



## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

May 17, 2019

8:45 a.m.

Lake Lawn Resort – Delavan

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## MINUTES

*To be approved by the Board of Directors at the next Annual Business Meeting in May 2020*

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President Paul Hermanson called the meeting to order at 8:51 a.m. A list of attendees is attached.

The minutes of the May 18, 2018 Annual Business Meeting were presented. John Fales motioned approval; Joe Pickart seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Hermanson opened the floor for Member Comments. There were no comments.

**President's Remarks:** President Hermanson expressed appreciation for the members' level of engagement over the past year, noting that the association has effectively embraced change and the power of "we."

**Executive Director's Remarks:** Tim Heinrich provided an update on several items of association business, including:

- Member Engagement Survey – Overall satisfaction is higher than a year ago and 97% of respondents believe MEUW is "headed in right direction."
- 90th Annual Conference – 100 registrants, representing 41 member utilities. Next year's conference will be held in Manitowoc from May 14 to 16.
- Municipal Lobby Day – Wednesday, May 20 in Madison; morning briefing session at Monona Terrace Convention Center and visit to legislators and staff in the Capitol beginning at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch.
- "Field Day" – Shawano Municipal Utilities is the host of this year's "Field Day" for Public Service Commission staffers; working to finalize date for event, which is expected to be similar to event hosted in Richland Center in the summer of 2018.
- Board Meeting – Next meeting is set for Thursday, Sept. 12; details about location and timing to come.
- APPA National Conference – MEUW is hosting a reception and dinner for Wisconsin delegates to the June APPA conference in Austin, Tex. The dinner will be Tuesday evening, June 10.

**Legal Counsel's Report:** Anita Gallucci referred Board members to her written report that was in the pre-meeting materials and went on to discuss various aspects of the proposed small cell legislation.

**Legislative Report:** Peter Kammer provided an update on the status of the state budget and discussed the small cell bill and plans to address several aspects of the bill that are of concern to municipal electric utilities.

**Consent Agenda:** Nilaksh Kothari motioned and Dale Bender seconded approval of the Consent Agenda, which included the Secretary-Treasurer's Report, and Standing Committee reports, including the 2018

Financial Audit as presented and recommended for approval by the Financial Oversight and Executive Committees. Motion passed unanimously.

**Seating of Incoming MEUW President:** John Murphy of Elkhorn was seated as 2019-20 President in absentia.

First Vice President Brian Knapp presided over the meeting in Murphy's absence. Knapp presented Hermanson with a plaque to recognize his service as Board President. He also acknowledged several Board members who are concluding their service on the Board, including Randy Jaeckels, Nilaksh Kothari, Lonnie Pichler and Randy Posthuma.

**Consideration of the 2019-2020 Officers and At-Large Directors:** Randy Jaeckels, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers: Brian Knapp, 1st Vice President; George Morrissey, 2nd Vice President; Tim Herlitzka, Secretary-Treasurer; and Paul Hermanson, Past President. He also noted President Murphy's decision to appoint two at-large Directors – Nicolas Kumm (Marshfield) and Jill Weiss (Stoughton) – to fill vacancies of departing Board members. Motion by Randy Posthuma; second by Leo Diehl to confirm the officers and at-large directors. Motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Appointment:** Knapp noted the appointment of John McLain (Waunakee) by President Murphy to a term on the Safety and Education Committee. Motion by Leo Diehl; second by Randy Jaeckels to confirm committee appointment. Motion passed unanimously.

**Other Business:**

- Heinrich reminded Board members to complete and sign the Conflict of Interest disclosure form.
- The Board endorsed the Long-Term Strategic Plan and directed staff to execute the plan, provide periodic progress reports and request additional support or direction from the Board as needed. Motion by Jem Brown; second by Brian Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.
- The Board adopted Financial and Accounting Management Policies and Procedures as recommended by the Financial Oversight and Executive Committees to formalize association practices related to financial activities. Randy Jaeckels motioned; Wes Arndt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- The Board adopted an Investment Policy as recommended by the Financial Oversight and Executive Committees to provide a written policy to effectively manage association funds. Nilaksh Kothari motioned; Jeff Peterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- The Board discussed the 5G Forum the association hosted in early April and the desire for MEUW to take a leadership role in developing a "guidebook" that could include model pole-attachment agreements as well as standards for establishing costs to ensure consistency and ease implementation across Wisconsin's municipal electric utilities. Nilaksh Kothari moved to have the association form an ad hoc committee to develop a "tool kit" related to small cell wireless facilities; Joe Pickart seconded. Discussion followed and several Board members expressed interest in being part of the committee. Motion passed unanimously.
- Heinrich briefly reviewed the draft comments MEUW intends to file with the Public Service Commission in its open docket on Electric Vehicle Policy Investigation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

### 2019 Annual Business Meeting Attendees

First Name	Last Name	Community
Scott	Adler	Jefferson
Weston	Arndt	New Richmond
David	Bekkum	Cashton
Dale	Bender	Richland Center
Dean	Bergstrom	Cumberland
Steve	Brooks	Waupun
Brian	Carroll	Gresham
Adam	Carroll	Shawano
Mike	Czuprynko	
Leo	Diehl	Rice Lake
Sue	Dietz	Rice Lake
Mike	Eberl	Marshfield
Brian	Ellickson	Clintonville
Casey	Engebretson	Black River Falls
Dave	Euclide	Sun Prairie
John	Fales	Medford
Bob	Friberg	Florence
Scott	Gald	Richland Center
Anita	Gallucci	
Joe	Hammer	Columbus
Tim	Heinrich	
Tim	Herlitzka	Waunakee
Paul	Hermanson	Lake Mills
Kristin	Hubertus	Menasha
Randy	Jaeckels	New Holstein
Peter	Kammer	

First Name	Last Name	Community
Michelle	Kaltenberg	Columbus
Brian	Knapp	Shawano
Nilaksh	Kothari	Manitowoc
Ken	Kozak	Two Rivers
Nicolas	Kumm	Marshfield
Randy	Larson	
Dale	Lythjohan	Cedarburg
Lee	Meyerhofer	Kaukauna
Eric	Miller	Kaukauna
John	Moore	Kaukauna
George	Morrissey	Cuba City
Kristi	Nelson	Rice Lake
Jared	Oosterhouse	Waupun
Dave	Pahl	Kaukauna
Mike	Pederson	Kaukauna
Jeff	Peterson	Brodhead
Lonnie	Pichler	Kaukauna
Joe	Pickart	Oconomowoc
Randy	Posthuma	Waupun
Brian	Rhodes	Hartford
Mike	Sanborn	Eagle River
Steve	Thompson	New London
Cliff	White	Sturgeon Bay
Rick	Wicklund	Sun Prairie
Steve	Thompson	New London
Cliff	White	Sturgeon Bay
Rick	Wicklund	Sun Prairie