

**Unapproved Minutes**

**SDAWWA Executive Board Meeting**

**September 9, 2025**

**Ramkota Inn-Pierre**

**Members Present:** Matt Erickson, Kevin Newman, Sam Cotter, Austin Hoellein, Kyle Goodmanson, Casey Skillingstad, Brian Hoellein, Rachel Kloos, Hannah Kast

**Members Absent**: Chris Myers

**Others Present:** Sam Handrock

**Call to Order:** Newman called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Kittay had emailed the agenda and had sent the agenda to Jaime for posting on the web site. Kloos moved toapprove the amended agenda. Erickson seconded. Motion passed.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the last meeting had been previously distributed to the Board and placed on web site. Goodmanson moved to approve the minutes. Kast seconded. Motion passed.

**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:

* SD WWA – Water seminar
* Surface Water Treatment Workshop
* AWWA Allotments

**Section Manager:** Kittay submitted a report 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

He supplied a copy of the current budget status. Three scholarships have been paid as well as the audit. He had also attended T&E meetings, monthly meetings with Erin, and been working on Conference.

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

Since our last board meeting on July 28, 2025, I have had no national AWWA activities.

I have helped coordinate our national AWWA representative attendance at the SDWWA conference.

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:**  No report

**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.
3. Attended T&E Committee Meetings.
4. Coordination of SD Section AWWA Audit
5. Coordination for Approval of Section Logo.

Goodmanson moved to accept the previous reports. ? Hoellein seconded. Motion passed.

**Council and Committee Business:**

**Administrative and Policy Council:** Skillingstad reported as follows-

* Awards Update
  + Awards are ready for the banquet
  + The award script is finalized for the banquet
    - Awards being recognized this year:
      * Young Professionals Excellence Award
      * Fuller Award
      * 2 Silver Water Drop
  + Scholarship
    - Received 3 applications
      * Awarded $1,000 scholarship to each applicant
      * Recipients have been notified
* Membership
  + Current membership summary
    - Current member count ~212
  + 13 new members to date for 2025

**Technical & Education Council:** Kloos reported forMyers 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
   4. Rachel to be POC at conference as I will not be attending

**Public Affairs:** Austin Hoellein reported as follows-

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. Last year’s 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 Council:** 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 8th and 9th. 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.

He is soliciting for the 2026 Fly-In.

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**YP Committee:** Kast submitted the following:

* 1. Bean bag tournament.
  2. SDSU Student Chapter: Need people to fill in the time slots. Case studies or hands-on is preferred.
     1. Discussed chartering a bus to bring AWWA student group to Yankton.
     2. Discussed getting a vendor to bring a trailer demo.

**Other Business:**

**Scholarships-**Received three applications and they were all funded. Discussion on increasing funding.

**Logo-**Newman shared logos which are finally complete

**Audit Approval-**Audit results had been previously distributed. Hoellein moved to accept the audit. Goodmanson seconded. Motion passed.

**S2S Schedule-**

* 1. Articles due October 1st : Chair report, Director report, Public affairs article, T&E article, 2 from section manager
  2. Suggestion: pay an honorarium to people who submit articles to Source to Stream

**Booth Schedule-**Various members offered to man the booth for the conference.

**Municipal League-**The Section will not attend the SDML Conference.

**RMSO**-RMSO South in New Orleans on October 29-31, 2025

**Association Strategic Plan-** Rachel Kloos will send a Doodle poll for a virtual meeting to discuss strategic planning.

**2025 Conferences/Seminars:**

SDML Conference: September 30-October 3 Pierre

**Library Inventory/2025 Book Order:** Think ahead for the next order. Kittay will try to find list of possible purchases and send out.

**Next Meeting:** December-Kloos will schedule

**Adjourn:** Goodmanson moved to adjourn. Skillingstad seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at ??? pm.

Please note that most of the above information was taken from notes supplied by Cotter.

Minutes Submitted by Rob Kittay

**Committee Chairs:**

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| Position | 2024-25 | 2025-26 |
| Chair | Kevin Newman | Rachel Kloos |
| Chair - Elect | Rachel Kloos | Kyle Goodmanson |
| Past - Chair | Matt Erickson | Kevin Newman |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Sam Cotter | Sam Cotter |
| Public Affairs Council Chair | Austin Hoellein | Austin Hoellein |
| Technical & Education Council Chair | Chris Myers | Chris Myers |
| Water Utility Council Chair | Kyle Goodmanson | Eric Boyda |
| Administrative & Policy Council Chair | Casey Skillingstad | Jim Jones |
| Young Professionals Chair | Hannah Kast | Austin Schlagel |
| Director | Brian Hoellein | Brian Hoellein |

Other personnel include Rob Kittay-Section Manager and Kyle Ramynke-SDWWA Liaison.