

Minutes of the ACS Midwest Regional Board meeting at the 2015 MWRM in St. Joseph, MO,
held on Friday, 23 October 2015.

Present: Dan Higgins (Chairperson), Paul Rillema (Chairperson elect), Tom Schuman (Secretary), Gary Clapp (Treasurer), Kimberly Savage (ACS Liaison), Jetty Duffy Matzner, Mike Greenlief, John Adams, Mike Ducey, Khamis Siam, Stephan (Katrin) Bossmann, Nick Gerasimachuk, Leah O'Brien.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Dan Higgins, at 8:15 a.m.

- The first order of business was introductions of the members and others in attendance.
- The second order of business was to approve the agenda. The agenda as distributed prior by Dan Higgins was approved unanimously.
- Mike Greenlief was voted unanimously to be the 2016 Board Secretary.
- Minutes from the 14 November 2014 MWRM Board meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's report was presented by Gary Clapp. There was discussion about the 2013 split line to be spent toward a P-3 award. The treasurer's report was approved. The treasurer requested approval and the Board approved to move funds from checking into investment to balance the accounts.
- Mike Greenlief presented a report on the 49th MWRM. Attendance was 742 with 400 students. Mike reported a ~\$11,600+ profit and presented \$10,818.42 payment to the Board. Final report of the 48th MWRM was approved. Mike then reiterated the issues with holding MWRM in the MU union.
- Gary Meints was not present to deliver the final report for the 48th MWRM held in Springfield, MO (no final report has been submitted; only a preliminary disbursement to the Board has been received). However, Gary is to submit a final report electronically.
- Jim Carroll (not present) has reported that there was no discrepancy in monies of final report between Omaha local section and the ACS, despite the earlier statement. Report was accepted.
- Gary Clapp and Mike Ducey reported on the 50th MWRM. Revenue was ~\$42,000 and estimate a profit of ~\$7,000 after repaying the Board loan. Total expenses were ~\$49,000. The meeting was definitely not going to go negative balance. The section borrowed the posterboards from UMKC. The section made 10 more at cost of ~\$800, plus transport costs to/from UMKC. Projectors on hand were 'a lot', (~10: per Mike). Report was approved.
- Dan Higgins reported on the upcoming 51st MWRM to be held in Manhattan, KS from 26 to 28 October 2016. The meeting will occur to up a scheduled football event, which follows the MWRM. Schedule is tentatively set from 1 p.m. Wednesday until noon Friday (dependent on the football schedule. The hotel will kick people out to make room for footballers. Dan Higgins is the meeting chair. Meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Blue Earth plaza at rental cost of \$2000 (renovated) 117 block of rooms, with 2 additional hotels for overflow. Symposia have been discussed including award presentations. No loan from the Board was requested. The 51st MWRM budget report projecting \$45,800 revenue and \$41,800 in expenditures for profit of ~\$4000 was approved.

- No report for the 52nd MWRM (Wakarusa local section). Dan Higgins will contact the local section to request a brief update, including dates and venues.
- An informal report was presented by Tom Schuman on behalf of the 53rd MWRM to be hosted in Rolla, MO by the So. Central MO local section. The Board advised that 2 years out that the local section needs to involve ACS liaison in site visit. Questions were also raised about the potential issue of meeting parking.
- A report on plans for the 54th MWRM to be hosted by the Wichita local section was presented by Paul Rillema. Paul described the Marriott as the anticipated, excellent venue site. Plenty of surrounding hotels for overflow.
- At this point there was a fire alarm that interrupted the Board meeting, which was relocated to another room for an MWRM symposium in progress to use the original space. The Board meeting then continued.
- The Sioux Valley local section is to host the 55th MWRM in Sioux Falls, SD with SDSU support.
- The St. Louis local section in conjunction with Great Lakes was awarded the bid to host the 2021 56th MWRM. Ames local section was not present and had not presented indicated desire to host.
- The Ozark local section was awarded the bid to host the 2022 57th MWRM.
- There was a motion approved to suspend the rules and proceed to item 18 of the agenda, until Jetty could return to present item 17.
- John Adams, section historian, presented the website report and asked that local sections submit information to him electronically if possible. He was also establishing links to the current meeting sites on the MWRM website.
- Jetty Duffy-Matzner presented the Awards Committee report. For High School Teaching, Pat Quick was awarded. However, she described difficulty obtaining nominees for the award. For the Volunteer award/P-3 Collaborative Award, there were no nominees. Committee was discussing addition of the Paul Sharp Award: not to be endowed but as annual donations. Award desired to be set up by 2 former students of Dr. Sharp, contributing ~\$200/year toward an honorarium in honor of Dr. Sharp, to be used for poster or oral inorganic or organic symposium paper award. Discussion included when best to present the award: at the dinner banquet or at the last inorganic session, and whether the Board should provide dinners for awardees. A motion from the Steering Committee for “the MWRM Board supports the Sharp award conditional on a continued monetary support by the former student donors” was passed.
- There was no new business.
- Kim Savage described a mobile app to replace the regional meeting program books will incur a \$5,000 fee moving forward. Board discussion questioned whether to do away with printed meeting books, e.g., Western Regional Meeting does not use printed program books.
- The meeting was adjourned.