and Shawn Gaddie, Project Engineer, AE_2S
- Pervious Concrete Products - David Sethre, Marketing Director, ND Ready Mix & Concrete Products Association, Inc.
- Work Zone Traffic Control and Your Responsibility - David Levi, Program Manager, UGPTI, NDSU
- North Central Rural Water Consortium Riverdale Area Supply Project - Darrell Hournbuckle, Senior Project Engineer, Interstate Engineering, Inc.
- Who Wants to Pay for Infrastructure? The Story of Fargo's Dedicated Infrastructure Sales Tax - Eric Dodds, Operations Manager, AE_2S, and Bruce Grubb, Enterprise Director, City of Fargo
- Planning for Your Utility's Financial Future - Matthew Buckley, Financial Analyst, AE_2S

Break was held at 10:00 a.m. in the South Convention Corridor.

The joint business meeting and luncheon of the NDWEA and NDWPCC was held at 12:00 Noon in the Royale Room of the Great Hall, with Richard Wanner, NDWEA President, and Mark Blonigen, NDWPCC President, presiding, respectively. President Wanner opened the NDWEA business meeting, which had Christopher Schmit, WEF Board of Trustees, Brookings, South Dakota, as its guest speaker. Mr. Schmit presented the NDWEA-sponsored door prize for those completing the Topics Survey after addressing the remaining members.

President Blonigen opened the NDWPCC business meeting at 12:53 p.m., requesting that the members present dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes of the 2006 annual meeting in Minot as published in the *Official Bulletin*, Volume 92, October 2006 - December 2006, Numbers 4-6. Chuck Abel so moved, Mel Bullinger seconded, and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mike Brisben, listing a net worth of $74,659.29. Brett Jochim moved to accept the report as read, and Steve Burian seconded. There was no discussion, and the motion carried.

President Blonigen called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the resolutions which were posted near the registration table throughout the conference. Skip Rapp so moved, and Brett Jochim seconded. The motion carried.

Bill Gefroh of the Nominating Committee reported to the members, and recommended the following slate of officers for 2007-2008:

President:	Terry Rust
President-Elect:	Lisa Ansley
Vice President:	Miranda Kleven

Holdover Directors:	Chuck Abel,
	Karla Olson,
	Bill Gefroh
Incoming Director:	Gary Bracht
Associate Director:	Kevin Martin
Secretary-Treasurer:	Mike Brisben

President Blonigen requested nominations from the floor. Hearing none, President Blonigen requested a motion to close the nominations and the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. Hazel Sletten so moved, and Chuck Abel seconded. The motion carried.

President Blonigen requested a motion to accept the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws as published in the *Official Bulletin*, Volume 93, July 2007 - September 2007, Numbers 1-3, and mailed to the members September 21, 2007. Hazel Sletten so moved, and Pete Bilstad seconded. There was no discussion; the motion carried.

President Blonigen requested names for life membership. Hearing none, Mr. Blonigen introduced NDWPCC President Terry Rust. President Rust presented Mark Blonigen the President's Service Award for his hard work and dedication. With no further business, President Rust asked for a motion to adjourn. Steve Burian so moved, and Darin Billing seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Drawings for the remaining door prizes were made after the luncheon. There were 130 attendees.

The 2008 Conference will be held at the Bismarck Ramkota Hotel on October 8, 9, and 10, 2008.

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Correction: In the 2007 Conference issue of the *Official Bulletin* (v. 93, nos. 1-3, p. 26) Joseph P. Mantua was listed as being the 2007-2008 president of the American Water Works Association (AWWA). He was actually the 2006-2007 vice president of AWWA.

Dennis Howey Receives AWWA Operator Meritorius Service Award

Dennis Howey (left) accepts AWWA's Operator Meritorius Service Award from David Brushwein, NDDH. (Photo by Holly Jessen, Gwinner)

Dennis Howey is the 2007 recipient of AWWA's Operator Meritorius Service Award. Dennis is the maintenance supervisor and water technician for the City of Gwinner. The award is recognition of special performance in one or more of the following: compliance with health standards; plant operations; plant improvements/efficiency, training of operators; public service outside of work; and operation of distribution lines, pump stations and reservoirs.

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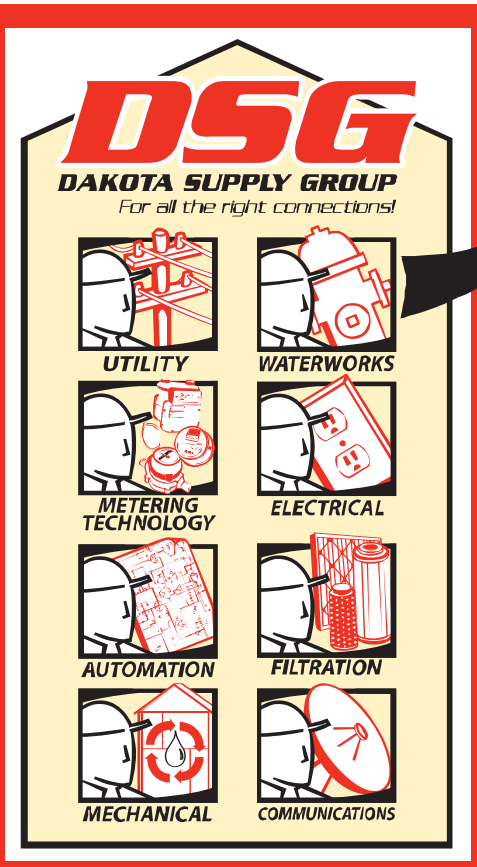

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North Dakota APWA Announces 2007 "Project of the Year Award" Winners

Project of the Year awards were presented at the 2007 North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference in Fargo by the North Dakota Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA). The awards are presented in two categories: small community (serving populations less than 5000) and large community (serving populations greater than 5000). Eligible were all public works projects, defined as the physical structures and facilities that are developed, owned and maintained by public agencies to provide water, power, waste disposal, transportation and similar public services. Project selection criteria included construction techniques, safety issues, community relations, environmental protection, unique accomplishments, public benefit and other similar criteria.

left to right: Bob Shannon - Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson; Darrel Hall - Three Affiliated Tribes; Francis Ziegler - Director, North Dakota Department of Transportation; Greg Ficek - Chairman, Project of the Year Award program

Small Community Winner - Four Bears Portal Plaza and Linear Library Truss Monument; Engineer: Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson; Owner: Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation

The Four Bears Portal Plaza and Linear Library Truss Monument is located by Four Bears Bridge in New Town, ND. The purpose of this monument is to tell the story of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (MHAN). The finished project is more than a walking path with interpretive signs - it represents how a bridge can affect cultures. Engineers and contractors worked with MHAN to create context sensitive designs that transform ordinary construction materials into works of art.

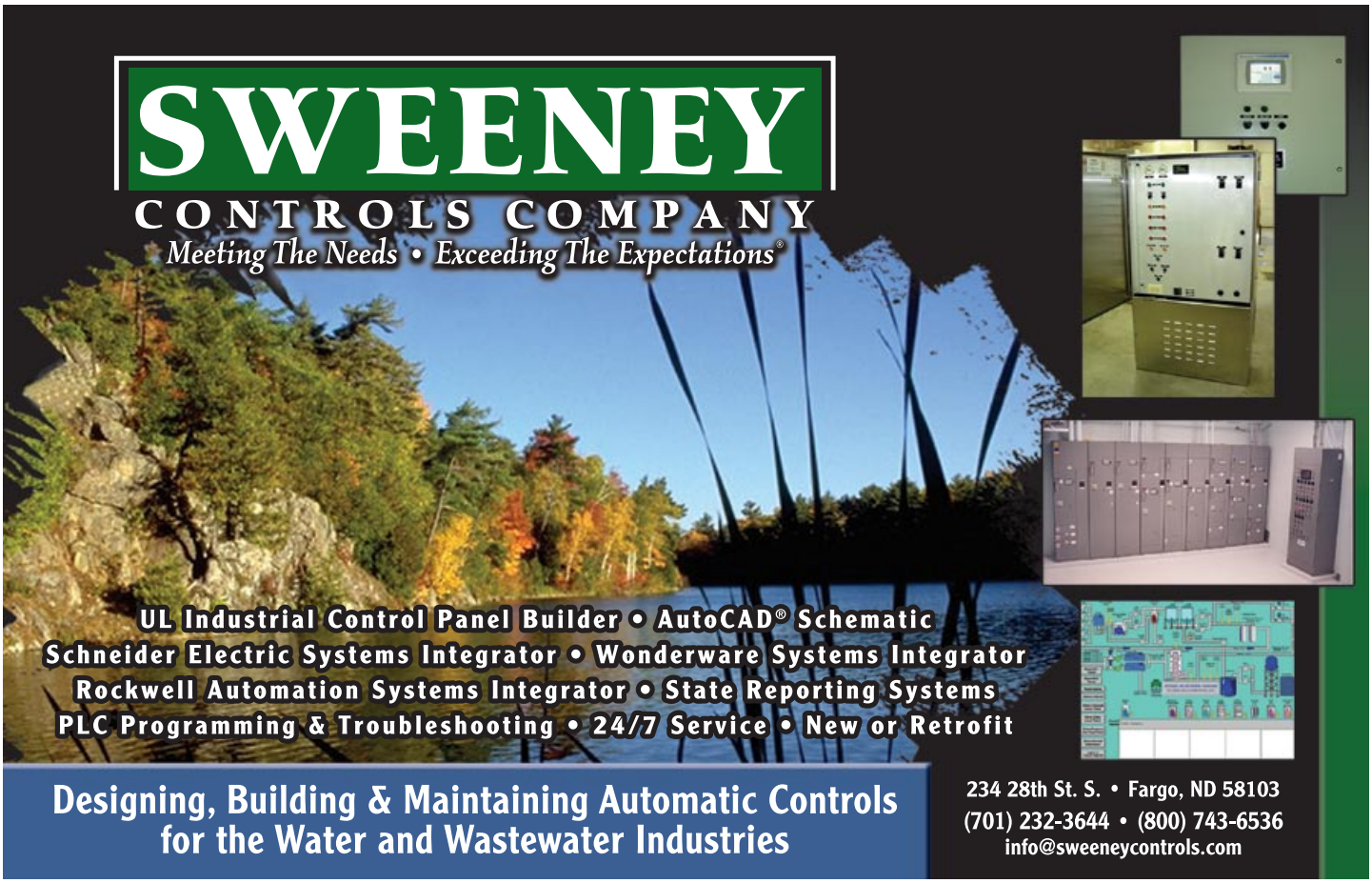
The Four Bears Bridge Plaza and Linear Truss Monument is an APWA Project of the Year Award winner because it incorporates the rich culture of the MHAN.

left to right: Bruce Grubb - City of Fargo; Dennis Walaker - Mayor of Fargo; Tom Welle - Ulteig Engineers; Greg Ficek - Chairman, Project of the Year Award program

Large Community Winner - Fargo Waste Transfer Station; Engineer: Ulteig Engineers, Inc.; Architect: Mutchler Bartram Architechs; Owner: City of Fargo, Division of Solid Waste.

The new Fargo Waste Transfer Station is a state-of-the art facility. The project was designed to reduce energy costs by using renewable energy sources including methane gas, solar power and wind power. Excess electricity is sold to the local power cooperative. Another goal in this design is to reduce windblown trash by baling trash inside the facility before it is moved to the landfill.

The Fargo Waste Transfer Station Project is an APWA Project of the Year Award winner because it provides an environmentally friendly solution to the problem of windblown litter and debris while utilizing renewable energy sources.



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Kenneth Ruby Receives 2008 AWWA Gold Water Drop Award

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Ken Ruby

The Gold Water Drop Award is given to "recognize those individual members who have provided valuable service and support for American Water Works Association (AWWA) programs and goals through their long-standing Association membership." Eligibility for the award requires that the individual be a member in good standing who has maintained such membership including additional active membership for the requisite of 50 years. This year, the North Dakota section of the AWWA proudly presented the Gold Water Drop Award to Kenneth (Ken) Ruby.

Ken was born and raised in Iowa. Following his graduation from the University of Iowa, he began his water and wastewater career working for the Oskalossa Water Department in Oskalossa, Iowa.

Ken was approached in 1957 about joining the AWWA and became a member of the Iowa Section. He remained a member of the Iowa Section until 1960. In 1959, Ken was selected for the position of Director of Utilities in Fargo. When his membership came up for annual renewal, it was transferred to the North Central Section (the North Central Section would later divide into what are now the Minnesota and North Dakota Sections) where he left his mark. Ken was elected as a Trustee and served in that position from 1964 through 1966. He served as Vice Chairman of the Section during 1967 and 1968, was the Chairman of the Section from 1968 to 1969, and served as the Section's Director on the Association Board of Directors from 1975 through 1978. Ken and his wife Doris live in Fargo and have two daughters, Marty and Jan, and three grandchildren.

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2007 Operator of the Year Awards

The North Dakota Department of Health, in an effort to encourage proper operation and maintenance of water and wastewater systems, instituted an annual operator awards program in 1981 at the annual conference in Jamestown. This year marks the 27th anniversary of the awards program which has honored 161 operators and three military units (the U.S. Army Reserve, the ND Army National Guard, and the ND Air National Guard) for outstanding service.

The awards are based on:

1. Field and inspection reports.
2. Compliance with state regulations.
3. Activity in the operator training and certification program.
4. Activity in the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference, North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association, North Dakota Chapter of the American Public Works Association, and/or the North Dakota Water Environment Association.

Recipients of the 2007 Operator of the Year Awards are:

Duane Golliet - City of Fargo
Duane began employment with the city of Fargo in May 1973, and currently is the Public Works Maintenance Supervisor for the Fargo Wastewater Lift Stations. Duane is a certified Grade IV Wastewater Treatment and Grade IV Wastewater Collection Operator. He is also a member of the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference.

Raymond Peterson - City of Fargo
Ray began employment with the city of Fargo in

Mike Brisben (left) presenting award to Duane Golliet - City of Fargo

Mike Brisben (left) presenting award to Raymond Peterson - City of Fargo

Mike Brisben (left) presenting award to Terry Rust - City of West Fargo

Mike Brisben (left) presenting award to Jerome Olson - Traill Rural Water District

January 1970, and currently is the Public Works Maintenance Supervisor for the Fargo Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ray is a certified Grade IV Wastewater Treatment and a Grade II Wastewater Collection Operator. Ray is a member of the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference and North Dakota Water Environment Association.

Terry Rust - City of West Fargo
Terry joined the city of West Fargo as an operator/lab director in 1988. He worked as the state wastewater circuit rider for the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association from 1995 to 1997, while still consulting for the city of West Fargo. He rejoined the city full-time in 1997. Terry received the William D. Hatfield Award in 1999 and Laboratory Analyst of the Year Award in 2000 from the Water Environment Federation. He is a Past-President of the North Dakota Water Environment Association and President of the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference.

Jerome Olson - Traill Rural Water District
Jerome started as a volunteer during the signup phase for Traill County Rural Water Users in the Fall of 1973 and was hired as full-time manager in April 1975. Traill Rural Water District serves 740 farms, as well as small communities in Traill, Steele, and Cass Counties. Jerome is a certified Grade III Water Treatment, and Grade II Water Distribution Operator. He is a 2006 AWWA Operator Meritorius Award winner, a member of the North Dakota Water Environment Association and a member of the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference.

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Ken Blilie, Kindred
Del Kindelspire, LaMoure

2004 Ron Hendrickson, Fargo
Pete Bilstad, Fargo
Delvin Stemen, Burlington
Mark Paddock, Burlington

2003 Rick Anderson, Central Plains Water District
Keith Fulsebakke, Bottineau
Don Horning, Zap

2002 Arlis Bischoff, Grafton
Allan Kraft, Cavalier
Doug Neibauer, South Central Regional Water District

Gary Zander, Mandan

2001 Verdeen Backstrom, Minnewaukan
Jerome Broz, Fairmount
Jack Knudson, Jamestown
Paul Lacina, Barnes Rural Water

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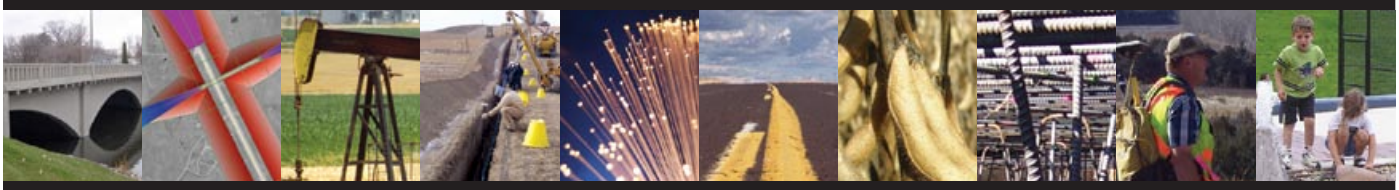

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Jim Fixen, Alexander
Ed Rekkedal, Arvilla
Reuben Grosz, Bismarck

1999 Richard Wanner, Bismarck
Tom Seig, Anamoose
Ron Kleven, Grafton
Bill Emerson, Minot

1998 Bill Link, Walsh Water Users
Ross Carter, Sherwood
Bob French, Bismarck
Terry Leingang, Riverdale

1997 Staff Members of The 348th Quartermaster Detachment (Water Purification) United States Army Reserve

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Robert Fetsch, Duane Fontaine
Gary Goetz, Dennis Gunderson
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Thomas Mikelson, Lawrence Morrison
Carl Sherlock, Richard Winkels

1996 Randy Seelig, Lisbon
Skip Rapp, Dickinson
Larry Thomas, Washburn
Gary Hager, Upper Souris Water Users

1995 Brad Moser, Medina
Les Sigette, McVille
Don Olafson, Valley City
Charles Jaszkowiak, Bismarck

1994 Gregg Christensen, Cass Rural Water Users
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1993 Jeff Huwe, Columbus
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Richard Resell, Williston

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Joel Heitkamp, Southeast Water Users
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Lyle Mitzel, Wahpeton
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Dale Hanson, Valley City
Robert Job, Linton

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1986 Dan Reiter, Minot
Larry Thelen, South Central Regional Water District
Bill Werle, Velva
Jerry Zander, Mandan

1985 Ray Foss, Hillsboro
Phil Furaus, Harvey
Francis Leintz, Lisbon
LaRay Reis, Lisbon
Dwight Wurzbacher, Grand Forks

1984 Larry Boepple, Halliday
Lester Carman, Bismarck
Joe Roshau, Killdeer
Beven Shaw, Williston

1983 Gary Armstrong, Rolla
Cliff D'Heilly, Neche
Virgil Houim, Rugby
Bud Lund, Bismarck
Arnold Stokkeland, Cooperstown

1982 Fred Clark, Grafton
Harry Hanks, Beulah
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John Muus, Grand Forks

1981 Marvin Baska, Mohall
Alvin Carlson, Langdon
Al Swanson, Jamestown
Gene Thomas, McVille
Casper Volk, Rugby

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, considerable time is expended by the Municipal Facilities and Water Quality Divisions of the North Dakota Department of Health in furthering Conference development, aims, and purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 79th Annual Conference of the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference, the 48th Annual Conference of the North Dakota Water Environment Association, the 52nd Annual Conference of the North Dakota Chapter of the American Public Works Association, and the 17th Annual Conference of the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association, here assembled, do express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the North Dakota Department of Health for the work that has been done, and especially to the Municipal Facilities and Water Quality Divisions for furthering the activities of the Conference, for their work on the *Official Bulletin*, and for their assistance in organizing the Water and Wastewater Operators' Training Sessions each year.

Dated at Fargo, North Dakota, this 26th day of October 2007.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference in its annual business meeting recognizes that the Water and Wastewater Operators' Training Sessions sponsored jointly by the Conference, the North Dakota Water Environment Association, the North Dakota Chapter of the American Public Works Association, the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association, and the North Dakota Department of Health were very successful and were of benefit to those attending and that the sponsoring organizations are desirous of continuing these training sessions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 79th Annual Conference of the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference, the 48th Annual Conference of the North Dakota Water Environment Association, the 52nd Annual Conference of the North Dakota Chapter of the American Public Works Association, and the 17th Annual Conference of the North Dakota Section of American Water Works Association, here assembled, do express their thanks and appreciation to the North Dakota Department of Health and the staff of its Municipal Facilities and Water Quality Divisions, who have contributed toward making these training sessions a success.

Dated at Fargo, North Dakota, this 26th day of October 2007.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the city of Fargo through its Officials and Local Arrangements Committee has gone to considerable work and effort in making this Joint Meeting with the North Dakota Chapter of the American Public Works Association, the North Dakota Water Environment Association, and the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association not only a successful one, but an enjoyable one, especially through the spirit of welcome and friendliness shown, the splendid hospitality, spouses' program, banquet, and other arrangements;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 79th Annual Conference of the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference, the 48th Annual Conference of the North Dakota Water Environment Association, the 52nd Annual Conference of the North Dakota Chapter of the American Public Works Association, and the 17th Annual Conference of the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association, here assembled, do express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the following individuals who have contributed toward making the Joint Meeting a success:

Tom Welle	Pete Bilstad
Mark Blonigen	Ron Hendricksen
Dean Sletten	Kathy Redfield
Terry Rust	Karla Olson
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Dated at Fargo, North Dakota, this 26th day of October 2007.

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WHEREAS, during the year, we have lost the following members of our Conference in the deaths of:

Ralph Lee of Mayville
Jack Knudson of Jamestown
Lyle Weeks of Minot
Marvin Stiefel of Beulah

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 79th Annual North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference, here assembled, does express its deepest sympathy to the families and that the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this Resolution to them.

Dated at Fargo, North Dakota, this 26th day of October 2007.

Secretary/Treasurer
Mike Brisben

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, during the past year, the following member of the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference has retired:

Arlis Bischoff of Grafton

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 79th Annual Conference, here assembled, does express its thanks for his past years of service to the Conference and to the profession, and extends its best wishes to him in his future plans, and the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this Resolution to him.

Dated at Fargo, North Dakota, this 26th day of October 2007.

Secretary/Treasurer
Mike Brisben

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, considerable time has been expended and expense incurred by Dean Sletten of Aqualogix in his position as Associate Director of the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference during the past year, and in making this Joint Meeting with the North Dakota Water Environment Association, the North Dakota Chapter of the American Public Works Association, and the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association both a successful and enjoyable one;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 79th Annual Conference of the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference, the 48th Annual Conference of the North Dakota Water Environment Association, the 52nd Annual Conference of the North Dakota Chapter of the American Public Works Association, and the 17th Annual Conference of the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association, here assembled, do express their heart-felt thanks and appreciation to Dean and that the Secretary be instructed to forward to him a copy of this Resolution.

Dated at Fargo, North Dakota, this 26th day of October 2007.

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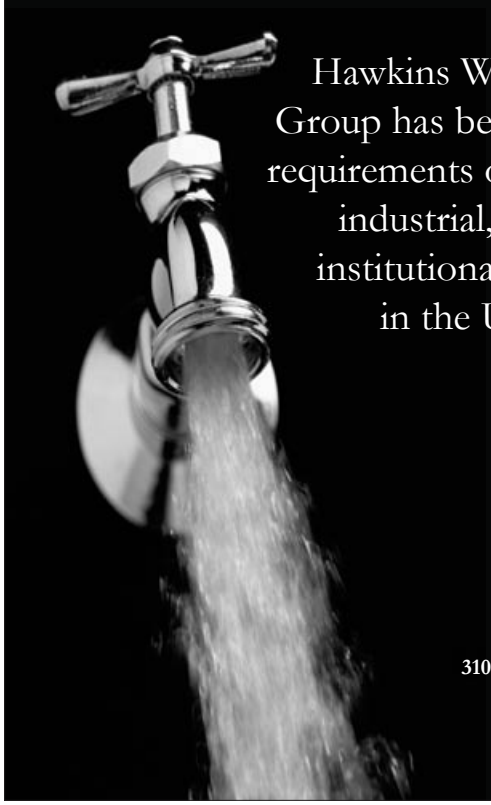

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Minutes of the NDWEA 48th Annual Meeting

October 26, 2007

The North Dakota Water Environment Association (NDWEA) held its annual business meeting on Friday October 26, 2007, at the Holiday Inn of Fargo, North Dakota. President Richard Wanner called the meeting to order; 130 people were present at the 11:45 a.m. business luncheon.

Since the minutes for last year's meeting had been published in the *Official Bulletin*, President Wanner asked if there were any objections to dispensing with the reading of the minutes. There were no objections, and the minutes were not read. President Wanner asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as published. None were offered, and Rod Reetz moved that the minutes be approved as published. Keith Demke seconded the motion. There was no further discussion on the minutes, and the motion passed.

Bill Gefroh was called upon by President Wanner to present the Secretary-Treasurer's Report. As of September 30, 2007, the association has a general fund balance of $8,139.12, a decrease of $1,110.85 from last year. The majority of the NDWEA budget expenditures are aimed at providing educational support and related activities in North Dakota.

In 2007, NDWEA contributed monetary support to: (1) the North Dakota State Science Fair, (2) a student and his teacher to participate in the Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition, (3) the Student Chapter at North Dakota State University in Fargo for its activities fund, (4) the Gateway to Science Center in Bismarck, (5) the River Keepers in Fargo (6) the Water Environment Research Foundation and (7) the Water Environment Federation (WEF) Student and Young Professionals Committee.

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Awards that were sponsored by the NDWEA in 2007 included two high school awards (one each for the junior and senior divisions for outstanding water quality projects at the North Dakota State Science and Engineering Fair), the Burke Award, two Quarter Century Club Awards, and the NDWEA Past Director and President Service Award.

Registration reimbursement was provided for the NDWEA director to attend the 2007 Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition and Conference (WEFTEC) in San Diego, California.

Congratulations to the North Dakota State University (NDSU) student chapter. In 2007, the NDSU student chapter team placed first in the WEFTEC student design competition held in San Diego California. In 2008, WEFTEC will be held October 18-22, in Chicago, Illinois.

NDWEA membership is at 129, compared to 95 at this time last year. Steve Burian made a motion to approve the Secretary-Treasurer's report. Pete Bilstad seconded it, and the motion passed.

President Wanner introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Christopher Schmit, Ph.D., P.E. from Brookings, South Dakota. Mr. Schmit is a member of the 2006-2007 Board of Trustees for the WEF. He is currently Associate Professor for the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering of South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota.

Mr. Schmit talked about WEFTEC 2007, which had a record 19,200 participants and 1000 exhibitors, and the available WEF programs that can be viewed at www.wef.org. He indicated that our member association should contact WEF if it needs recruitment help. Mr. Schmit congratulated the NDSU student design team for taking first place in the design competition. He

talked about "Water is Life" and that we should do our part educating the public school students and our customers (bill payers) about protecting our water. Mr. Schmit also talked about partnering with the American Water Works Association to have a single voice for water.

Mr. Schmit encouraged NDWEA to get involved in the World Water Monitoring Day where utilities and schools test ponds, lakes, and rivers for parameters such as pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen and turbidity. World Water Monitoring Day is an international outreach program that builds public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources around the world. Held annually between September 18 and October 18, the program engages communities in monitoring the condition of local rivers, streams, estuaries and other water bodies. Since its inception in 2002, more than 80,000 people have participated in 50 countries. In closing, Mr. Schmit said North Dakota puts on a great conference that he enjoyed attending, and he invited us to attend the South Dakota conference.

President Wanner called upon Tom Welle, who chaired the Nominating Committee, to give the NDWEA nominations. The Nominating Committee members were Tom Welle, Gary Bracht and Richard Wanner. Mr. Welle reported the committee recommended the following slate of officers for 2007:

President: Seth Lynne
President-Elect: Eric Dodds
Vice President: Skip Rapp
Secretary-Treasurer: Bill Gefroh
Director: Tom Welle
PWOD Representative: Terry Rust

President Wanner asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. No nominations were offered. Rod Reetz moved that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for the nominated slate of announced officers. Keith Demke seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

At this time, President Seth Lynne became the Chief Officer of NDWEA. His first duty as president was to present Richard Wanner with the President's Service Award. With no further business, Rod Reetz made a motion to adjourn. Skip Rapp seconded the motion, and President Seth Lynne adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Gefroh
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Minutes of the Business Meeting North Dakota Section of AWWA

October 25, 2007

The business meeting of the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association was held at the Holiday Inn of Fargo, North Dakota, on October 25, 2007.

Mr. Dave Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and recognized the head table, section officers, trustees, and American Water Works Association (AWWA) Vice President Joe Mantua.

The minutes of the October 27, 2006 business meeting were published in the 2006 Conference issue of the *Official Bulletin*. Mr. Johnson asked for any corrections to the minutes. There were none. Ms. Hazel Sletten moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Miranda Kleven. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report. The section had income of $30,838.28 and expenses of $32,136.00, for a net loss of $1,297.72 in 2006. As of December 31, 2006, the section had $29,079.91 in checking and money market accounts, and endowments and reserve of $80,653.83. Total assets for the section was $109,733.74. Mr. Deon Stockert moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Mr. Charlie Vein seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Duane Friesz presented the audit report as conducted by Mr. Friesz and Mr. Dean Sletten. The financial records were reviewed and no discrepancies were found. He thanked Mr. Greg Wavra and Mr. Larry Thelen for all the time and effort that they have put in as section treasurer. Mr. Mel Bullinger moved to accept the Audit Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richard Wanner. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson introduced each of the Board of Trustee candidates. Nominees for trustee are Mr. Jason Sorenson and Mr. Eric Volk. The election was held by secret ballot. Mr. Johnson informed the members that Mr. Eric Volk is the new trustee.

Ms. Miranda Kleven presented Certificates of Award for Water Treatment and Water Distribution Certification Advancement. This year's awardees are Troy Bommersbach, Clint Cogdill, Chad Mittleider, Gary Neuberger, Daniel Overmoe, Sherry Keys, and Jason Sorenson.

Mr. Johnson presented a lifetime membership plaque to Mr. Randy Leslie who has been a member of AWWA for 30 years.

There was no other unfinished business or new business.

Mr. Johnson introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Joe Mantua. Mr. Mantua is from Gathersburg, Maryland, and currently serves as the Project Delivery Group Leader for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. His message was about five areas on which AWWA is concentrating. These are: focusing on member needs, strengthening section/association relationships, a focus on technology, identifing and engaging strategic alliances, and succession planning. He also spoke about the importance of sustainability, the State of the Industry Report, and the importance of the "Only Tap Water Delivers" campaign.

Mr. Johnson thanked everybody for their support and help during his tenure as chair. He introduced Mr. Brett Jochim, incoming section chair. Mr. Jochim thanked Mr. Johnson for the work that he accomplished during his time as section chair and presented him with a plaque.

Mr. Jochim asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hazel Sletten moved to adjourn, and Mr. Richard Wanner seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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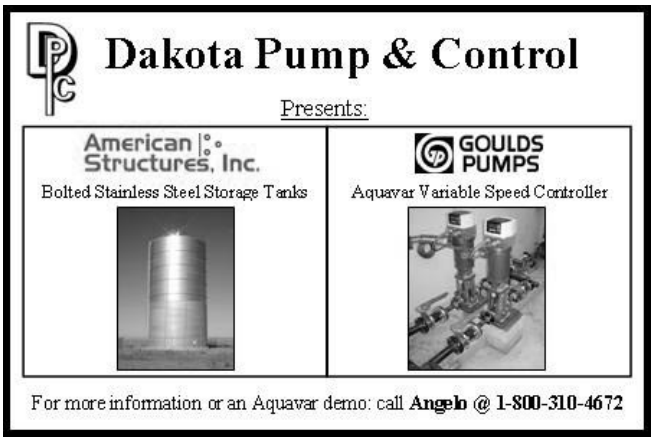
Grand Forks Wins Best-Tasting Drinking Water Contest

This year's award for Best Tasting Drinking Water was presented to the Grand Forks Water Treatment Plant at the 79th Annual Water and Pollution Control Conference held in Fargo, October 24-26, 2007. The ND Section of AWWA received water samples from the following eight municipalities: Valley City, Bismarck, Williston, Grand Forks, Fargo, Mandan, Wahpeton, and Minot. Attendees from the ND Water Pollution Control Conference narrowed the field to Fargo, Mandan, Grand Forks, and Minot. The judges were called upon to make the final determination. Judging was completed by Joel Heitkamp (KFGO), Dennis Walaker (mayor of Fargo), Cole Carley (president, FMCVB), Larry Frevert (APWA), and Joe Mantua (AWWA). In blind taste tests, water submitted by the City of Grand Forks was named the best tasting drinking water in North Dakota. The Grand Forks water treatment plant utilizes coagulation, sedimentation, filtration, T&O removal, fluoride, and chloramines to treat surface water. A big thank you to all participants for their dedication and hard work in treating water for North Dakotans, and congratulations to the Grand Forks staff for having the best tasting drinking water in 2007.

Dean Stockert (second from left), co-chair of the North Dakota AWWA Education and Research Committee presents the Best-Tasting Drinking Water Award to the Grand Forks Water Utility Staff. Staff members pictured from left to right: Hazel Sletten, David Kratochvil, Greg Batzer, Joe Ferguson, and Don Zhorela.



Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
North Dakota Section of AWWA

May 23, 2007

The spring meeting of the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) was held at the Seven Seas Inn of Mandan, North Dakota on May 23, 2007. Present at the meeting were Chair-elect Brett Jochim; Director Jack Long; Trustees Tim Paustian, Duane Friesz, Dean Sletten and Joe Ferguson; Secretary/Treasurer David Bruschwein; Assistant Secretary Brian Blotsky; and Assistant Treasurer Greg Wavra. Others attending the meeting were Larry Thelen and Deon Stockert.

The meeting was called to order by Brett Jochim at 8:15 a.m.

The Secretary's Report was presented by Mr. Bruschwein. Mr. Long moved that the corrected minutes of the January 31, 2007 board meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Friesz. Motion carried.

Mr. Wavra presented the Treasurer's Report. As of May 21, 2007, the section had income of $18,972.72 and expenses of $11,187.83. The section has $36,864.80 in the checking and money market accounts. The section also has scholarship endowments and a reserve account that total $80,653.83. Mr. Long moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sletten. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Water Utility Council (WUC):

Mr. Long presented the WUC report for Nate Weisenburger and Wade Hesch, who were unable to attend, from their attendance of the AWWA Fly-In on April 17-18, 2007. Items of discussion were security issues, the Total Coliform Rule, the Contaminant Candidate List, effluent guidelines for WTPs, Chlorine/Inherently Safer Technologies, infrastructure funding, and the Water Transfer Rule.

Mr. Long reviewed the 2007 Legislative Session, during which 1048 bills and resolutions were introduced. Twenty-two of the bills and five resolutions were tracked. Twelve of the 22 bills passed, two of the resolutions were considered for interim study, and one of the bills passed required an interim study.

Education and Research Committee:

Ron Hendricksen and Kevin Johnson judged the state science fair for the section. Vanessa Mauch of Hankinson and Laura Juelfs of Medina were the winners. Mr. Stockert reported that the City of Minot, which won the water taste test at the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference (NDWPCC), agreed to submit water at the Annual Convention and Exposition (ACE) this year in Toronto for North Dakota. Mr. Long agreed to represent North Dakota on Minot's behalf. Mr. Bruschwein discussed asking Del DeBoer to once again present at the NDWPCC. It was felt that his presentation was very informative and that operators were able to come away with a basic understanding of water operations. It was discussed that Del's expenses should be paid by the section. Discussion also centered around having another panel discussion. A possible topic is distribution, specifically focusing on the Stage 2 D/DBP Rule. Eric Volk's name was brought up, as well as operators from systems that were on Schedule 2 & 3 for Stage 2, who might be interested in participating on the panel. There were two applicants for the University Scholarship. Joe Ferguson and Dean Sletten volunteered to help Miranda Kleven select the winner.

Membership:

Mr. Sletten reported that membership is at 245. Discussion centered on setting up a booth for the Energy Conference in Bismarck sometime in January to attempt to recruit new membership. The cost of the booth was estimated to be $1000. Recommendations for attracting people to the booth and recruiting volunteers to run the booth were also discussed. Mr. Sletten moved to hold a section booth at the conference. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paustian. Motion carried.

Mr. Friesz made a motion to accept the committee reports. Seconded by Mr. Long. Motioned carried.

Director's Report:

Director Jack Long explained the attempt to merge AWWA with the Water Environment Federation (WEF), employee changes, elections, the 2009 mid-winter board meeting, 2007 ACE, the Regional Meeting of Section Officers (RMSO) and the regional alignment. Most of the discussion focused on the regional alignment. The board was concerned that

North Dakota will get lost as a small section in the new region. Mr. Long was asked to lobby on bahalf of North Dakota for a new alignment. It was felt that North Dakota should be aligned with states similar to North Dakota. Mr. Friesz motioned to accept the Director's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sletten. Motion carried.

Mr. Wavra explained that he was working with volunteers to form a steering committee for the Water and Waste Water Agency Response Network (WARN). He indicated that he picked 15 different participants from around the state to participate. He indicated that 11 of the participants agreed to travel to Denver on July 11 to attend the workshop to start a WARN committee. Training is paid by AWWA and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Mr. Friesz attended the Water Utility Management Course at the University of Minnesota. He felt the training was very informative, and he learned a lot from it.

Mr. Sletten discussed his trip to the RMSO in Omaha. Topics covered at the RMSO included the WEF/AWWA merger, the Water for People (WFP) Memorandum of Understanding, and the aging workforce. He was the only person to represent North Dakota.

Ideas for training at the NDWPCC (including panel discussions, Mr. DeBoer's presentation, and a speaker for the luncheon) are to be forwarded to Mike Brisben.

Summer training in Colorado Springs on August 1-2, 2008 was brought up. The estimated cost per person was approximately $900. Mr. Bruschwein, Mr. Wavra, and Mr. Blotsky volunteered to attend. There was a consensus to allow them to attend.

Mr. Thelen discussed the WFP Memorandum of Understanding which provides that all the money goes directly to WFP if we use the WFP logo. Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding if the final version is close to the draft. The motion was seconded by Mr. Friesz. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sletten and seconded by Mr. Paustian. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Blotsky
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

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Annual Operator Training Program

The North Dakota Department of Health is pleased to announce the 48th Annual Professional Water and Wastewater Operator Training Program.

1. Objectives - These classes will fulfill the continuing education credit (CEC) requirement for certified operators. You will receive **12 CECs for each session** attended. Roll will be taken during the sessions to verify attendance. Expect to hear presentations regarding regulations and how to avoid mistakes that can lead to non-compliance for your facility. This will include general operation and maintenance topics. **However, the courses are not geared specifically to prepare operators for certification exams.**

2. Registration - Please **preregister** using the **enclosed registration form**. You may attend more than one session. Please indicate a second choice when selecting class sessions. The classes will fill up quickly. **A $20.00 registration fee payable to the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference (NPWPCC) is required**. This covers attendance at one or more sessions. A confirmation letter will be sent and must be presented at the time of registration. If you need to reschedule or cancel, please call Darlene Germain at 701-328-6628.

3. Membership - A $10.00 membership fee for the NDWPCC is optional. Membership includes the *Official Bulletin* and may be added to the total payment.

4. Certification exams - A separate application form is required. Applications must be received by the certification officer 15 DAYS before the examination date. Applications received after the deadline will be rejected. No "walk-in" exams will be allowed. An application form is included; please do not use previous applications. Please make copies if more than one operator will be testing.

A. *A photograph identification card is required to take exams.*
B. A confirmation letter will be sent and must be presented at the time of testing.
C. If you need to reschedule or cancel, please call Craig Bartholomay at 701-328-6626.
D. *Please bring your own calculator and pencils.*
E. ***Do not send exam payment with application**. You will be billed separately.*
F. *Results of the exams will be mailed out after all of the training sessions are completed and after payment has been received for the exam(s).*

5. Do not send exam payment with application. You will be billed separately by the North Dakota Department of Health.

6. Location - All training sessions and certification exams will be held at the **Environmental Training Center, 2639 East Main, Bismarck**.

7. pH certification - (for applicable wastewater operators) - This will be offered in connection with the wastewater treatment training sessions (see schedule). For more information on the wastewater pH certification or to see if you should attend please call Randy Kowalski at 701-328-5239.

8. Surface water systems - We request that **public water systems using surface water sources send at least one representative to the session on April 29, 30, and May 1, 2008 in Moorhead, MN**. Call Greg Wavra at 701-328-5224 for more information.

9. Sponsors -
- North Dakota Chapter of the American Public Works Association
- North Dakota Department of Health
- North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference
- North Dakota Water Environment Association
- North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association

10. Special needs - If you need special accommodations or more information, call Mike Brisben at 701-328-6622.

11. A block of rooms at the Ramkota Hotel (next to Kirkwood Plaza at 800 South 3rd Street) 701-258-7700 has been booked for the operator training sessions. If you elect to use the Ramkota Hotel, the rates are $55.00 (single) and $75.00 (double).

12. Class Schedule:

Water Treatment and Distribution - Bismarck.

March 3, 4, and 5, 2008
March 10, 11, and 12, 2008
March 25, 26, and 27, 2008 *
March 31, April 1, and 2, 2008

* Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Check in time for registration is 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. on March 3, March 10, March 25, and March 31. Exams are scheduled from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on March 5, March 12, March 27, and April 2.

Wastewater Treatment and Collection - in Bismarck.
April 14, 15, and 16, 2008
April 21, 22, and 23, 2008

Check in time for registration is 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. on April 14, and April 21. Exams are scheduled from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on April 16, and April 23.

Surface Water Systems - in Moorhead, MN.
April 29, 30, and May 1, 2008

pH Certification - **(for applicable wastewater operators)**
April 14 and 21, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. for wastewater treatment operators.

13. Topics in Water Treatment and Distribution may include:
SDWA Update, Operator Certification, Overview of Water Treatment Rules, BacT Update, Stage I & II Disinfectants/ Disinfection By-products Rules, Filtration, Chlorine Meters and Measurements, Disinfection of Pipes and Reservoirs, Fire Hydrants, Groundwater Rule, Lead and Copper Rule, Math, Small System SOP Manual Review, Leak Detection, and others.

14. Topics in Wastewater Treatment and Collection may include:
Wastewater Basics, History of Wastewater Treatment, Cross Connections, Physical Aspects of Lagoons, Wetland Systems, Microbiological Life in Ponds, Collection Systems, Operator Certification, Math, Discharge Permits, and others.

15. All operators working in public water treatment and/or distribution systems which serve a population of 3,300 or less are eligible for reimbursement. Please pick up the appropriate forms during the training sessions. After payment to the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference and/or state is made, you may apply for reimbursement.

16. Questions:
Regarding exams, call Craig Bartholomay at 701-328-6626.
Regarding training sessions, call Mike Brisben at 701-328-6622.
Regarding surface water systems, call Greg Wavra at 701-328-5224.
Regarding pH certification, call Randy Kowalski at 701-328-5239.

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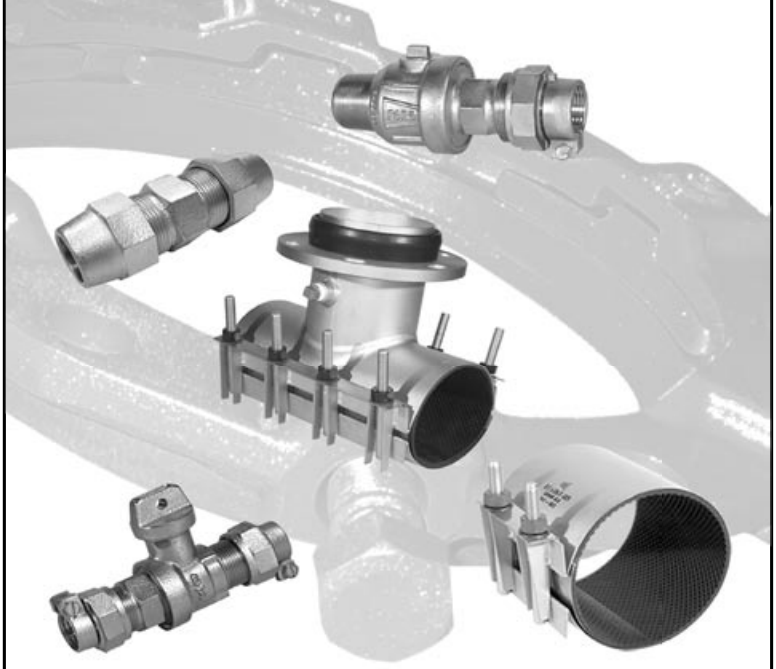

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Employer _____

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Home Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Daytime Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Check below the sessions you wish to attend. PLEASE NOTE THAT CLASS ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 60 REGISTRANTS. A confirmation letter must be presented at the time of check-in at the Environmental Training Center. Attendance will be required for the issuing of continuing education credits. Roll will be taken during the sessions to verify attendance.

Do not apply for certification exams on this form (a separate application form is enclosed).

Name of Session	Date of Session	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Water Treatment and Distribution	March 3, 4, 5	❒	❒
Water Treatment and Distribution	March 10, 11, 12	❒	❒
Water Treatment and Distribution	March 25, 26, 27 *	❒	❒
Water Treatment and Distribution	March 31, April 1, 2	❒	❒
Wastewater Treatment and Collection	April 14, 15, 16	❒	❒
Wastewater Treatment and Collection	April 21, 22, 23	❒	❒

* Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Manuals for sale (while supplies last):

CSU Small Water System Operation and Maintenance ($49.00) _____
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CSU Small Wastewater System Operation and Maintenance, Vol.1 ($49.00) _____
CSU Small Wastewater System Operation and Maintenance, Vol. 2 ($49.00) _____

Membership in ND Water and Pollution Control Conference
(includes Official Bulletin - $10.00) _____

Registration Fee (covers attendance at one or more sessions) $ 20.00

Make check for **TOTAL** _____
training program registration, membership, and books payable to:

ND Water and Pollution Control Conference OR NDWPCC
918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor
Bismarck, ND 58501-1947

APPLICATION FOR WATER AND/OR WASTEWATER OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES
918 E Divide Ave., 3rd Floor, Bismarck, ND 58501-1947
SFN 16403 (1/07)

Directions

* Please type or print legibly.
* You may write a maximum of two examinations per session.
* Send your completed application to the department at least **15 days before the exam date**. Use the address listed above.
* **DO NOT SEND CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR CASH FOR PAYMENT. You will be billed by the Department of Health after the examination(s) are administered.** Results will only be released after payment has been received.
* Choose references who can confirm your operating ability (supervisor, foreman, city officials, etc.).
* Each statement and fact by the applicant must be true and correct.
* You may apply for certification in water treatment, water distribution, wastewater treatment, or wastewater collection on this form.
* Incomplete applications will be returned.

Name		Home Telephone Number ( )		
Home Address		City	State	Zip Code
Present Employer	Population Served	Business Telephone Number ( )		
Employer's Address	County	City	State	Zip Code
Your Position Title:		Status (Check One) ❒ Full Time ❒ Part Time ❒ Seasonal		

Circle the certification grade you are applying for:	Water Treatment Plant Operator	1A	1	2	3	4
	Water Distribution System Operator	1A	1	2	3	4
	Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator	1A	1	2	3	4
	Wastewater Collection System Operator	1A	1	2	3	4

Exam Date: Retest: ❒ Yes ❒ No	Location:	For Reciprocity Applications: State: Grade:

Operator Work Experience: List the positions you have held in water treatment, water distribution, wastewater treatment, or wastewater collection. Start with your present position and work back. If necessary, use extra sheets to describe duties.

Dates Employed Mo./Yr. To Mo./Yr.		Name and Address of Employer	Specific Duties Performed

Continue on other side of this form.

Direct Responsible Charge (DRC) - Means full and active performance of onsite operation where the operator is:	
Are you an operator in DRC ? ❒ Yes ❒ No	❒ Responsible for technical support of the facility or system and provides direction to other operators.
	❒ Is on site or on call during shift operations.
	❒ Is responsible for the operation of a major segment of a facility or system.
	❒ Is the sole person employed as the facility or system operator.
Date Started DRC: _____	

Education	Name of High School		Year Graduated: or Highest Grade Completed:		
College or University	Dates Attended	Major	Minor	Degree Obtained	Year of Graduation

Circle the appropriate letter (P or C) to indicate previous position "P" or current position "C." If appropriate, list a number to identify your experience with various systems.
(For example __8__ # of wells P / (C))

WATER TREATMENT

Chlorination P / C
Sequestering P / C
Chemical Softening and Filtration P / C
Iron and Manganese Removal P / C
Coagulation, Sedimentation, Filtration P / C
Fluoridation P / C
Corrosion Control P / C
Reverse Osmosis P / C
Other: _____

WASTEWATER TREATMENT

Stabilization Ponds P / C
Oxidation Ditches P / C
Trickling Filter P / C
Sludge Stabilization P / C
Aerated Ponds P / C
Activated Sludge P / C
Rotating Biological Contactor P / C
Other: _____

WATER DISTRIBUTION

_____ Average Daily Volume (GPD) P / C
_____ # of Service Connections P / C
_____ # of Pumping Stations P / C
_____ # of Storage Facilities P / C
Types: _____

Water Supply
_____ # of Wells P / C
_____ # of Springs P / C
_____ Name Surface Water
_____ Name Rural Water

WASTEWATER COLLECTION

_____ Average Daily Volume (GPD) P / C
_____ # of Service Connections P / C
_____ # of Industrial Connections P / C
_____ # of Storm Water Connections P / C

Lift Stations
_____ # of Submersible Type P / C
_____ # of Wet Well/Dry Well P / C
_____ # of Air (Pneumatic) P / C
_____ # of Package Type P / C

Name, Address, Phone Number of Reference	Name, Address, Phone Number of Reference	Name, Address, Phone Number of Reference

The information I have provided above is correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____
Signature of Applicant / Date Signed

_____
Signature of Supervisor / Date Signed

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Soliciting Nominations

The ND Chapter of the American Public Works Association is soliciting nominations for the "2008 Project of the Year" Awards.

Eligible are any public works projects defined as the physical structures and facilities that are developed, owned, and maintained by public agencies to provide water, power, waste disposal, transportation, and similar public services in accordance with established public policy.

Criteria to be used in the selection process include demonstrating good construction techniques, safety, community relations, protecting the environment, unusual accomplishments, and additional conditions deemed important to the public works agency.

Award recipients and their engineers will receive an APWA "Project of the Year" recognition plaque presented at the ND Chapter APWA noon luncheon of the ND Water and Pollution Control Conference to be held in Bismarck on October 10, 2008. Each project is eligible for nomination for the National APWA "Public Works - Project of the Year" competition. An award will be presented to projects serving communities of less than 5,000 and to projects serving communities of more than 5,000 people. Nominations are due by May 1, 2008.

Submissions for consideration or questions concerning nominations should be addressed to:

Chuck Abel
ND Department of Health
918 East Divide
Bismarck, ND 58501
328-5207
cabel@nd.gov

Chris Schmit (left), Board of Trustees for WEF, presents the WEF Director's Service Award to Rod Reetz, manager of MVTL Laboratories, at the 2007 NDWPCC, for his dedicated service and commitment to protecting the environment.

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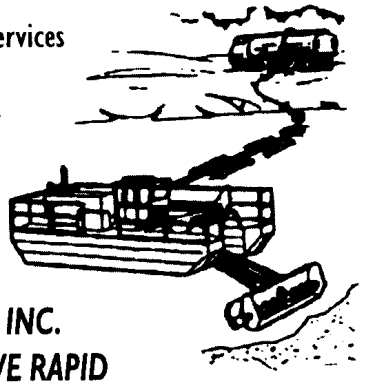

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Filter and Backwash Recycle Rule	Gary Stefanovsky	701-328-5287
Fluoride Addition	Katie Luther	701-328-5258
Groundwater Rule	Gary Stefanovsky	701-328-5287
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Inspections: Northwest	Bob Markhouse	701-328-6623
Inspections: Southeast	Eric Bless	701-328-6627
Inspections: Southwest	Darin Billing	701-328-6624
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Surface Water Treatment Rule: Interim Enhanced, Long Term 1 Enhanced, Long Term 2 Enhanced	Greg Wavra	701-328-5224
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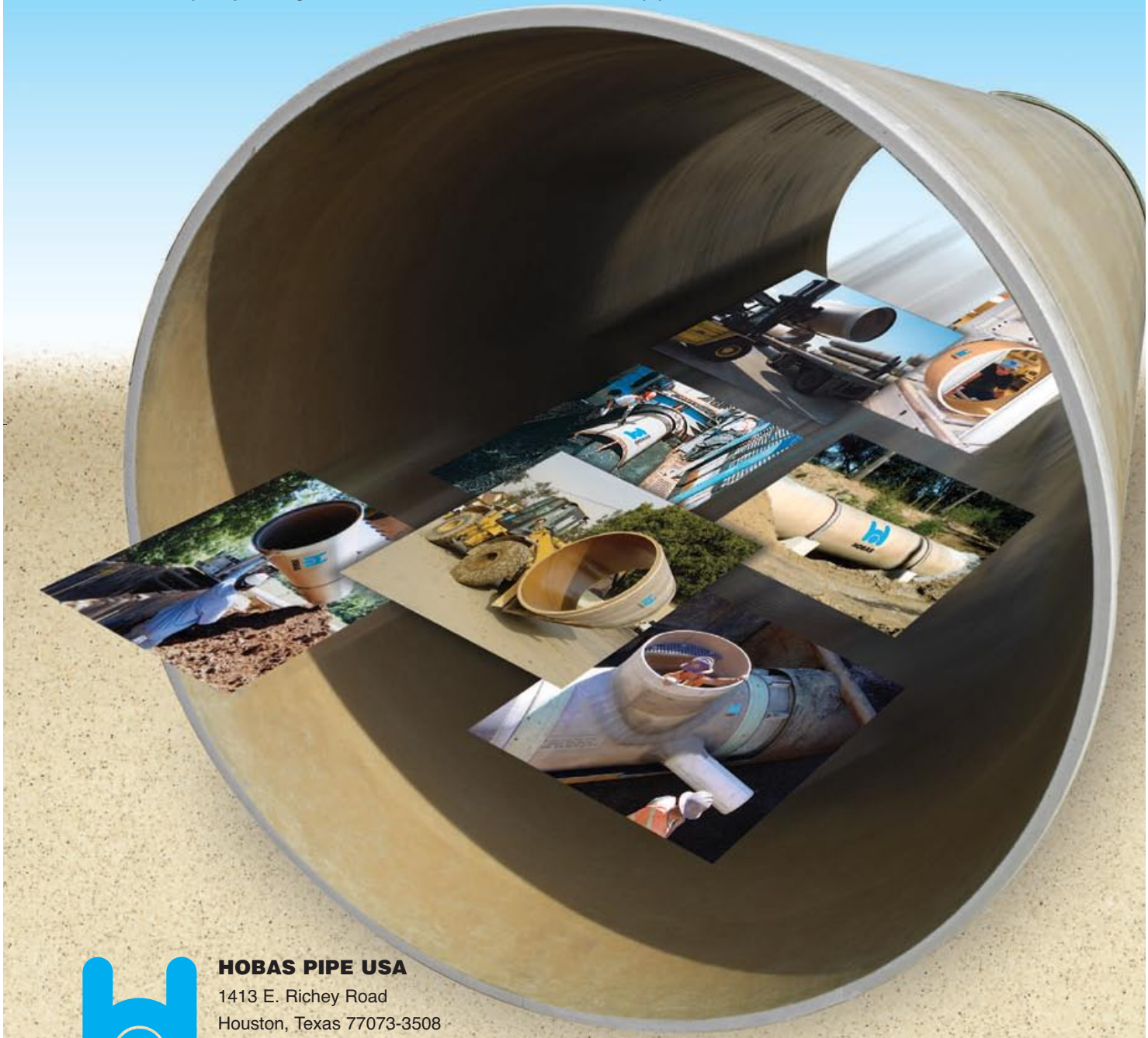

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