



NMSA
Meeting Minutes
Member Meeting

Thursday, March 9th 2017
8 am PST, 10 am CST, 11am EST

I. Dues Policy (Neprash)

- a. Randy Neprash provided an overview of the proposed Dues Policy. NMSA developed the dues estimate from a baseline budget that is included in the Policy. The philosophy in development the budget was to be 'lean and mean' while still allowing the organization to function effectively on behalf of its members.

There are three questions to be answered, one of which will likely not be fully answered today: 1. Is the proposal to levy dues on members acceptable, 2. Can your organization pay the dues, 3. Should NMSA adopt an Affiliate Member category.

Following some additional discussion, two votes were held:

Vote: Approving the Policy for Dues: Arizona: Abstain, California: Yes, Iowa: Yes, Indiana: Yes, Louisiana: Yes, Minnesota: Yes, Nebraska: Yes, Ohio: Yes Tennessee: Yes, Virginia: Abstain, WEF: Yes. The policy was approved, 9 yes, two abstention.

Vote: Accepting the Policy for Affiliate Membership Category: Ohio: Yes, Arizona: Abstain, California: Yes, Iowa: Yes, Indiana: Yes, Louisiana: Yes, Minnesota: Yes, Nebraska: Abstain, Tennessee: Yes, Virginia: Abstain, WEF: Yes. The policy was approved with 8 yes, 3 abstention.

Since 2/3 is needed to pass, both votes passed.

- b. NMSA Feedback (expectations, value, participation, communication)
Randy Neprash asked how members would like to receive communication and information from NMSA.



CASQA: Would like a better understanding of the letter writing and approval process by the members. Would like to see some communication options to respond to.

Seth Brown: NMSA wants to ensure that the member organizations feel they are receiving value for the member dues. NMSA is particularly interested in how member organizations would like to participate in NMSA activities. How member organizations want to receive communication – newsletter, website/blogs, and conference calls etc.

Virginia: There are many other groups that are in the Stormwater program arena, and how does NMSA fit in?

Nebraska: NMSA can assist on state issues, legislative issues, MS4 program funding, and NMSA can provide information and support.

Indiana: Agree that there is a need to support states on the legislative front, and providing a direct conduit to EPA HQ.

II. Water Week Meetings (Brown/Taylor)

a. NMSA Meetings

Water Week is sponsored through a partnership by WEF and NACWA. This is a fly in event, attendees talk about issues, and there is an opportunity to visit congressional offices as well as EPA staff. NMSA previously met with APWA, NAFSMA, and the National League of Cities in January, NMSA will be meeting with NACWA, the National Association of County Engineers, The National Association of Counties, EPA, American Society of Landscape Architects and National Recreation and Parks Administration on Monday, March 20th.

b. Stormwater Institute Activities

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) Stormwater Institute (SWI) is a center for excellence and innovation focused on developing solutions to Stormwater runoff and wet weather issues. The SWI has convened an Advisory Committee, NMSA has a seat on the Advisory Committee. The membership of the SWI includes municipal and utility members (16 entities) and private companies (12 entities).

The SWI institute will be hosting an invitation only event at Water Week which will include a briefing by congressional staff, agency staff followed by a round-table discussion on Stormwater issues, as a primer for development of a future Stormwater roadmap. This event will take place on Tuesday, March 21st.

III. EPA Agenda (Taylor)

NMSA will be meeting with the EPA on Monday March, 20th ahead of Water Week activities.



We would like to solicit feedback as to discussion items for the meeting. Draft agenda items include:

- a. Status of NMSA – Approved 501c3
- b. Remand comments and EPA updates – NMSA feedback on the Phase II remand rule implementation.
- c. Long Term Planning Guide – NMSA feedback on this EPA document and tools.
- d. WOTUS Rule 2.0 – NMSA is interested in ensuring that the Stormwater BMP exemption be preserved. Iowa asked if NMSA could prepare a primer on the WOTUS issues for distribution.
- e. Other items? Status report of MS4 program? – NMSA may develop a ‘status’ report based on polling of the members of MS4 program implementation issues.

CASQA: Make sure we understand the management question first if we are going to do any polling (Status report of MS4 program).

Louisiana: We need uniform involvement at the federal level – some areas have more federal assistance in Stormwater program implementation, this varies by EPA Region.

Iowa: What are EPAs expectations nationally on where the post-construction programs should be – ordinance wise, policy wise – numeric sizing, and use of GI? What are expectations for implementation – minimum impervious arear or disturbed area? EPA website is dated in this area. Perhaps NMSA can consolidate the available information on its website. Is EPAs policy now to have MS4s implement GI?

Virginia: TMDL Process and urban Stormwater – the process seems dated and difficult to implement for urban areas.

Indiana: EPA had some pilot studies for watershed scale MS4 permits (6 to 9) – Can we get a status update on this program?

IV. Update on Recent Activities

- a. Outreach meetings

NMSA has been reaching out to potential member organizations. Some of the recent contacts include:

Utah Stormwater Advisory Council

City of Tacoma

Nebraska Floodplain and Stormwater Management Association (ongoing support through participation at a conference)



b. Blogs

NMSA blogs are posted on website. We are looking for guest bloggers and want your content. Please contact Randy, Seth or Scott if you are interested in writing a guest blog or an article. NMSA had a recent article published in the WEF publication *Stormwater Management* on source control. See the most recent Winter issue (Volume 4 Issue 4).

NMSA has a Twitter account – please follow us at: @Natl_MS4_Allnce or https://twitter.com/Natl_MS4_Allnce