

**Unapproved**

**SDAWWA Annual Business Meeting**

**Thursday, September 11, 2025**

**Ramkota Inn-Pierre**

**Call to Order at 4:49 pm by Newman**

**Approval of Agenda-**The agenda had been placed on web site and had been sent to the Board. Del DeBoer moved to approve the agenda. Kyle Goodmanson seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of 2024 Business Meeting Minutes-**The minutes had been placed on the web site. Goodmanson moved to approve the minutes. Brian Hoellein seconded. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer’s Report-**Cotter reported-

**Certificates of Deposit:**

* 6-month CD: matures in November 2025.
* 6-month CD: matures in February 2025.

**Board action: Approval of Audit**

**Checking summary attached**.Highlights:

Expenses:

* Giveaway gifts: $420.52 ($1,200 budget)
* Audit: $3,398.40 ($2,000 budget)
* Scholarship: $1,000 ($3,000 budget)

Income:

* SDWWA – Water seminar
* Surface Water Treatment Workshop
* AWWA Allotments-SD and Multi State

**Section Manager-**Kittay reported as follows-

**AWWA Checkbook-**$22,830.98 as of August 31, 2025

**Regular Share Account-**$52.17 as of August 31, 2025

**Certificates of Deposit (all as of August 31, 2025):**

Black Hills FCU-Premium High Yield (0050)-$12,824.33—0.8%

Black Hills FCU-6 month (1004) - $29,035.54--4.0% - matures on 11/4/25

Black Hills FCU-6 month (1005) - $95,392.59--4.5% - matures on 2/24/26

Three scholarships have been paid as well as the audit. He had also attended T&E meetings, monthly meetings with Erin Benson, and been working on Conference.

**Director’s Report-**Brian Hoellein reported-

Over the past year:

* I was not able to attend the Winter board meeting, Hilton Head SC January 24 and 25, 2025 in-person due to travel delays because of the winter storm hitting the southeastern US on those dates. I did attend remotely as did many others. See attached March 24, 2025 board report for details.
* I attended ACE 2025 in Denver, and the associated board meeting June 7 and 8, 2025. See attached July 28, 2025 board report for details.
* I have helped coordinate our national AWWA representative attendance at the SDWWA conference. See attached July 28, 205 board report for details
* 2026 national AWWA board meetings that I plan to attend:
* The Winter board meeting will be in Vancouver, Canada
* ACE 2026 is in Washington DC.

**SDWWA Liaison Report-**Ted Lewis was not in attendance

**Chair Report-**Newman reported as follows-

Activities to Date

1. Submitted 2025 Q3 Source to Stream Article.
2. Attended monthly meetings with our Section Relationship Manager-Erin Benson.
3. Attended T&E Committee Meetings.
4. Coordination of SD Section AWWA Audit
5. Coordination for Approval of Section Logo

Bill Sarringar moved to approve the reports. Matt Erickson seconded. Motion passed

**Council and Committee Business:**

**Administrative and Policy-**Skillingstad reported.

Membership

The Section Membership Plan was submitted on March 2, 2025.

* 2025 Goal: Reach 200 total members
  + Section database currently shows 212 members
    - Plan to confirm with section liaison because the new database caused a lot of errors and confusion for individual sections

Awards

* Award nominations and selection were completed.
* The section will be presenting the Young Professionals Excellence Award and George W. Fuller Award.
* The section tenure awardees will be recognized at the banquet with awards being sent directly to said individuals from nationals.
* Received three scholarship applicants and have awarded all three $1,000 scholarships

Performance Review

* The Section Manager performance review will be completed following the annual conference.

**Technical and Education-**Myers submitted a report, and Kloos made comments as follows-

1. T&E Committee Recent activities
   1. Planning fall conference
   2. Monthly Committee meetings
   3. Student Chapter Meetings at SDSU to start up again in the fall
2. T&E Action Items for 2025
   1. Source to Stream Top Ops Article
   2. Source to Stream article (October)
   3. Planning for Annual Conference
      1. Rachel to be POC at conference as I will not be attending
3. March 25-26, 2026 Water Seminar at The Lodge at Deadwood

**Public Affairs-**Austin Hoellein reported-

The main project for this committee is the PAC Raffle and to sell mulligans at the golf tournament held during the fall conference. The dollars generated from these two projects support Water for People and this year AWWA Water Equation has been added in. Last year’s (2024) conference the PAC Raffle and golf mulligans brought in a total of $2,730.

The following is a snapshot of the Water for People program in 2024:

* 521,258 people reached with new or improved water services
* 638,072 people reached with new or improved sanitation services
* 484,820 people reached with hygiene education
* 233 schools with access to improved water, sanitation, and hygiene
* 55 health clinics with access to improved water, sanitation, and hygiene
* 748 communities with new or improved water service

The past month we have been preparing for the fall conference starting tomorrow. The PAC Raffle Banner has been updated, now advertising that donations will go to support both Water for People and the Water Equation. We again hope to surpass last year’s donations!

**Water Industry-**Goodmanson reported-

The Fly-In began on the morning of April 8th with introductions to the AWWA National Officers, followed by a review of the water related issues the delegates were asked to discuss with congressional leaders. AWWA staff also recognized the 50th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Delegates attended a social event the evening of April 9th at the Washington DC Waterworks. AE2S hosted a dinner for a small group of AWWA delegates from Alaska, South Dakota, and Montana that evening. Wednesday April 10th started with a breakfast and regulatory briefing and updates. Separate meetings were then held with Representative Dusty Johnson’s office, Senator Mike Rounds office, and Senator John Thune’s office on April 8-9. The event concluded with a debriefing luncheon on Wednesday.

The actions that delegates were asked to request of their congressional leaders in Washington D.C included:

* Fully fund the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation (WIFA) program. Halt the action of diverting funds from the annual SRF capitalization grants for earmarks.
* Support a collaborative approach to cybersecurity in the water sector by passing legislation establishing an independent organization to set minimum cyber standards with oversight by EPA.
* Support passage of H.R. 1267, the Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act, which provides statutory protections from PFAS liability under CERCLA for water systems acting in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.
* Support passage the LIHWAP Establishment Act, which would establish a permanent low-income water customer assistance program.

**YP Committee-**Kast submitted a report as follows-

Attended YP summit in Dallas in February 2025

Three S2S articles

Met goals of two socials

**Water Research Foundation Donation-**Kittay will send $1000 by 12/31/25 for 2025 as was approved at last year’s business meeting. Dustin Dale moved to give $1000 to WRF for 2026. Jim Jones seconded. Motion passed.

**Section Awards-**Skillingstad reviewed awards to be given tonite. Nominations for the awards were good but could be better.

**National Representative-**Cheryl Porter gave a few comments about her time here and was impressed w/ the Pb/Cu and PFAS presentations.

**Recognition of Outgoing Committee Chairs**-Hannah Kast is leaving her position as the YP Chair and Casey Skillingstad was the A&P Chair. Erickson was past-chair.

**Election for 2025-26 Board-**The nominating committee proposed the following slate of officers:

* + Chair: Rachel Kloos
  + Past Chair: Kevin Newman
  + Chair Elect: Kyle Goodmanson
  + Secretary/Treasurer: Sam Cotter
  + Public Affairs Council Chair: Austin Hoellein
  + Technical and Education Council Chair: Chris Myers
* Water Utility Council Chair: Jim Jones
* Administrative and Policy Council Chair: Eric Boyda
  + Young Professionals Chair: Austin Schlagel
  + Director: Brian Hoellein
  + Other Positions
    - Section Manager: Rob Kittay
    - SDWWA Liaison: Kyle Ramyke

Nominations from the floor for all positions other than Chair were asked for. There were none. DeBoer moved to accept the slate of nominees. Gavin Graverson seconded. Motion passed.

The gavel was then passed to Rachel Kloos.

**Vision 2025-26**-Kloos gave a few comments about the future of the section.

Door prizes were given.

**Adjournment-**Al Erickson moved to adjourn. Goodmanson seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Rob Kittay-Section Manager