

**Minutes of the
Midwest Regional Board Meeting
held on October 23, 2009
in Iowa City, Iowa**

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 PM by the Board Chair, Dan Higgins, Kansas State University section.

Those in attendance were:

Rep , Sub, or Guest	Name	Section	Email
Webmaster	John Adams	Univ. of Missouri	adamsje@missouri.edu
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Treasurer	Gary Clapp	Kansas City	Gary.clapp@IIALS.com
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Rep	Scott Darvau	Nebraska	darveausa@unk.edu
Guest	Ann Nalley	Wichita Falls-Duncan	ann@cameron.edu
Rep	Chris Pigge	Iowa	chris-pigge@uiowa.edu
Rep	Keith Stine	St. Louis	kstine@umsl.edu
Rep	Leah O'Brien	St. Louis	lobrien@siue.edu
Guest	LeRoy Breimeier	Wabash Valley (Great Lakes Region)	lbreimeir@vnu.edu
Rep	Jim Carroll	Omaha	jcarroll@unomaha.eu
ACS Staff	John Michael Sophos	ACS	j_sophos@acs.org
Rep & Chair	Dan Higgins	Kansas State Univ.	higgins@ksu.edu
Rep & Chair-Elect	Khamis Siam	Mokanok	kssiam@pittstate.edu
Rep & Sec	Art Landis	Wichita	alandis@emporia.edu

After everyone introduced themselves, the chair directed our attention to agenda item 17, Proposed Revision of Bylaws (Agenda- attachment #1). This item includes both Bylaw VIII, Section 7 and Bylaw IX, Section 2b., not just the former. As required for Bylaw changes, copies of the proposed changes should have been received by all members of this board prior to the meeting.

1. Minutes of 43rd MWRM (2008) were discussed and approved (Ruth Hathaway /Mike Mosher).

2. MWR Board Treasurer Gary Clapp reported that the Net Asset Value of the MWR was \$31,331 as of October, 2009. (See Treasurer's Report - attachment #2) The report was approved (Leah O'Brien/Mike Mosher).
3. Leah O'Brien, St Louis section, was elected as the secretary for 2010 (Khamis Siam/Mike Mosher). It was noted that the change of officers officially occurs at midnight December, 2009.
4. No Final Report for the 41st MWRM (2006) held in Quincy, Illinois was available at this meeting. No representative from that section was at this meeting. A request was made for the Final Report to be tendered before December 1, 2009 with approval to be made by email.
5. The Final Report for the 42nd MWRM (2007) held in Kansas City was received in December 2008 by Mike Greenleaf who was then chair of this board. Mike reported that the expenses for that meeting were more than the revenues by a significant amount and the planning committee had no source of funds. After all the budget items were carefully checked and rechecked; after negotiations with those requesting payment; and after all bills were paid, the meeting was \$30,000 in debt. The 42nd meeting planning committee initially assumed that the MWRM "sinking" fund would be used to pay the debt. Eventually the host local section, Kansas City, agreed to pay half of the debt, \$15,000. The other half, \$15,000, was removed from the MWR "Sinking" Fund. (The Treasurer's report presented earlier included this transaction.) Much discussion followed. Some events that occurred as a result of the 42nd MWRM, exposed some weaknesses in our Bylaws. (These will be addressed in agenda item 17.) A motion was made to accept the report of the 42nd MWRM planning committee (Ruth Hathaway/Jim Carroll). The motion passed.
6. The Final Report for the 43rd MWRM (2008) held in Kearney, Nebraska was reviewed by the general chair of that meeting, Mike Mosher (see attachment #3). The meeting had 481 attendees, 31 exhibitors and 8 symposia. A net profit of \$5831.66 was realized of which 50% was deposited in the Nebraska local section account and 50% allocated to the MWR Board. Since this MWR Board pays for the MWR Board Meeting and part of HS Teaching Award, the deposit into the MWRM "Sinking Fund" was \$1914.95. The report was approved.
7. The Preliminary Report on the 44th MWRM (2009) held in Iowa City, Iowa was given by Greg Friestad, the general chair of the 44th meeting. The meeting was almost over and had gone well. About 810 people attended and 36 exhibitors were present. The other MWR Board members congratulated Greg and his committee for a good meeting.
8. A report on the plans for the 45th MWRM (2010) to be held in Wichita, Kansas on October 27-30 was presented by Paul Rillema, program chair. The Awards Banquet will be moved from its traditional Thursday evening time to Friday evening. The planning committee and host section wish to encourage more HS teachers to attend the banquet and Friday evening is a better time for teachers. The host Wichita section is planning on

subsidizing the banquet tickets in an effort to increase the number of people at the banquet. Some discussion ensued about scheduling. Art Landis, general chair of the 45th meeting, requested a start-up loan of \$5000 from the board. The loan was conditionally approved provided that the Executive Committee received an appropriate budget by December 1, 2009.

9. The report on plans for the 46th MWRM (2011) to be hosted by the St. Louis section. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton West Port on October 19-22 with industrial programming on Wednesday. The planning committee has already received a \$5000 loan from this board. The planning committee requested that the 46th meeting become a joint meeting with the Great Lakes Region. Both local sections have approved the request. LeRoy Breimeier of the Wabash Valley section of the Great Lakes Region will be the co-general chair. The report and joint meeting request were approved (Mike Mosher/ Mike Greenlief).

A request that agenda items 15 and 17 be taken out of order was requested. The request was granted.

15. The Awards Committee Report of Jetty Duff-Matzner had been submitted to past chair Mike Greenlief . He presented the report. Again this year some issues arose. Some suggestions are given in the report (see attachment #4). The roles of the MWR Board's Chair for the Award's Committee and the host local section Awards Chair need to be clarified and better delineated for better collaboration between the MWR committee and the host section. This cooperation needs to begin early in the planning so that surprises do not occur in September or October. The host planning committee needs to be better informed of the nomination and financial expectations relative to all the awards and the MWR Award Symposia. The need for a better means of requesting nominations and supplying nomination forms for all awards, including the HS Teacher, Volunteer, Industrial, and Diversity awards, was noted. The MWR Awardee is chosen by the St. Louis Local Section. A better collaboration and understanding of the responsibilities, financial expectations of the host planning committee and the St Louis Section are needed. Especially important are how many complimentary registrations are expected; who pays for travel, lodging, banquet, and symposium expenses; and who arranges for the Award Symposium. Who has the power to resolve differences. All these considerations need to start early in the planning process, not in September.

Jetty will be on sabbatical leave next year but will continue if she has help from the host section. Art Landis who is a past awards co-chair stated that he would be the host awards chair of 45th meeting since he and Jetty have worked together before.

A motion to keep Jetty as chair, pending her approval, was made and passed (Khamis Siam /Mike Mosher).

17. Proposed revisions to Bylaws, Bylaw VIII, Section 7 [and Bylaw IX, Section 2b.] were presented by Mike Greenlief (see attachment #5). The proposed changes are attempts to address concerns that arose while attempting to pay bills and expenses associated with the 42nd MWRM . The proposed changes were separated into two votes – one for each Bylaw. The purpose of the first change to Bylaw VIII was to clarify when the CFO may make disbursements to local sections to cover costs associated with MWR meetings. The proposed change requires MWR Board approval before making these disbursements. (For exact wording see attachment #5.) This change was approved (Mike Greenlief/Leah O’Brian).

The purpose of the change to Bylaw IX was to expressly state how deficits are to be shared and who can authorize changes in the sharing. The proposed change is that MWRM deficits will be equally shared between the local host section and the MWR unless other arrangements are approved by this board. . (For exact wording see attachment #5.) This change was approved (Mike Greenlief/Leah O’Brian).

The “Additional Remarks”, to formalize in the Bylaws how local sections are assessed for additional funds, should the need arise, was discussed but no motions were made. Mike Greenlief and Ruth Hathaway, historian, will attempt to learn how the expense for the Board “sinking” fund was initially apportioned to the local sections. The idea was to make policy before any need occurs.

10. The report on plans for the 47th MWRM (2012) to be hosted by the Omaha Section in Omaha, Nebraska was given by Jim Carroll. The meeting will be a joint meeting with NSTA (National Science Teachers Association) and will be Wednesday through Saturday, October 24 -28, 2012. Emphasis will be on HS teachers and students with sponsorships for teachers in the area. Jim Carroll will step down as the Omaha Section representative on this board to become the general chair of the 47th MWRM.
11. No report on plans for the 48th MWRM (2013) to be hosted by the Ozark Section in Springfield, Missouri was given since no one from the section was at this meeting and no report had been submitted.
12. Plans for the 49th MWRM (2014) to be hosted by the University of Missouri Section in Columbia, Missouri are going well (See attachment #6). Mike Greenlief reported that he will be the general chair and Tim Glass will be the program chair. Organizers for three symposia have been obtained. The meeting will be held in the MU Memorial Union with potential dates of October 22 024, 2014.
13. No report on plans for the 50th MWRM (2015) to be hosted by the Kansas City Section in Kansas City was given. Some discussion ensued. No motions were passed.

14. A proposal for the 51st MWRM (2016) to be hosted by the Kansas State University Section was made by Dan Higgins. A motion to accept the proposal passed (Ruth Hathaway/Khamis Siam).
16. A report on the MWRM Web page was given by web master John Aams. He prefers to receive documents as .doc files rather than .pdf files because it is easier for him to update. He envisions this website as an archive for final reports, lists of awardees, etc. But the site could also be used to archive program books, less the abstracts. The abstracts, as are all Regional abstracts, are SciFinder searchable.
18. A brief ACS Report was given by John Michael Sophos. He praised our region for advanced planning and not to worry too much about the one or two meetings that do not break even. He suggested that in order to address some of the concerns raised earlier about awards, that John Adams, Jetty Duffy-Matzner, and Art Landis devise a means for putting the awards information on the MWR Board site so that from year to year as few changes as possible will need to be made

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Landis, secretary MWR Board (2010)