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ICWP Annual Membership Virtual Meeting Summary October 15, 2020

Chair Amy Shallcross, Delaware River Basin Commission, called the Annual ICWP membership to order at 11:20 a.m. Central time.

Amy talked about how she became involved with ICWP and how beneficial and rewarding ICWP has been to her and the Delaware River Basin Commission. She also urged members to participate in committees.

Amy then talked about this past year and unfortunately, due to COVID-19, there have been limited opportunities for face to face networking. The ICWP was not able to hold its Washington, D.C. Roundtable this past spring; she went on to describe the benefits of the Roundtable and we hope to hold the Roundtable next spring, at least virtually.

Amy asked for feedback on this year's conference. Next year, we hope to hold the 2021 ICWP Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA; one advantage of next year's conference being in Philadelphia which will provide the USGS opportunity to showcase results from the Next Generation Water Observation System (NGWOS) in the Delaware Basin.

Amy said that the ICWP Committee chairs would briefly mention committee accomplishments and present the Principles Statements for each committee. She thanked the annual meeting sponsors, ICWP Executive Director Sue Lowry, as well as ICWP Officers and Board members who served this past year.

Amy then asked for a motion to approve minutes from the last ICWP Annual Membership Meeting on October 10, 2019. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kirsten Wallace and seconded by Drew Dehoff; the motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Drew Dehoff, Treasurer: Drew provided a summary of the Treasurer's report. In 2020, because of the generous support of our sponsors and the fact that more dues were brought in due to new and returning members joining ICWP, we exceeded revenues as well as some carryover and netted a surplus of \$38,643. After a couple of good years in 2019 and 2020, it looks like we are on target to meet our goal of building up our reserves to be the equivalent of one year's worth of expenses; at the end of June, 2020, ICWP had \$97,500 in the reserves. We do expect pandemic fallout on member budgets and recognize that could have a negative impact on our dues during the upcoming years.

Drew reported that at our October 2019 membership meeting, the ICWP membership voted to approve increase in dues beginning in fiscal year 2021. However, due to the pandemic and the impacts on member budgets, the Board exercised its discretion to not impose the dues increase this year as allowed by ICWP by-laws.

Executive Director's Report – Outline of highlights included on back of agenda (attached). 157 registered for the 2020 ICWP Annual Meeting; a maximum of 101 attended at any one time during the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Committee Activities/Accomplishments Report:

Water Data and Science Committee – Amy Shallcross, Chair: Amy reported on some of the recent accomplishments by the committee. The committee hosted webinars on various topics such as drought, extreme precipitation, the Internet of Water, the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD), the USGS NWIS modernization, the USGS NGWOS, and the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS).

Accomplishments by the committee included requesting and receiving a report from the USGS about state projects funded through the USGS Water-Use Data Research Program and submitted a list of desired outcomes regarding USGS NWIS modernization. Over the next year, the committee plans to continue to learn about and explore other federal programs that provide information to help with water management. The committee maintains a running list of running topics on our web site that people have expressed interest in.

Water Planning Committee – Jennifer Hoggatt, Chair: the committee has been productive this year. The first year of the committee was devoted more to listening to various states, what they were doing and their various legislative backgrounds and mandates. The second year transitioned to more diverse topics and the sharing of integrated resources for state water planners. Some of what was brought to the committee during the past year were presentations by U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Committee on Environment and Sustainability, FEMA regarding resiliency grants to help with mitigating disaster damages, Kelly Smith from National Drought Mitigation Center about drought planning resources available from the NDMC.

Next year, the committee will focus on different types of planning efforts by states including drought and flood events and innovative tools that are available to help states with water management planning.

Legislative and Policy Committee – Kirsten Wallace, Chair: the committee had a busy year and Kirsten thanked Katherine Zitsch and Gail Melgren for co-chairing the committee while Kirsten was out during on maternity leave. The committee monitors policies and legislation moving through Congress, developing an understanding about them, how they affect the states and our members, and how does ICWP want to weigh in and help shape federal policy and legislation. Results of the issues priority survey from last year's meeting indicated that traditional ICWP issues that focused on WRDA, the USGS streamgaging network and drought resilience were still important so the committee continued focusing on those. Sue has been very helpful meeting and talking with Congressional staffers and federal administration members. The committee

will continue to focus on the USGS streamgaging network support annually but will also look providing input regarding any recommended improvements to the network.

With regards to WRDA, the committee submitted letters to Congressional committees, talked about issues related to the Corps of Engineers' distribution of funds under the Planning Assistance to States, resulting in a letter to the Corps of Engineers, and submitted a letter to the Corps regarding project partnership agreements and resilient communities.

The committee also had presentations during the year regarding drought resiliency, Atlas 14 extreme precipitation analysis, EPA – clean water act section 401, and also spent time tracking federal appropriations. The committee also recognized that we are in this transition period of working remotely during COVID-19 and how that affects dealing with Congressional staffers, how do we best engage with them, and be effective in communicating with them.

Finally, on October 14, President Trump's Administration issued an Executive Order regarding the federal subcabinet of federal water agencies. Sue has done a lot to organize ICWP meetings with the subcabinet in the past and look at how can ICWP work with the subcabinet. The subcabinet is formally recognized in the EO and the Legislation and Policy Committee will be evaluating the Executive Order and how to proceed during the upcoming year.

Interstate Water Management Committee – Drew Dehoff, Chair: this past year has been consumed with getting the interstate report update completed. The committee is small, so thanks to Sue and all the committee members who helped with completing the report. Drew briefly summarized survey and recommendations from the interstate report as follows:

- (1) ICWP should work with interstate organizations to highlight, promote, and nourish regional approaches and effective organizations,
- (2) foster integration of interstate water management needs and programs with federal initiatives and policies, and
- (3) work with interstate water organizations and key stakeholders to evaluate management initiatives, enhance education and engage in strategic planning.

The recommendations helped with developing the committee's Principles Statements and those recommendations will be used to guide the committee's activities this year.

Principles Statement Discussion – the Principles Statements were distributed to all ICWP Annual Meeting attendees. Sue asked that everyone to send comments to her by October 30, 2020. Sue briefly summarized each Principle Statements and also mentioned sunset/review provisions were added to help keep the statement from getting stale.

Sue also reminded everyone that committee membership is continuously open; please send an email to Sue and she will add your name to committee roster. This year committees have provided opportunities for networking that we have not been able to have due to COVID.

Election of Slate of Directors: Julie Cunningham moved to approve the following slate of Directors for a 3-year term. Jodee Pring seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Slate of Candidates proposed by the Nominations Committee to serve as Directors, with terms ending in 2023:

Amy Shallcross, Delaware River Basin Commission
Matt Unruh, Kansas Water Office
Rhonda Manning, PA DEP Office of Compacts and Commissions
Pooja Kanwar, Minnesota DNR

Election of Slate of Officers: Amy Shallcross moved to approve the following slate of Officers for ICWP for 2020 – 2021. Kirsten Wallace seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Slate of Candidates proposed by the Nominations Committee to serve as Officers in 2020 – 2021:

Chairman:	Kirsten Wallace, Upper Mississippi River Basin Association
1 st Vice Chairman:	Andrew Dehoff, Susquehanna River Basin Commission
2 nd Vice Chairman:	Jennifer Hoggatt, Missouri DNR
Treasurer:	Brian Atkins, Alabama Office of Water Resources
Secretary:	Brian Atkins, Alabama Office of Water Resources
Past Chairman:	Amy Shallcross, Delaware River Basin Commission

Annual Meeting for 2021: Amy Shallcross virtually handed the gavel to newly elected Chair Kirsten Wallace. Kirsten thanked Amy and everyone for the work with this year's annual meeting and looked forward to what ICWP can accomplish in the next year

Sue encouraged everyone to stay tuned to announcements about the 2021 Washington DC Roundtable, and that the Roundtable would be held, at least virtually, during the week of April 12th.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 Central time.