



**Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 - 7:30 am  
MPCA, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155

**CONF NUMBER**      Conference Number (888) 742-5095

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mike Nelson	Chair, Program Committee Co-Chair	P	
Tony Colombari	Vice Chair, Program Committee Co-Chair	P	
Jonathan Amos	Treasurer	P	
Kelsey Petrich	Secretary		X
Jon Bloomberg	Director		X
Gaby Zappia	Director	P	
Mike Hult	Director	P	
Kathryn Anderson	Past Chair	P	
Alissa Dienhart Lawler	Membership Committee Chair	P	
Jen Cowman	Young Professionals Committee Chair	P	
Chandler Taylor	Education Committee Chair	P	
Roger Clarke	Waste Committee Chair	P	
Andrew Willing	Communications Chair	P	

7:30 am – Call meeting to order.

1. Agenda reviewed and adopted.
2. Adoption of minutes from October Board meeting – **Minutes adopted.**
3. COE Recap (Board)
  - a. **Shared Observations – Lana, Kathryn, Tracy and Mike met to review the conference.**
  - b. **Overall conference went smoothly, was well attended, and the new venue was a positive.**
  - c. **Received 47 evaluations, summary is on the Google drive.**
  - d. **4.0 out of 5 average score overall. Facilities and food scores were down slightly, parking was a challenge to some, but there were a lot of positive comments about having the conference in Minneapolis.**
  - e. **Some possible topics for next year from the evaluations: solid waste, waste reduction, wastewater, panel of mining permits or other hot topics.**
  - f. **Received five names for potential COE committee for next year.**
  - g. **Date for next year potentially November 8, 2016. Will make down payment to reserve the space.**
  - h. **Registration table went well. Relatively few walk-ins.**
  - i. **Exhibitor space was good. They would like more instructions on loading/unloading.**

- j. Mentor breakfast space was great. Better than last year overall. Shorter time was better.
  - k. Location of membership booth was great near registration. Pens helped bring people to the booth.
  - l. In some cases, the signs within the convention center directing people to the location were unclear to some (because they didn't say AWMA) or because the arrows did not stand out.
4. Education Committee Direction (Chandler)
- a. Maintain focus on Environmental Challenge but what, if any, other direction would you like to pursue?
  - b. Do you find a passionate person (or group) and let them define what the committee will be? Or does the board say, this is what we want the Ed Committee to do, then take that as a charter to search for candidates?
  - c. Potential to partner with other organizations to promote environmental issues within the community.
  - d. Need to have some focus, but additional discussions (board or committee) may be needed to decide what that is.
  - e. Chandler will write a potential charter for review and discussion; a list of potential components that could be pursued.
5. Programs Planning Update (Mike)
- a. YC Leadership Case Study Happy Hour – people happy with topic and articles. 6 people attended. Successful enough to continue. Planning a similar event with University of Minnesota students.
  - b. COE (see above).
  - c. Soil Vapor Intrusion Event – meeting this afternoon to discuss planning to nail down date and details.
  - d. February Landfill operator conference. Got MPCA approval to offer 6 CEUs for event.
  - e. Upcoming national webinar on Black Carbon? Potential to purchase and show after the fact locally.
  - f. Other possible topics: environmental justice; next generation compliance; partner with the Chamber on Region 5 visit, identify specific topics for the region to address.
6. Treasurers Report (Jonathan)
- a. Received payment from SWANA for last year's event.
  - b. Still need student challenge sponsorship payments from FHR, Wenck, and 3M. AWMA's contribution will be \$350.
7. Waste Committee (Roger)
- a. No additional report.
8. YP Committee (Jen)
- a. 11 pairings at mentor breakfast.
  - b. Considering possible YP holiday event.
9. Communications Committee (Andrew)
- a. Not a lot of activities right now, so not a lot of communications.
  - b. Let Andrew know if there's information to go on the News section of the website.

10. Membership (Alissa)
  - a. Received 2 new student memberships as a result of the student Environmental Challenge.
  - b. Received 2 new student memberships through Cindy McComas.
  - c. Allissa will follow-up with other people at COE.
11. Education Committee Direction (Chandler)
  - a. No additional report.
12. Other Business
  - a. None.
13. Wrap up – Action Item Review
14. Future Meetings:  
AWMA UMS Board Meeting – December 15, 2015 – 7:30 am at MPCA Office
15. Adjourn – 8:40 am

**A&WMA - UMS**

**2015/2016 Monthly Seminar/Activity Planning – Table of Events**

Event	Type	Length	Date	Lead	Planning Teams	Content	Comments
Condensable particulate Webinar series	Webinar	2 hours, 4 part series	First webinar Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> 1-2:30 eastern – occurs for the next 3 weeks.				In full swing. Have ~50 participants
Condensable particulate Webinar series	4 <sup>th</sup> webinar	2 hours	May 20 12-2pm				Will be at the Wilder, all folks have been informed of date.
Landfill Operators Conference	Seminar	Full Day	February 12, 2015	Roger			Completed, get final numbers from Roger. Was successful. Content was a bit beyond landfill (included water and health/Safety). Maybe market differently next year.
Title V Permitting: Maximizing your Compliance	Webinar	3-days	March 17-19	Tony	Gaby, Jonathan		8 participants
Earth Day Clean-up	YP Event	1/2 day	Earth Day (Saturday, April 18th)	Jen			Completed
Coal Combustion Residue (CCR) Presentation			August 27th	Roger	Mike N		Location at MPCA.
Legal Workshop	Seminar	½ day	September 16	Jon B./ Mike H.	Bill Hefner	Topic – Everything you wanted to know about non-compliance, but afraid to ask	Wilder Center (2-4:30 PM)
5K Run	YP Event	10am	Sat. Sept 26	Katie Swor			Surly Loppet – Theo Wirth Park
Industrial Boiler MACT Lunch and Learn	Lunch seminar	2 hours	October 7	Jonathan/ Tony			MN Council for Nonprofits - Mpls
YP Leadership Case Study Happy Hour	YP Event	2 hours	October 26	Jen			Discuss articles regarding Mount Everest Location: The Liffey
COE			Wednesday, Nov 4				Minneapolis Convention Center

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Vapor Intrusion Conference			Fall	Katie/Roger			Looking for a speaker.
<b>POTENTIAL IDEAS</b>							
YP Event – with Nationals	YP Event	Full Day	First Quarter 2016	Jen			Location at 3M Innovation Center.  Event may be on hold because of national's budget concerns.  Other option is to host and fund through our section.
MN Waste Management - Tour? Or SKB Tour	YP Event		2016	Jen/Roger	Mike Nelson (Peder Sandhei)		Moved out to next year. Other options for suggested tours include: HERC, Great River Energy, Newport Facility.
Frac Sand Mining Session	Seminar	1/2 day		Mike Nelson	Tony	overview of industry, issues, model ordinance, modeling, permitting	Waiting on EQB work /Gauging interest
Clean Power Plan			Fall/Winter?				
Non-attainment Ozone			TBD				Placeholder for potential event once NAAQS is finalized.