



# Chesapeake AWWA

American Water Works Association

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## **BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

WSSC, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 6104

9:00am – 1:00pm

1. **Call to Order** – Graeme Lake, Chair
  - 1.1 **Roll Call** – Teresa DiGenova, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
    - 1.1.1 **Board Members and Trustees**
    - 1.1.2 **Committee Chairs**
    - 1.1.3 **Visitor(s)/New attendee welcome**
2. **Approval of Minutes** – September 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
3. **Remarks by the Chair** – Graeme Lake, Chair
4. **Financial Report** – Andy Cooper, Secretary-Treasurer
5. **Director's Report** – John Moore, Chair
6. **TriCon Update**
7. **Old Business**
  - 7.1 RMSO Wrap-Up
  - 7.2 EPA Grants
8. **New Business**
  - 8.1
9. **Trustee & Committee Chairs Break-Out** – 15 minutes
10. **Committee Reports from Trustees**
11. **Calendar of Events**
12. **Chesapeake Magazine** – Emily Reeder, Editor
13. **Announcement(s)** – Next board meeting, **October 30, 2015: WSSC - 6th floor training room (Rm. 6104)**
14. **Adjourn**



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## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

September 4, 2015

Roland E. Powell Convention Center  
12pm – 2:00pm

### 1. **Call to Order**

The CSAWWA meeting of the Board, Officers, and Committee Chairs was called to order by Graeme Lake, at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call by T. DiGenova, with the following present:

G. Lake	G. Geck	J. Langley
B. Gresehover	D. Funk	N. Lewis
A. Cooper	S. Liskovich	Z. Nejadi
R. Penman	T. DiGenova	B. Aylaian
J. Moore	J. Newbold	C. Daly
G. Rest	J. Price	R. Arora
N. Lewis	A. Ballard-Landers	
R. Ellis	J. Madagu	
N. Boulay	S. Shipe	
M. Lewis		

### Not in attendance

R. Wijetunge	E. Held	J. Hise
A. Duke	E. Jackson	L. Latour
J. Kirk	E. Reeder	A. Perry


Guest – Brenda Lennox, AWWA Vice President

2. **Approval of Minutes:** T. DiGenova motioned to approve, all were in favor, motion passed.

### 3. **Financial Report, A. Cooper:**

The BOA checking account, period engineering 8/8/15, has a balance of \$49,599.54, and \$75,000 in savings.

4. **TriCon Report:** R. Ellis reported approximately 950 attended the conference, biggest disappointment was the cancellation of papers without notice – presenter no-shows.



5. **Remarks by G. Lake, Chair:** G. Lake welcomed the board and committee chairs, as well as guests.

6. **Director's Report:** J. Moore – reported about Water Equation Campaign – new scholarship and philanthropic initiative. Also considering the international structure. Committee formed to evaluate business structure and association-level governance.

Strategic Planning – AWWA is laying out the next 5 year at the Association level.

## 7. Old Business

7.1 **EPA Grants** – R. Ellis reported that AWWA has won the next round of funding with the same partners, more information will be forthcoming.

7.2 **Bethesda Water Infrastructure Conference** – plenty of volunteers on board, they get reduced cost registration. Posters were solicited by CSAWWA, three were received and will be submitted to AWWA for acceptance.

7.3 **TriCon report:** G. Geck – 4 voting members per organization, CSAWWA's for 2016 will be E. Held, Z. Nejati, S. Liskovich, J. Kirk. If anyone has feedback, please let the voting members know. Big things, little things, anything!

This year there was a slim selection of water papers, likely a reflection of the industry that is focused on wastewater.

Program indicated that exhibits would be open til 4, but they left at noon. Exhibitors had no lunch. Folks there for Thursday only did not get to see exhibitors.

Breaks should be longer for more exhibit hall time.

Less time waiting to get the tech attendance forms signed was great.

Moderator/monitor instructions should be included in envelopes.

Need to include co-presenter bios.


Top Ops – room is too small, there was no water in the room!!

B. Lennox – in comparison to other section conferences, TriCon was professional, well run, teamwork – everyone stepped up when needed to help. Concerned about the no-shows, good cross-section of topics and presentations.

R. Ellis asked if the group felt that cramming 19 hours of credit was necessary, could we do with less? Engineers not worried, operators do look for large blocks of credit.

## 8. New Business

Regional Meeting of Section Officers (RMSO) is in Wilmington, DE, Chesapeake Section will host Association and other Region I leaders (includes PA, NJ, NY, CT, New England, and Atlantic Canada). G. Lake, S. Liskovich, B. Gresehover, J. Moore confirmed, A. Cooper tentative. G. Lake indicated RMSO is an excellent opportunity to learn about AWWA and other sections.



G. Lake explained thumb drives for everyone – updated committee chair and board listing is loaded, along with bylaws, committee functions, org chart, etc.

R. Arora noted that we are the only section without a tapping contest. Water Distribution, Operators, and MAC Chairs to collaborate.

## 9. Trustee & Committee Chair Breakouts

Committee Chairs met with their Trustees as groups for approximately 20 minutes, to discuss recent meetings and plans for upcoming events.

## 10. Trustee Reports to the Board

### Trustee: D. Funk

Technical committees planning either seminar or webinars for the upcoming year.

Short Course has their first meeting next year.

Customer Service Week – First week in October – R. E. to add and keep on calendar always!

### Trustee: R. Penman

YP: Second annual brewery tour in Silver Spring. Curling event – trying to get scheduled.

Membership: We are meeting or exceeding membership goals! Utility memberships are stable, but more utility employees are joining as individuals. B. Lennox reported that AWWA is evaluating the membership model – it is very complex, and AWWA hired a consultant. R. Penman noted that the sliding scale cost of utility membership is unfair to larger utilities when smaller utilities get the same benefit for far less cost. Individual membership is much more affordable.

Students: beginning the process for the Career Fair.

Operators: Doug Vogt of WSSC was Operator of the Year. Two section teams go to ACE 16 – City of Salisbury won 2015!! There were a few technical issues with the equipment.

### Trustee: J. Madagu

Public Relations: Drinking Water Week and Water Taste Test are on the radar and



Gov't Affairs: Fly-In - do more outreach and marketing this year, and engage more with education committee. S. Shipe reported that our volunteers do a great job!

**Trustee: J. Newbold**

E-Bulletin: no problems

Chesapeake Magazine: September deadline

**11. Next board meeting at WSSC, October 30, 9:30am – 1:00pm**

**12. Adjournment**

R. Penman motioned to adjourn, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Ellis  
Executive Director



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## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

**TO:** CSAWWA BOARD

**FROM:** Emily Reeder, Chesapeake Magazine

**DATE:** 8/21/15

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- We have a new Assistant Editor, Abbie Smith. She has been a great help!
  - The Summer issue was our biggest issue yet! And it was full of great information! Thank you to all who contributed. And thank you to the team pulling together all of the great information on Tri-Con.
  - The Fall Chesapeake editorial deadline is September 25, 2015. The Fall issue is set to be mailed out on October, 28, 2015. It is imperative that the Fall issue go out on time. Please make sure to send in your contributions right away!
  - Howard County has agreed to be our Utility for the Utility Spotlight in the Fall issue!



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**TO:** CSAWWA BOARD

**FROM:** Emily Reeder, Membership Chair

**DATE:** 8/21/15

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- So far, we have retained 37 of our first year members. Our goal for the year is to retain a total of 47 first year members, so we are on a good track to meet our goal for 2015.
  - Our year end membership goal is 865 members and we currently have 872 members. So, we are past our goal, as long as we keep retaining our current members through 2015.
  - We have a member growth of 1.9% so far this year, and our goal for the year was a 1% growth. So, we have already surpassed our 2015 goal for growth.
  - I have been contacting our members the month or two leading up to their membership expiring, encouraging them to renew and pointing them toward the website. I am using the membership expiration months as provided in the Denver monthly emails as well as on the section database.
  - Our membership data shows that we have had a 4.6% year-to-date change in Individual Active Members, with an 11.3% year-to-date change in Additional Active Individual Members. We have had 0% change in Utility members and a -38.5% year-to-date change in Service Providers.
  - Our Membership plan was received by the Denver section and we are in the running for the cash reward for meeting our member goals.