



New Mexico Rural Water Association  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town  
April 7, 2009

**I. Call to Order**

President Clarence Aragon called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Ray Leverich moved to approve the agenda as presented

Jim Dunlap seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously

**III. Secretary's Report – Ray Leverich**

Ray Leverich, Secretary/Treasurer read the official notice of the 2009 Annual Membership Meeting. Mr. Leverich proceeded to call the roll of the voting delegates, and announced a quorum of thirty-three voting members.

**IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes –March 18, 2008**

Ivan Roper moved to approve the minutes as presented

Gilbert Miera seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously

**V. Welcome and Comments from NRWA President Fred Sheldon**

Jim Dunlap introduced NRWA CEO Rob Johnson on behalf of NRWA President Fred Sheldon, who could not attend due to illness. Mr. Johnson thanked everyone for the opportunity to address the attendees. He reminded the delegates that it was their duty to represent the larger membership. He congratulated them on their passion for helping their neighbors have clean, safe drinking water. Mr. Johnson provided details about economic stimulus funding that will be available from USDA, the SRF and BOR programs. He concluded by reporting on new programs that will be available to New Mexico through NRWA, including stimulus circuit riders, a new source water protection position, and a energy efficiency circuit rider.

**VI. Financial Report – Matthew Holmes, Executive Director**

Matthew Holmes reported that the financial decision of the Association at the end of 2008 was very positive. All programs were performing well and on budget. The Association put on more training sessions than ever before. 122 days of free training was provided to 1,264 operators and potential operators, who received approximately 9,730 operator certification credits. In addition, the 2008 Annual Conference provided 268 people with 3,625 credits.



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Mr. Holmes further reported that unfortunately 2009 poses significant financial challenges for the Association. NMRWA was informed on December 31, 2008 that program funding was suspended for a technical assistance contract by NMED. It is unclear when or if funding for this program will be reinstated. The current economic climate has apparently slowed membership renewal and exhibit booth rentals at the 2009 conference. Mr. Holmes stated that despite these indicators, opportunities existed for growth of the Association and he was optimistic that the outlook for the future remained bright.

NMRWA showed \$1,031,227 in current assets and \$398,878 in retained earnings as of March 31, 2009. Mr. Holmes asked the audience if there were any questions on the report.

**VII. Election of Regional Directors**

President Clarence Aragon recessed to Membership Meeting to the regional caucuses at 8:55 AM, and reconvened the meeting upon conclusion of the regional elections.

**VIII. 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** David Edington, Director  
Michael Stroud, Director  
Jim Miller, Director, 1-year Term  
Debra Ingle, Executive Committee
- Region 2** Pat Banegas, Director  
James Robles, Director  
Steve Bailey, Director, 1-year Term  
Pat Banegas, Executive Committee
- Region 3** Jim Dunlap, Director  
Keith Lee, Director  
Alex E. Griego, Director, 1-year Term  
Ray Leverich, Executive Committee
- Region 4** Karen Bray, Director  
Kenneth Whitecotton, Director  
Ivan Roper, Executive Committee



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**IX. Election of Officers – President, Legislative Chair and National Director**

Keith Lee nominated Jim Dunlap as National Director  
Ray Leverich seconded the nomination

Ray Leverich moved that nominations cease and Jim Dunlap be elected National Director by acclamation

Michael Stroud seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously

Ray Leverich nominated John L. Jones as Legislative Chair  
Ivan Roper seconded the motion

Jim Dunlap moved that nominations cease and John L. Jones be elected Legislative Chair by acclamation

Edward Silva seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously

Keith Lee nominated Clarence Aragon as President  
Pat Banegas seconded the nomination

John L. Jones moved that nominations cease and Clarence Aragon be elected President by acclamation

Debra Ingle seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously

**X. Unfinished & New Business**

There was no unfinished or new business.

**XI. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned.

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Clarence Aragon, President

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Ray Leverich, Secretary / Treasurer



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Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 8:00 am  
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## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order – Clarence Aragon, President
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Secretary’s Report – Ray Leverich
  - ◆ Reading of the Notice of the Meeting
  - ◆ Voting Delegates Present
  - ◆ Determination of Quorum
- IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes –March 18, 2008
- V. Welcome and Comments from NRWA President Fred Sheldon
- VI. Financial Report – Matthew Holmes, Executive Director
- VII. Election of Regional Directors – Adjourn to Regional Caucuses
  - Region I – Alvarado G
  - Region II – Weaver’s Room
  - Region III – Alvarado H
  - Region IV – Turquoise Room
- VIII. Regional Caucus Reports
- IX. Election of Officers – President, Legislative Chair & National Director
- X. Unfinished and New Business
- XI. Adjourn