

The Letter flow

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- **Director**

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- **Secretary/**

Treasurer Elect

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FW&PCOA

**City of Punta Gorda Wastewater Facility
Punta Gorda, FL.**

February 2018 Meeting Minutes



Meeting was held at the City of Punta Gorda Wastewater Facility with 22 in attendance. Director Nigel Noone called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Matt Astorino expressed appreciation to the staff of the facility for their willingness to host

the monthly meeting.

Recognition of all past officers and veterans in attendance was given. This was followed by the introduction of all board members and those in attendance.

Vice Chairman Matt Astorino provided the Treasurer's report. Current total membership in the region is 555.

Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance:

\$28,683.02

Deposits/Credits:

\$730.39

Withdrawals/Debits:

-\$457.89

Ending Balance:

\$28,955.52

Old Business

Director Noone gave a report concerning the 2017 Exposition held at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center in Punta Gorda. Even though it was delayed a few weeks due to Hurricane Irma it was a huge success with 62 vendors participating. The total attendance was 250 with 100 students enrolled in continuing education sessions. We are looking forward to the autumn Exposition which will again be held at the Event Center in Punta Gorda.

New Business

-Nominations for the vacant positions of Secretary/Treasurer and Secretary/Treasurer Elect were discussed. Nigel Noone nominated Patrick Long for Secretary/Treasurer and Igor Gutin for Secretary/Treasurer Elect. The nominations were seconded by John Thompson. Both were elected unanimously.

-Director Noone discussed the Region VIII Spring Short School to be held May 8-10 at the Collier County South Water Treatment Facility. The program will include water and wastewater instruction, handouts from Region VIII, and lunch provided on-site.

Dawn Barnard introduced John Thornes from L.J. Ruffin & Assoc. who gave a presentation of ARI pressure/vacuum relief valves.

New business from the floor

John Thompson with Charlotte Technical College stated that the newest revision of the Sacramento Basic Water course did not cover math that is in the FDEP state exam handout.

A date will be determined to add the newly elected Secretary/Treasurer, Patrick Long, to the Region VIII bank account.

Vice Chairman Matt Astorino administered the Door Prizes and the 50/50 Raffle.

Director Noone adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Note: Dinner was sponsored by Hole Montes. Pizza and wings were enjoyed by all.

Chairman's Chat

My Fellow Operators,

The future of our industry is bright. Educational opportunities are abundant, employment openings are at a significant high, and employee advancement has never been better. There has never been a better time to be a part of our ever-growing industry. In the last twenty years I have seen plant operations go from turning valves manually and pushing buttons on a wall to advanced technologies in SCADA systems which are pushing the boundaries of innovation and technology. There is an opportunity for everyone entering this profession. Whether you are a college graduate or a young person right out of a local high school, there is something unique for everyone. A professor once told me "Life is like a poem, you don't know how it will turn out until the very end." That statement describes our industry perfectly. I personally know the challenges and rewards of starting at the bottom and through diligence and self-improvement worked my way to the levels of success I always knew I was capable of. We all have that opportunity in this field. I challenge all of you to find your own success as well as improving and advancing our industry along the way.

Scott Thomas Edson

Chairman

Region VIII

Florida Water and Pollution Control Operators Association

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regional Meeting

April 3, 2018 6:30 P.M.

Burnt Store WRF

17430 Burnt Store Rd

Punta Gorda, FL 33955

Regional Meeting

June 5th, 2018

Marco Admin Trailers

806 East Elkcarn Circle

Marco Island, FL 34145

Region VIII Spring Short School

May 8-10, 2018

8 A.M. - 5 P.M. Daily

Collier County South Regional

Water Treatment Facility

3851 City Gate Dr.

Naples, FL 34117

Regional Meeting

August 7th, 2018

Fiesta Village WWTF

1366 Sans Souci Dr.

Fort Myers, FL 33919

Regional Meeting

October 2nd, 2018

City of Naples WWTF

1400 3rd Ave. N.

Naples, FL 34102

DIRECTORS CORNER

“I attended the State Board of Directors meeting and here is a summary of that meeting minutes.

Also, please ‘Save the Date’ for upcoming Regional Short School , May 8th -10th, in Naples.”

Nigel Noone

Director



FLORIDA WATER AND POLLUTION CONTROL OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY of MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JANUARY 20, 2018

HOLIDAY INN AND SUITES, PALM BAY, FLORIDA

There is a March 9, 2018 deadline for the 2018 David B. Lee, Pat Flanagan, and Richard P. Vogh awards to be presented at the Florida Water Resources Conference luncheon and a June 29 deadline for awards to be presented at the August 2018 FW&PCOA short school luncheon.

PUBLICITY

Chair Phil Donovan stated that his committee has been charged with seeking approval of first responder status for water and wastewater workers in Florida. To that end, Chair Donovan read a draft letter to Governor Scott, presenting the FW&PCOA's support for this request and asked Board members for comment. Chair Donovan also reminded the Board that they can use last year's "Water Professionals Month" letters as templates to petition local governments for proclamations this year. STE Enlow indicated that President Obama had identified public works personnel as first responders in an earlier Presidential Proclamation, suggesting that attaching a copy of that proclamation to any current requests might enhance the chance of approval.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Before presenting his report, Chair Art Saey welcomed Ray Bordner back to his normal FW&PCOA duties, expressing the committee's great relief to know that Mr. Bordner is fully recovered and back among his colleagues. Mr. Bordner responded by thanking the FW&PCOA for its concern and support and stated that it just "feels good to feel good."

EXAM REVIEW

Ray Bordner reported that the Exam Review Consultants met at FDEP's Tallahassee office on November 7 and 11, 2017. Mr. Bordner stated that FDEP had published the computer based testing request for proposals, but no deadline for decisions or implementation was given. Comparing 2016 and 2017 operator exam results, Mr. Bordner indicated that generally speaking, passing rates improved in 2017. FDEP has determined that exam statistics are in line with those of other states and that the operator licensing program is performing satisfactorily.

Mission Statement

President Anaheim stated that he had forgotten to send the amended mission statement to ST Bishop for distribution and posting but would do so shortly.

First Responder Status for Water/Wastewater Personnel

President Anaheim stated that he had spoken with a local city council member who recommended that the FW&PCOA work with the Florida League of Cities toward achieving first responder status for water/wastewater personnel. He indicated that he had been in touch with Senator Rubio's office concerning this initiative. Publicity Chair Phil Donovan stated that in order to collaborate on a project like this, the FW&PCOA needs a sponsor to make a League of Cities connection.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Director Alberto Montalvo announced that this would be his final meeting as Region X Director. He offered his heartfelt thanks to Darin Bishop for initiating the FW&PCOA's recent contribution to Puerto Rico's hurricane recovery efforts, made in Mr. Montalvo's family name. Director Montalvo stated that he has been Director for three years and will be followed by Chuck Nichols. He thanked Katherine Kinloch for her consistent support and assistance. Finally, Mr. Montalvo noted that he has been working in the industry for 38 years and that he will always be available to assist the FW&PCOA. STE Enlow stated that Region IV had also made a hurricane recovery contribution to Puerto Rico.

President Anaheim thanked the Board for its support, both professional and personal during his two terms as FW&PCOA President, giving special thanks to ST Bishop, Ray Bordner and Tom King. He observed that the work our members do is generally unnoticed and that this type of work requires a special breed of individual. Noting that the Board was comprised of such individuals, he expressed his pride in being associated with them.

VP Mike Darrow presented the FW&PCOA President's Plaque to President Anaheim and thanked him for a job well done.

Webmaster Walt Smyser noted how rewarding it is to have Ray Bordner back with us, in improving health, and reminded the Board that the award formerly titled "Senior Systems Operator" is now known as the "Ray Bordner Award. Mr. Bordner expressed his deep appreciation to the Board for this honor.

Seating of 2018 Officers

Incoming President Mike Darrow asked all new officers and directors to take their seats and requested that ST Bishop call the roll.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President	Mike Darrow
Vice-President	Ken Enlow
Secretary Treasurer	Rim Bishop
Sec.-Treasurer Elect	Patrick Murphy
Past President	Scott Anaheim

REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND STAFF

Region I	Absent
Region II	David Ashley

Region III	Kevin Shropshire
Region IV	Jeff DeGroot
Region V	Stephen Utter
Region VI	Dennis Godwin
Region VII	Renee Moticker
Region VIII	Nigel Noone
Region IX	Scott Ruland
Region X	Charles Nichols
Region XI	Scott Stoll (substitute)
Region XII	Gerry Schoonmaker
Region XIII	Arnold Gibson (substitute)

Motion by PP/VII to seat Director substitutes, approved unanimously.

President Darrow thanked the Board for this opportunity to serve, thanking Region X and Region XII, the Region whose meetings he presently attends, for their support. He indicated that he will rely on all FW&PCOA offers for assistance and invited all to contact him whenever the need arises.

President Darrow reappointed all committee chairs.

Appointments to FWRC and FWRJ Boards

President Darrow indicated that he had made the following 2018 appointments to the FWRC and FWRJ Boards:

Scott Anaheim
Rim Bishop
Al Monteleone
Glenn Whitcomb
Ray Bordner
Mike Darrow
Tom King

2018 FW&PCOA Operating Budget

ST Bishop stated that he had distributed a draft 2018 budget to all Directors via email and would try to answer any questions at this time.

Motion by VI/IX to approve 2018 FW&PCOA Operating Budget as presented by ST Bishop, approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting

President Anaheim announced that the next meeting will be held at 9:30 AM Sunday, March 11, 2018 at Indian River State College, Ft. Pierce, Florida. The Education Committee meeting will take place at 3:00 PM the previous afternoon (March 10), in the same meeting room.

Director Arnold Gibson asked what is required of Region XIII in preparation for the proposed June 9, 2018 Board meeting in Lake City. ST Bishop responded that Darin Bishop will make the hotel arrangements and that proposed training activities to take place at that location in the days preceding the meeting should be coordinated through Shirley Reaves.

FW&PCOA Region VIII 2018

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Lunch Will Be Provided

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Location:

Collier County South Regional WTP
3851 City Gate Dr.
Naples, FL 34117

May 8th, 9th & 10th

Space is Limited

\$285 Members - \$315 Non-Member

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