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2008 – 2009 NYS AWWA Year in Review and Summary of Motions

The New York Section AWWA (NYSAWWA) accomplished a great deal during a year of enormous economic challenge. The Board of Trustees and Section staff worked together to ensure the smooth delivery of existing programs while developing new initiatives that would guide the Section in accomplishing the long-term goals established in 2005: growing Section membership, planning for a 100th anniversary celebration to take place in 2014, increasing volunteerism among Section members, and becoming the leading provider of educational training in New York State.

2008-2009 Highlights and Summary of Motions

- **Jeff Zdrojewski** was elected AWWA Vice-President from the New York Section
 - **Manoj Ajmera, Kevin Castro, and Dennis Kelleher** were the first recipients of the NYSAWWA Volunteer Appreciation Award
 - Developed a new Section **website** with many new features, including a job section. The design makes it possible for Section staff to make changes internally.
 - Applied to New York State for \$200,000 grant to support the Section in establishing and administering the **WARN** — water/wastewater agency response network to promote and support mutual assistance and disaster response among public and private water and wastewater utilities.
- **100th Anniversary:**
 - Agreed to hold the 2014 event in New York City
 - Established a money market account to fund the event
 - Initiated a contest among members to design a 100th Anniversary logo
 - **Policies Approved:**
 - Document Retention & Destruction Policy
 - Whistleblower Policy
 - Code of Conduct Policy
 - Conflict of Interest Policy
 - Capitalization Policy
 - Established a policy on **paid instructors** for training: first-time teaching \$250/ half-day, \$400/ six hour course, and \$500/ full day; teaching a course previously taught: \$100/half-day, \$225/full day course
 - Amended the by-laws to denote a six-year term for the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer
 - Established term limits of six years for Trustees and three years for Trustees-at-large
 - Created a Nominating Committee to consist of five past chairs
 - Sunset the Publications Committee and approved producing *Aquarius* in house.
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Chair's Report

A great deal has been accomplished over the last year at the New York Section AWWA (NYSAWWA) and much remains to be done. My commitment to the NYSAWWA in 2008-09 was to focus on the existing programs and activities including proposed new initiatives that would give us a direction and a road map to achieve our long term goals. The Section's long term goals were established in 2005 and many hard working volunteers are making progress on the key issues identified in the Long Term Goals.

In my 30 years of leadership positions with the NYSAWWA, I have experienced very few years where so much has been accomplished by so many. We are tackling the major challenge of losing many of our members to retirement by working closely with the AWWA, to forge a link with potential student members. We are establishing student chapters at RPI, Troy and SUNY ESF, Syracuse. Through these chapters we will encourage graduates to follow a path leading to careers in water profession.

Although our financial health is fine now, we must not forget that we are in the midst of the worst worldwide financial crisis since the great depression and it has impacted each and everyone in our community. If we are hurting, think of what is happening to others. In order that we continue to provide **educational opportunities** (Training Seminars, Tiff Symposium), **programs** (Annual Water Event, Summer Workshop and Board Meetings) and **supporting activities** (WFP Golf Tournament, Fly in Delegates to Washington D.C., Publish Aquarius two times a year, Maintain our newly established Section's Website, Support our

Section Staff with adequate compensation and resources to do the job, NYSAWWA Reception at the ACE, AWWA Workshop, RMSO and ACE meetings, Support for Top ops, Best Tasting Water Contest and Meter Madness Competitions at the ACE and other associated services) this year and in the future, we must dig deeper to help. We have through our **"Water for People"** program major opportunities to influence the history of the world (How about millions of children saved from waterborne disease and malnutrition). These marks come with a price tag and therefore, we need your commitment to support the section's efforts with your generosity and contribution.

I hope to conclude my term as the Section Chair with a great deal of satisfaction regarding the 2008-09 initiatives and future vision plan (**Grow membership & retain current members, establish long range training plan for New York State, educate K-12 and college students on careers in water supply, strengthen relationship with LWWC, plan for 100th anniversary celebration in 2014 and develop leaders capable of serving in NYSAWWA and beyond**) that has been recommended to the board for consideration. I look forward to serving on the Board as Past Chair during the term 2009-10 and as a member of several committees in future years. Given the names of those who have historically served as the Section Chair of this great organization, I am humbled by the opportunity you have given me to serve in that role in 2008-09.

Shyam S. Mohanka, Ph. D., P.E., BCEE
Civil & Environmental Engineer



2008-2009 Board of Governors

Shyam Mohanka
Chair

Connie Schreppel
Vice-Chair

Randy Cairns
Past Chair

Joseph Baier
Treasurer

Neil R. Bonesteel
Assistant Treasurer

Jeff Zdrojewski
Section Director

Paul Granger
Trustee C/Third Year

Michael Marino
Trustee A/Second Year

Amanda Bauner
Trustee B/First Year

Charles Gonzalez
Trustee-at-Large A/Third Year

Nicholas Kochan
Trustee-at-Large B/Second Year

Kevin Castro
Trustee-at-Large C/First Year

Marian Potter
Executive Director



2008-2009 Committee Chairs

OPEN MEMBERSHIP

100th Anniversary Committee

Amanda Bauner

Awards & Recognitions Committee

Tom Walker

Education Committee

Christine Vooris

Events Committee

Phil Tangorra

Manufacturers & Associates Committee

Dan Reed

Program Committee

Dan Seaver

Water for People Committee

Marty Mazzella

Young Professionals

Chris Wheland

Ad Hoc WARN Committee

Connie Schreppel

Ad Hoc Operator Involvement Committee

John Murphy

FIXED MEMBERSHIP, BOARD COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

Joseph Baier

Executive Committee

Shyam Mohanka

Diven Award Committee

Shyam Mohanka

Fuller Award Committee

Connie Schreppel

Nominating Director

Amel Jowdy

Nominating Trustee

Michael Hooker

Water Utility Council

Dave Fitch

Legislative Review

Tom Shanahan

Regulatory Review

Jim Nugent



2008-2009 Events

4th Annual Water for People Golf Outing
September 19, 2008
Poughkeepsie, NY

Edwin C. Tiffet Symposium
November 19-20, 2008
Syracuse, NY

Annual Winter Board of Governors Meeting
January 14, 2009
Saratoga Springs, NY

New York Water Event, 2009
April 21-23, 2009
Saratoga Springs

2008-2009 Regional Seminars

(Various Locations)

Advanced Laboratory Skills
Basic Electrical, Power Systems &
Communications
Basic Laboratory Skills
Basics of Waterborne Pathogens
Chemistry for Operators
Corrosion Control Analysis
Cross-Connection Control
Distribution System Field Monitoring
Distribution System Operation & Maintenance
Strategies
Emergency Planning for Utilities
Energy Conservation & Efficiency
Fundamentals of Dam Safety

Fundamentals of Hydraulics
Fundamentals of Applied Math, Part II
Hands on Chlorination
Hydrant & Main Maintenance
Hydrant, Valve & Main Maintenance
Leak Detection
Nitrogen & Phosphorus Analysis
Practical Math for Operators
U.V. Disinfection
Water Disinfection
Water Main Installation
Water Storage Tank Operation & Maintenance
Water System Security
Water Treatment Operations & Maintenance



2008-2009 Awards

John M. Diven Award

Dennis Kelleher

Volunteer Appreciation Awards

Manoj Ajemera

Kevin Castro

Dennis Kelleher

George Warren Fuller Award

Jeff Zdrojewski

Life Member Award

30 Years of Membership

Louis Abel, P.E.

John Andersson

James Brown II

Richard Casey

William Graner

Hugh Knickerbocker, Jr.

William Lester

Warren Longacker

Louis Loy, Jr.

Alan Natter

Douglas Odell, Jr.

Edwin Vopelak, Jr.

Gold Water Drop Award

50 Years of Membership

Alex Diachishin

Michelle Rodden

Edward Sheader

Student Scholarships

John A. Biros

(for AWWA members & families)

Mary Clark

Matthew Crouse

Andy Webb

John C. Robbins

Timothy Zoll

Walter B. Sinnott

Yves Rugasaguhunga

Russell L. Sutphen

Caitlin Young



Financial Summary July 2008 through June 2009

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income	\$461,286.42	\$483,103.00
Expenses	<u>446,064.18</u>	<u>475,904.00</u>
Net Income	\$15,222.24	\$7,199.00

Sources of Income

- Aquarius Advertising
- General Allotment
- Water for People Golf Tournament
- Sinnot Scholarship
- Special Assessments
- Annual Spring Water Event and Exhibit Hall
- Tifft Symposium and Exhibit Hall
- Training Program

Areas of Expense

- Section Committees
- General
 - Audit
 - Chair Expenses
 - Director Expenses
 - Donations (Abel Wolman, AWWA Research Foundation, Water for People), Student Scholarships
- Meetings
 - AWWA ACE Reception
 - AWWA Summer Workshop
 - Board Meetings
 - Regional Officer's Meeting
 - Annual Water Event
 - Tifft Symposium
- Office
 - Salary
 - Supplies
 - Travel
 - Building Operation and Maintenance