

The Letterflow

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October 2018 Meeting Minutes



The meeting was held at City of Naples Wastewater Treatment Facility with 15 members in attendance. Director Nigel Noone called the meeting at 6:40 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. After the recognition of past officers and veterans,

Secretary-Treasurer Igor Gutin provided Region VIII Treasurer's report. Currently we have 547 members.

Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance:
\$46,419.90

Deposits/Credits:
\$264.24

Withdrawals/Debits:
-\$1,429.54

Ending Balance:
\$45,254.60

Old Business

After the Treasurer's Report, Officer Nigel Noone notified the members in attendance about the great success of the 2018 Water and Wastewater Exposition which was held in Punta Gorda at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center. Over 63 vendors were in attendance and it is planned to have the next expo at the same place and around the same time next year. Vice-Chairman Matt Astorino reminded members to register online for the upcoming holiday event:

Date: December 8, 2018

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Cantina 109 at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers.

9908 Gulf Coast Main St, Fort Myers, FL 33913.

New Business

Vice-Chairman Matt Astorino spoke about future events and schools that will be planned for next year. Short schools, distributions and/or back-flow schools are all possibilities that will be further discussed and outlined in the November officer meeting. Officers will attempt to schedule more vendors at membership meetings that can offer CEU's next year. Furthermore, during the Christmas event, nominations for the Pat Robinson Award will be taken.

Chairman Scott Edson will be stepping down, and Vice Chairman Matt Astorino will be assuming his position starting January 2019. Nominations for the vacant Vice-Chairman position were announced. Dawn Barnard nominated Anthony Leporatti and Fred Gleim seconded resulting in unanimously selecting Anthony Leporatti from Fort Myers Wastewater Reclamation Facility for 2019 Vice-Chairman position.

During an open floor discussion, a member mentioned that Region VIII should donate a portion of its funds to an organization called Water for People. Being unfamiliar with the organization, officers and members came to an agreement to make the donation upon further research and discussion.

Jim Radley from Cerlic and David Morrissey from DMT Instruments sponsored the meeting. David and Jim had an impressive presentation about Getting Control of your Bugs with instrumentation. The present members were awarded 0.1 CEU for attending the presentation. Everybody enjoyed the catering from Olive Garden.

Officer Igor Gutin administered the door prizes and 50/50 raffle.

Director Nigel Noone adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

A plant tour was given by the friendly Naples staff allowing members to see Cerlic Instruments in real world applications.

DIRECTORS CORNER

Region VIII,

We have had an excellent year for short schools and regional meetings. Over the past few years we have struggled to increase the attendance at the local meetings and this past year was our best for local involvement. I want to personally thank all of you who have attended at least one meeting in the past year. Moving forward, we are striving for more plant tours and new W/WW plants to visit. Our end of the year holiday event is up for registration on our website. Please register ASAP before the event fills up, we are planning great end of the year door prizes as well. This year we selected Cantina 109 and they have custom curated a menu just for us. We look forward to seeing you all there! Set your calendars for January 7th through 9th because we are hosting a Backflow Repair on Marco Island. More information will be posted soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Region VIII Holiday Event

When: Dec. 8th, 2018

Where: Cantina 109

6:00 p.m. to ?

9908 Gulf Coast Main St,
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Backflow Repair Short School

When: January 7th, 8th,
& 9th

Where: Marco Island

More information will be
posted soon.

**An event has been created, we
urge you to sign up for the
event on-line.**

