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ICWP Annual Membership Meeting Summary  
Philadelphia, PA  
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Vice-Chair Drew Dehoff called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. Eastern Time. Drew thanked ICWP's Sustaining Partner Sponsors and then mentioned that the Board engaged in a 3-session process with a facilitator to update the ICWP Strategic Plan. The updated plan, covering the 5-year period to 2026 is on the ICWP website. A motion to approve the minutes of the 2020 Annual Membership meeting was made by Amy Shallcross, seconded by Jennifer Hoggatt; the motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Atkins, Treasurer, provided a summary of the Treasurer's report. In 2021, ICWP, was again able to net a surplus and the total net assets on hand at the end of September, 2021 was \$177,894. The reserves policy adopted by the Board in 2018 has been met.

Brian explained that at ICWP's October 2019 membership meeting, the ICWP membership voted to approve an 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 as allowed by ICWP by-laws. However, the dues increase will be in effect for fiscal year 2023 and will be reflected in the invoices that will be sent in early July, 2022.

Executive Director's Report – Sue provided an outline of the 2021 highlights, including:

-The four ICWP Committees are active and accomplishing great work—a few highlights:

- USGS Stakeholder Support letter delivered in April with 84 stakeholder entities signed on to the letter (up from 54 last year). Focus included the Next Generation Water Observation System and impact of flat Federal Priorities Gages budget
  - Participate with USGS Coalition, including their Congressional appropriations briefings
  - Sent support letter to Senate offices for Seasonal to Sub-seasonal pilot projects (NOAA)
  - Completed update of the 2006 Interstates Report
  - Sent 2 letters to both House and Senate on WRDA2020 legislation
  - Signed on to Congressional Support letters on STORM and PRECIP Extreme Precipitation legislation
  - ICWP is member of 3DEP Coalition supporting NHD mapping products & LiDAR coverage
  - Developed Legislative Strategic Plan for ICWP's Advocacy work
  - Participated in USACE Stakeholder Listening Sessions
  - Successful 2021 Internship Program—3 students from Yale, Duke and City College of New York
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- Administrative Enhancements
    - Contract with Van Scoyoc Associates to enhance ICWP's DC presence
    - Participated on a panel reaching out to academic water centers as potential affiliate members
    - Interns completed studies on Interstate water organizations' funding portfolios and water plan reviews for Climate and Drought planning
  - Board held strategy sessions in late August 2020. Agreed to move forward with a facilitator to update the long-range Strategic Plan for the organization. (Nov.-Dec. 2020)
  - Set up YouTube Channel for posting of ICWP Committee presentations

-Strong partnerships with other Water Related organizations:

- Western States Water Council-participated in Summer and Fall, 2021 meetings and serve on Water Information & Data Sub-committee
- NWSA—co-host the 2022 Washington DC Roundtable
- NIDIS Executive Council—ICWP serves on this steering group
- UCOWR—ICWP will submit abstract to speak at next in-person meeting--2022
- AFWA—Sue participating with Sub-committee on Water; many DC topics in common
- US Chamber of Commerce Resiliency /Disaster Preparedness Coalition

Van Scyoc Associates: Geoff Bowman called into the Membership Meeting to thank ICWP for the opportunity to provide guidance on our Washington DC advocacy work. He and John Anderson make themselves available as a resource for ICWP members on legislation strategy and agency implementation. Their updates are presented during each Legislation and Policy Committee 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 and the recently launched Drought.Gov website; National Fish Habitat Partnership and groundwater monitoring in the Mississippi Alluvial Plain.

**Water Planning Committee** – Jennifer Hoggatt, Chair: the committee has been productive this year. The first year of the committee was devoted to listening to various states to learn from each other. This year's topics were broader, including Resiliency Planning. Many of the topics of interest to water planners are also relevant to the other 3 ICWP committees, so there may be more opportunity for all-committee presentations. Jennifer concluded showing a live demonstration of the Water Planning report completed by this year's ICWP Interns.

**Legislative and Policy Committee** – In the absence of Kirsten Wallace, Committee Chair, Drew summarized the activities of the committee. The updates provided by Van Scyoc at each of the committee meetings have been very well received and provide valuable, real-time Washington DC input to our members. ICWP also completed a Legislation Strategy Plan to guide our advocacy endeavors. ICWP also sent a letter during the transition period, outlining our top priorities to the Biden transition team.

As WRDA2022 is developed, the committee plans to submit input to both the Senate and House committees on our top policy priorities to address in an upcoming WRDA bill.

**Interstate Water Management Committee** – Drew Dehoff, Chair: Now that the interstate report update has been completed, the committee focused this year on other interstate actions, such as the *Mississippi v Tennessee* litigation, and an update on *Florida v Georgia*. A series of 3 presentations were also made from the various interstate entities working on Great Lakes management.

Principles Statement Discussion – Two Principles Statements (Extreme Precipitation Events & Disaster Preparedness/Resiliency) were distributed to all ICWP Annual Meeting attendees. Sue asked that everyone to send comments to her by October 31, 2021. 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

Election of Slate of Directors: Jennifer Hoggatt moved to approve the following slate of Directors for a 3-year term. Amy Shallcross seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**Slate of Candidates proposed by the Nominations Committee to serve as Directors, with terms ending in 2024:**

Julie Cunningham, Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
Heidi Moltz, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin  
Andrew Dehoff, Susquehanna River Basin Commission  
Katherine Zitsch, Atlanta Regional Commission

Election of Slate of Officers: Amy Shallcross moved to approve the following slate of Officers for ICWP for 2021 – 2022. Julie Cunningham seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**Slate of Candidates proposed by the Nominations Committee to serve as Officers in 2021 – 2022:**

Chair:	Andrew Dehoff, Susquehanna River Basin Commission
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair:	Jennifer Hoggatt, Missouri DNR
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair:	Matt Unruh, Kansas Water Office
Treasurer:	Brian Atkins, Alabama Office of Water Resources
Secretary:	Brian Atkins, Alabama Office of Water Resources
Past-Chair:	Kirsten Wallace, Upper Mississippi River Basin Association

Annual Meeting for 2022: Jennifer Hoggatt and Kirsten Wallace are working on a specific venue; please hold your calendar open for October 18-20, 2022 in the Quad Cities.

Sue encouraged everyone to stay tuned for details about the 2022 Washington DC Roundtable, confirmed for April 5-7, 2022 at the DoubleTree Crystal City.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 Eastern time.