

**Michigan Section AWWA
Ground Water Committee
Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, September 8th, 2006
Champps Restaurant**

Present at the meeting: Joel Annable, Brad Brogren, Elgar Brown, Lori Cipparone, Alan Erickson, Brant Fisher, Wayne Kukuk, Joe Lovato, Ronda Page, David L. Rich, Tom Savage, Marc Wahrer,

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of June 19th, 2006 minutes
4. Joint efforts with Source Water Protection Committee
5. Awards
6. Joint Seminars
7. New Business
8. Adjourn

Old Business

1. **Meeting called to order by** Joel A.

2. **Introductions** were made all around.

3. **Approval of June 19th, 2006 minutes:** Minutes approved with one change – John Savage is actually Tom Savage. Who knew?

4. **Joint efforts with Source Water Protection Committee:**

Elgar B. – will maintain 2 committees (Groundwater (GW) & Source Water Protection (SWP)) and meet annually or bi-annually to coordinate efforts. Nationally, groups are moving towards having only SWP committees, but we all feel it is important to maintain separate committees and efforts. GW committee will continue to focus on Wellhead Protection and GW Conferences. Elgar B. made a motion to keep separate GW and SWP committees and coordinate efforts. Tom S. seconded the motion. ***Motion passed.***

Joel A. entertained a motion to meet jointly with the SWP committee at least once a year. Ronda P. so moved. Marc W. seconded the motion. ***Motion passed.***

Joel A. officially made Wayne K. a member of the GW committee. Welcome, Wayne!

5. **Awards:**

Ronda P. – At their last meeting, the SWP committee discussed submitting both the WHP and the SWP awards winners to national AWWA, even if the two communities are in the same size category. Brief discussion followed, with the GW committee agreeing that this is a good practice to follow. Nominations are due in October for the following

year's awards. Most likely, Ira Twp. (2006 SWP Award Winner) will be competing against Waterford Twp. (2005 WHP Award Winner) on the national level for the 2007 Award.

6. Joint Seminars:

Group discussed possibilities of having one day workshops in the years between GW Conferences. These could be jointly sponsored with the SWP Committee and MWEA committees. We will meet with the MWEA GW Committee at Joint Expo (Feb. 2007) and can discuss this at that time. Wayne K. is co-chair of the MWEA GW Committee, and agreed on behalf of that committee to share the cost of lunch at the February meeting.

7. New Business

Grants:

Wayne K. – 43 applications this year for the WHP Grants, which is down from 50 last year. Total dollar amount is approximately \$677,000, which is about the same as last year. There were still a few new applicants in this round.

9. Meeting adjourned. Joel A. entertained motion to adjourn. Elgar B. so moved. Dave R. seconded the motion. ***Motion passed.***

Next meeting will be at Joint Expo, February, 2007. Joel will send out details after coordinating with the MWEA GW Committee.