

# MGWA MINUTES

Minnesota Ground Water Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Regular monthly meeting

**Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021**

**Location:**

- Meeting was called to order at 11:32 AM. The meeting was held as an online Zoom Meeting

**Attendance:**

- Julia Steenberg, Past-President (note taking); Tony Runkel, President; Jeré Mohr, President-Elect; Vanessa Baratta, Treasurer; Sean Hunt, Management; Sherri Kroening, Newsletter Team

**Agenda:**

- No changes to the agenda.

**Past Minutes:**

- Approved.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer:**

- Baratta stated that there is no treasurer report today. Things have been pretty quiet this last month.

**Management (WRI):**

- Invoice for tee shirts for education/outreach has come in and will be paid.
- One email request.

**Newsletter:**

- Newsletter team meeting next week. Looking for some additional team members, just three at this time. Looking for someone specifically outside of state government. Jeré Mohr volunteered.
- Considering a call for articles to go out soon.
- Mohr mentioned to consider articles related to the drought for the September newsletter.

**Foundation/Education Committee:**

- No Foundation update at this time.
- Education committee: Water well testing clinic this Fall email went out for volunteers. Brochures and cards were created for earth science teacher workshops this fall, and it was thought they could be used for the water well clinic too. Hunt mentioned there is already a membership brochure they might consider using. Hunt was concerned that mgwa would get a number of public inquiries related to water well testing, something they should just be aware of. Hunt mentioned this brochure might have to go to a custom print shop since these are full bleed. Name of the organization should have groundwater as two words. Possibly consider showcasing more specifics about the education committee. Resolution was not high enough on the business card.

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- Steenberg and Hunt will communicate with the edu committee on the brochure.
- Vanessa mentioned possibly removing the email address on the business card. Steenberg mentioned the education committee might want their own email address.

### **Other Business:**

#### **Fall Conference Planning:**

- Runkel provided the fall 2021 conference title.
- Date Nov. 18, 2021.
- Leete has checked again, and nothing on the venue has changed. Not allowing large gatherings. Once school starts they may have an update.
- Runkel and Hunt note that by mid september we will make the final call on remote vs. in person.
- Runkel will not have all speakers committed until we know if its remote or not. With it being remote, we can get some more out of state speakers.
- Week prior to Sept. 14th we need to make a final check with the University of MN.

### **Meeting Adjourned: 12:10 PM.**

#### **Action Items:**

- Save the date conference email.
- Steenberg and Hunt communicate with education committee.
- Week prior to Sept. 14th we need to make a final check with the University of MN.

#### **Next Meeting:**

- The next meeting is potentially September 21st. Vanessa will not be able to attend, have fun Vanessa!