

# CWEA Industrial and Hazardous Waste Committee, Joint April 18, 2000 Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Hyatt Regency, Sacramento, CA

**Attendees:** Rich von Langen (Chair, CGvL Engineers), Allen Grayson (Vice-Chair; LLNL) Ann Heil (Secretary; LACSD), Joe Lucia (Treasurer; City of Hayward), Bill Garrett (LACSD), Darren Greenwood (City of Livermore), Larry Whitney (City of Simi Valley), Dave Whipple (LACSD), Tellis Hynes (City of San Jose), Rob Vellinger (LLNL), Jeff Carter (EMWD), Paul Schmidbauer (AWMA/Serra), Julio S. Guerra (City of Merced), Jim Watson (City of San Bernadino), Sam Harader (Sacramento Regional), John Simonetti (West Bay Sanitary Dist.), Patrick Kwok (City of San Jose), Kelly Christensen (OCSD), Daniel Rourke (San Francisco), Steve Medberry (San Francisco).

## 1. Subcommittee/Task Force Reports

Grease Subcommittee: Jack Dickenson reported that San Jose is continuing to work on and evaluate their project to retrofit one digester to accept grease waste, and indicated that this effort may work into a possible presentation for a future technical meeting, workshop, or conference topic.

Communications Task Force: Ann Heil reported that there are currently 174 members on the electronic list, which has undergone a name change from 'onelist' to 'egroups'. Many thanks and kudos to Ann for her work is setting up and monitoring this very useful forum. Ann also reported that the I&HW web page is now up. The address is [www.cwea.org/ihw](http://www.cwea.org/ihw). The site includes the I&HW Bylaws, Meeting Minutes, list of officers, as well as other info. If people have questions or suggestions for additional items to be placed on the page, please contact Ann Heil at (562) 699-7411 x 2950.

2. Treasurers Report – Joe Lucia reported that the I&HW Conference had an income over expenses of \$28,973.98. This amount, when combined with the Pollution Prevention Symposium income over expenses of \$1,673.54, brings the total for the year to \$30,647.52. Joe indicated that there were a few expenses left to come out of that total, but that the total amount of those expenses were fairly minor.
3. I&HW Conference Status – Ann Heil and Bill Garret provided an overview of the Huntington Beach conference. A total of 374 people attended the conference, and overall the conference was a big success. There were no problems noted with room space, as had occurred in previous conferences at the Hilton. The EPA Advanced Pretreatment training course was a tremendous draw, and both attendees and EPA staff were pleased with the results. There was discussion of considering a one-day EPA training at the Annual Conference (possibly the Oil/Grease course), or perhaps for a pre-conference workshop. Some participants raised the issue of the overlap between the EPA training and other conference sessions, but most felt this was unavoidable, since a four-day conference eliminating the overlap would be hard for most to attend. Rebecca Bjork noted that a recent member survey indicated that time was a major concern in why some don't attend conferences. Bill noted that the conference was well attended even if we discount those at the EPA session. It was also noted that the Hazardous Waste Operator Training session was well attended, and that the English/Spanish translation was successful.
4. Industrial & Hazardous Waste Person of the Year – Rich announced the nominees for the person of the year award, and presented certificates to those in attendance. The nominees were: Nancy Anson (?), John Simonetti (West Bay Sanitary District), James Watson (City of San Bernadino), Larry Whitney (City of Simi Valley), Ann Heil (LACSD), Gayle Tupper (City of Hayward), Gilbert Ramirez (?). Congratulations to all nominees!

5. Special Recognition – Rich took the opportunity as outgoing Committee Chair to thank all who worked on the conference committees for their efforts over the year. He recognized Ann Heil for her excellent efforts on the egroups and electronic mailing list, as well as Allen Grayson for his work on arrangements for I&HW Committee meetings and the Northern Regional. Rich read a letter he'd received from Ann Convento regarding Joe Lucia's assistance and diligence in providing her information and assistance over the past year. On behalf of the Committee, Rich presented Joe with a plaque for his significant contributions to the I&HW Committee, along with a certificate for dinner for two at one of Joe's favorite restaurants.
6. Officer Elections – As his last official action as Chair, Rich presented the following proposed I&HW Committee Officers: Allen Grayson (Chair), Ann Heil (Vice-Chair), and Darren Greenwood (Secretary). The nominations were moved and seconded, and were adopted by unanimous voice vote. As his first official action as Chair, Allen presented Rich with the traditional Outgoing Chair Award, as well as a non-traditional gold watch, signifying Rich's extra effort of having chaired the I&HWC for the *second* time. Thanks Rich!
7. Budget – Joe Lucia distributed a preliminary budget, which was discussed as follows: Rich noted that the English/Spanish translation was very successful at the operator training session, and asked that an additional capital item be added to purchase 8 more translation units (bringing the total number to 20). Daniel Rourke moved, Steve Medberry seconded, and the item passed unanimously. The issue of purchasing hand-held "walkie-talkie" units for use by conference committee members at events was raised. There was discussion of how to keep track of the equipment, and of the utility of them, since much of the communication needs to be with hotel staff, who wouldn't have the same equipment. Rich volunteered to be the keeper of the equipment. Ann moved to purchase 6 of the higher-grade units (with the silent alarm feature estimated cost \$75 ea), Steve seconded. This item also passed unanimously. Joe noted that we would need to show additional revenues to offset additional capital items purchases. This sparked a lengthy discussion regarding the need to return \$5,000 per day of conference to CWEA, and the need to include these amounts as line items in the budget, rather than as a transfer of money above our carryover balance. There was discussion of how this could affect the P2 Symposium, which has traditionally not been viewed as a "conference", and does not currently budget for that amount of profit. After much discussion, Rob made a motion (modified several times) to approve the budget with the change showing a transfer to CEWA of \$5,000 per day of conference as a line item (rather than as a "transfer" at the bottom), and to add a footnote indicating that the P2 Symposium would not be subject to the per day revenue requirement. Also, as part of this motion, Rob would go to CWEA to clarify the \$5,000 per day amount, and what it's intended to cover. This motion was eventually passed unanimously. Joe noted that conference registration rates would need to be adjusted to meet this requirement.
8. 2000-2001 Meeting Schedule – Allen reported that he, Ann, and Darren would be meeting to set the meeting schedule later in the day. Ann distributed a list of tentative meeting dates which included the traditional meetings at the I&HW Conference and P2 Symposium. A final meeting list will be distributed via egroups. Ann raised the possibility of going to two technical meetings per year, instead of three, and Rebecca suggested the possibility of setting up and 'e-meeting' or online chat instead. There was a consensus to scratch the December meeting due to the holidays, and to meet in May or June, instead of July to avoid vacation schedules. Meeting agendas and topics will be provided via egroups.
9. Pollution Prevention Symposium – Darren Greenwood will chair the symposium committee for one final year, and reported that the 2000 Symposium will be held in Monterey for one more year. In 2001 the Symposium will likely return to San Francisco for the tenth anniversary, and Daniel Rourke will chair the committee. Daniel has also committed to work on the program for this year's

symposium. [Editors note: The tentative date for the Symposium is November 9-10, 2000 at the Hyatt Regency, Monterey, and will again include a private dinner reception at the Monterey Bay Aquarium]

10. I&HW Conference – Allen reported that preliminary planning is beginning, and that potential conference locations include San Francisco, San Jose, Berkeley, and Napa.

**For more information about the Industrial & Hazardous Waste Committee, contact Allen Grayson at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory at 925/422-2300, or Ann Heil at 562/699-7411 x2950. If you would like to be added to the electronic mailing list for the Committee, send a blank e-mail to [cweaihw-subscribe@egroups.com](mailto:cweaihw-subscribe@egroups.com) or call Ann Heil at 562/699-7411, x2950.**