



New Mexico Rural Water Association
Membership Meeting Minutes
Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town
March 18, 2008

I. Call to Order & Invocation

President Clarence Aragon called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm. Past President Keith Lee gave the Invocation.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

John L. Jones led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Reading of Notice of Meeting

Ray Leverich, Secretary/Treasurer read the official notice of the 2008 Annual Membership Meeting.

IV. Roll Call of Voting Delegates

Ray Leverich, Secretary/Treasurer called the roll of voting delegates.

V. Determination of Quorum

Ray Leverich, Secretary/Treasurer determined and announced the presence of a quorum of twenty-seven voting members.

VI. Reading and Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2007

Ray Leverich, Secretary/Treasurer read the minutes of the 2007 Annual Membership Meeting

Patrick Banegas stated that the minutes should be corrected to read “Jim Dunlap stated that he had dreaded the prospect of giving the report that NRWA has lost program funding for *the first time in 27 years*” on page 2, Item VIII.B.

Jim Dunlap moved to approve the minutes with the noted correction and to approve the determination of the quorum
Gavin Strathdee seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

VII. Welcome and Comments from NRWA President Rodney Tart

President Rodney Tart addressed the membership on the importance of building and maintaining a relationship with members of Congress. He and National Director Jim Dunlap answered questions from the membership and concluded by emphasizing the importance of every member supporting the Association’s funding for critically needed programs.



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VIII. Presentation of Reports

A. Association Report

President Clarence Aragon stated that his goal has been to increase communication to the membership in order for the Association to become more effective as a voice for small water and wastewater systems. He encouraged participation in the regulatory stakeholder process whenever possible. President Aragon also requested involvement in Association Committees by any interested member.

B. National Director's Report

Jim Dunlap, National Director stated that his report had been well covered under the previous agenda item with NRWA President Rodney Tart.

C. Executive Director's Report

Matthew Holmes addressed a question by a member regarding how members can receive information from the Association. Mr. Holmes outlined the following methods of communication pursued over the past year:

- ◆ NMRWA magazine Agua de Nuevo Mexico
- ◆ New website format and update frequency
- ◆ New online discussion forum
- ◆ New training postcard mailing frequency
- ◆ Group email list
- ◆ New database
- ◆ Public educational radio programs
- ◆ Traditional outreach methods of direct mailing

He concluded his report by stating the members often get more value from the Association by actively participating, and any questions or concerns should be directed to him at the office.

D. Financial Report

Financial Officer Sue Sleeper presented the Financial Report for the Association, noting that she was now starting with a new position with NMRWA, Board Training Specialist. She thanked the members and the Board of Directors for supporting her over the years and stated that she felt the Association was growing stronger yearly despite many challenges along the way.



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IX. Election of Regional Directors

President Clarence Aragon recessed to Membership Meeting to the regional caucuses, and reconvened the meeting upon conclusion of the regional elections.

X. Regional Caucus Reports

The following delegates were elected to the Board of Directors, and the following Directors were elected to the Executive Committee as noted:

- Region 1** Debra Ingle, Director
Edward Silva, Director
Debra Ingle, Executive Committee
- Region 2** Larry Covington, Director
Norman Saunders, Director
Pat Banegas, Executive Committee
- Region 3** Nick Ashcroft, Director
Bert Delara, Director
Anthony Muñoz, Director, 2-year Term
Ray Leverich, Executive Committee
- Region 4** Ivan Roper, Director
Gavin Strathdee, Director
Ivan Roper, Executive Committee

XI. Election of Officers – President and Legislative Chair

President Clarence Aragon stated that he will use a slow and deliberate process to receive nominations for Officers of the Association.

Ray Leverich nominated Clarence Aragon as President
Keith Lee seconded the nomination

Pat Banegas moved that nominations cease and Clarence Aragon be elected President by acclamation
John L. Jones seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

Gavin Strathdee nominated John L. Jones as Legislative Chair
Ray Leverich seconded the motion

Ivan Roper moved that nominations cease and John L. Jones be elected Legislative Chair by acclamation
Keith Lee seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously



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XII. Unfinished & New Business

President Clarence Aragon discussed the pending minimum number of certified operators regulations and encouraged everyone to participate in the stakeholder process.

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.

Clarence Aragon, President

Ray Leverich, Secretary / Treasurer



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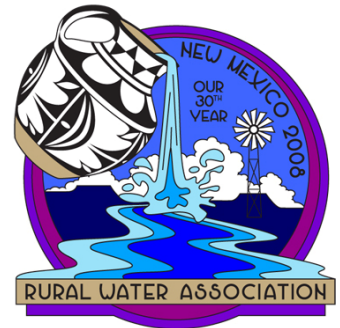
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Notice of Annual Membership Meeting

New Mexico Rural Water Association

30th Annual Technical Conference & Membership Meeting

**March 17 – 20, 2008
Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town**



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NOTICE OF MEETING

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008

HOTEL ALBUQUERQUE AT OLD TOWN, 800 RIO GRANDE BLVD, 505-843-6300

FRANCISCAN BALLROOM, 3:30 PM – NO CHARGE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING

**VOTING DELEGATE FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE NMRWA OFFICE BY 5:00 PM
ON MARCH 7, 2008 WITH ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION COMPLETED**

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NMRWA Annual Membership Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 18, 2008, 3:30 pm – Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town



- I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION – Clarence Aragon, President
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. READING OF NOTICE OF MEETING – Ray Leverich, Secretary/Treasurer
- IV. ROLL CALL OF VOTING DELEGATES – Ray Leverich, Secretary / Treasurer
- V. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM – Ray Leverich, Secretary/Treasurer
- VI. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 20, 2007
- VII. WELCOME AND COMMENTS FROM NRWA PRESIDENT RODNEY TART
- VIII. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS
 - Association Report – Clarence Aragon, President
 - National Director’s Report – Jim Dunlap
 - Executive Director’s Report – Matthew Holmes
 - Financial Report – Sue Sleeper, Financial Officer
- IX. ELECTION OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS – Adjourn to Regional Caucuses
 - Region I – Potter’s Room
 - Region II – Turquoise Room
 - Region III – Weaver’s Room
 - Region IV – Franciscan
- X. REGIONAL CAUCUS REPORTS
- XI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – President and Legislative Chair
- XII. UNFINISHED & NEW BUSINESS
- XIII. ADJOURN



Copies of the current Bylaws, Board of Directors terms, Voting Delegate forms, and the 2007 Membership Meeting minutes may be obtained by calling our office at 1-800-819-9893, or online at: www.nmrwa.org/minutes.php. All materials will be available for your review at the Membership Meeting. **All voting members must deliver an original delegate form with two signatures to the NMRWA office by 5:00 pm on March 7, 2008** in order to be eligible to vote. Forms and information are available by calling our office or online at: www.nmrwa.org/2008conference.php. Please attend our meeting and support our Association!