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# Massachusetts Association of Onsite Wastewater Professionals

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## Board Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2014

**Attendance** – Russ Martin (present),  
Phone: Dave Clark, Mike Moreau, John Murphy, Alyssa Rusiecki, Dick Bachelder (via proxy), Lauren Usilton

**Approval of April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes** - A motion was made by Dave Clark to approve the minutes of the April 10 meeting; seconded by Mike Moreau. Motion was passed.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report** – Dave Clark reported that there were two deposits and two invoices paid.

**President's Report** – Russ Martin reported that he attended the NEIWPPC meeting on May 13 in Taunton, MA and represented MAOWP.

### **NOWRA Updates:**

- Russ' term on the NOWRA Board runs out this year and he will not be able to serve again for the following year. NOWRA has hired an attorney who will act as a lobbyist. He will be representing NOWRA at a mini trade show on July 30 in the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, DC. The event will occur from 12:30-3:30 PM. The purpose is to try to familiarize Representatives with onsite industry. There will be approximately 4-5 people putting on a presentation. This lobbyist will also be speaking at the NOWRA Annual Conference in Denver.
- The Florida Association is trying to organize a large meeting in October or November 2016 in Reno, NV. NOWRA will team up with them along with some other West Coast Associations.
- NOWRA is still trying to decide on the location of 2015 meeting. It will most likely be on the East Coast.

### **Old Business:**

- Installer Outreach & Examination – Not much activity recently. Alyssa reports that she will get a draft of the letter to the Boards of Health offices out to the Board within a week. Discussion followed regarding holding a training workshop sometime in the

fall or winter prior to trying to develop an exam. It would be important to get someone from MassDEP to give the Massachusetts' perspective. It was decided that a one-day workshop would be better attended than a two-day.

- Website/Webmaster – Retain services of Amy Hamlet for the time being.
- Change of Name – Still need to officially change name with the state. A two-thirds positive vote must be obtained. Discussion followed as to the best way to poll the membership. It was suggested that a mailing be sent including a self-addressed, stamped envelope to be followed up with an email. Mike suggested using online survey, such as Survey Monkey. Russ will check with the attorney to see if an online survey is acceptable.

A motion was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

**Next meeting** – Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 10:00 AM in the NEWEA Office.