



Education & Training Council Virtual Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2024

- A. Attendees Joel Martinez, Matt Wheldon, Sally Duffy, Lashone Bedford, Greg Alimmenti, Jonelle Moore, and Rebecca Chesnut. The meeting began at 10:06 a.m.
 - B. Agenda- M. Wheldon motioned to approve the agenda, and L. Bedford seconded the motion.
 - C. Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2023 meeting – S. Duffy motioned to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2024 meeting. G. Alimmenti seconded the motion.
 - D. Feedback from October Meeting with Section Staff and Board Liaison – J. Martinez stated that he met with Angie Goodman, Jonelle Moore, Rick Solle, and Rebecca Chesnut to talk about the direction of the ETC as it relates to the new MI-AWWA Strategic Plan. The biggest takeaway from the meeting was ensuring that there will be better communication between all of the different councils. This will come from minute sharing and meeting invites that will allow collaboration between all of the councils.
 - E. Committee Liaison Update.
 - 1. Regional Seminar Planning –This group will begin work on spring regionals soon.
 - 2. Source Water – Source Water will be holding their next meeting tomorrow.
 - 3. U.P. – G. Alimmenti stated the UP Conference is being scheduled. It will take place on 4/1 and 4/25/25. The meeting site is set and they have 19 presenters in the works. Among the 19, 8 are currently tentative but will hopefully be locked in soon. EGLE and MRWA will be giving presentations as well
 - 4. Water Security & Emergency Maintenance – K. Carpenter was not in attendance, but the group did express interest in reviving this committee to fully active status. Koren gave Rebecca her notes and stated that she is currently getting around the committee list. They will also be looking for a partner committee.
 - 5. Distribution System Practices – Sally Duffy is hoping to fully revive this committee to do more than the field day event in Mason. They currently have a chair and a vice chair. Matt Wheldon will take over as the ETC liaison to this committee.
- Doug Scott joined the meeting.
- 6. Asset and Infrastructure Management – Sally Duffy stated that this group is currently working on a charter to focus their future goals. This group is a looser but active committee. They are focused on developing material and finding presenters for their seminar in April.

7. Laboratory Practices – J. Martinez stated that this group is meeting monthly. They just had their annual seminar in Lansing and it was very well received and attended. L. Bedford may know of individuals that would like to join this group.
 8. Maintenance – L. Bedford said that the group is currently very well represented by waterworks individuals. The group meets on a regular basis.
 9. Health and Safety – S. Sutton was not in attendance.
 10. Research and Treatment Practices – J. Martinez stated that this group is meeting regularly. Their main objective is to put on the Borchardt Conference every three years. They award research scholarships at the event. The group is planning in-person meetings with tours of facilities. This will start in January, 2025 with a meeting and tour at the Ann Arbor Water Treatment Plant.
- F. J. Martinez stated that we are always looking for members of the committee to write an article for Water Works News. Volunteers can contact him if they are interested.
- G. Other Business – Rebecca Stated that the Joint Expo event is almost full. The agenda is out. There is a separate management tract. There is also a technical tract. One of the goals is to get the YP's more involved with Joint Expo.
- H. Dates for 2025 ETC meetings will be scheduled soon.
- I. The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.