



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JANUARY 8TH, 2024 NEWPORT BEACH, CA

Actions: Approve Discuss Q&A Generative Outline Next Steps

Monday, January 8th

1. **WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, & OPENING REMARKS** | Neville
8:30 AM in Catalina.
2. **GENERATIVE DISCUSSION**
 - A. **A** WPI's Trainer's Certification Initiative
 - B. **B** WPI's Exam Score Comparison White Paper
 - C. **C** I.C.E. Future of Credentialing Prioritization Assessment Report

3. **CALL TO ORDER** | Neville

*Rachel Neville, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:21 AM Pacific Time.
Board members also present were Immediate Past Chair-Jim Grassiano; Chair-elect Mike Firlotte; Vice Chair Morley Foy; Water Division Director Tammy Helms; At-Large Division Director Rob Fleming; AWWA Representative Pam Moss; WEF Representative Jim Baird; C2EP Chair John Solvie; and President & CEO Paul Bishop.*

Board members joining via webinar: Wastewater Division Director Jason Spicer.

Staff members present were Vice President Tom Healy; Director of Certification and Programming Haley Vanness.

4. **ORGANIZATIONAL STRATEGIES**

- A. **Credentialing**- WPI believes that competent operators are essential to stewardship of water and wastewater resources and systems.

1. Exam Development and Testing Update | Healy
 2. Commission Update | Solvie, Vanness
 - Onsite Non-Potable Water System
 - Trainer Certification
 - Commission Strategic Plan and Revamping

- B. **Advocacy**- WPI is interested in developing and maintaining a competent workforce to support safe and effective water and wastewater systems.





1. AWWA Report | Moss
 2. WEF Report | Baird
 3. liC24 Overview and Leadership Assignments | Vanness
 4. 2024 Meeting Schedule and Updates | Bishop
 - June 2024 Board Meeting-Virtual
 - September 2024 Board Meeting-Mexico
 - January 13, 2025 Board Meeting – New Orleans
 - January 14th-17th, 2025 Conference

5. **LUNCH**

12:00 - 1:00 PM in Catalina.

Neville called for break at 11:51 AM. Resumed at 12:25 PM.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT AGENDA | Neville

- A.   **D** Board of Directors Meeting Minutes- September 2023
- B.   **E** Operators Without Borders Donation

12:27 PM Bishop moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Fleming seconded the motion. Carried.

7. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW | Bishop

- A.   **F** YTD Financials

12:39 PM Bishop moved to approve the Year-to-Date Financials as presented. Grassiano seconded the motion. Carried.

8. GOVERNANCE

- A.   **G** WPI Policy on Board Attendance and Financial Assistance at IIC

12:54 PM Fleming moved to approve financial assistance for Board members to attend the annual conference as deemed warranted and at the discretion of the CEO. Foy seconded the motion. Carried.

9. CLOSING MESSAGE, ASSIGNMENTS & ADJOURNMENT | Neville

1:07 PM Grassiano moved to adjourn the meeting. Firlotte seconded the motion. Carried.