IWEA Safety Committee Meeting
October 15, 2026
Minutes

Members on Conference Call: Jerry Fussell, Anastasia Rosenow, Terri Couse, and Duane Jarvis

Members at TriCo WRRF: Robb Mendoza

Digester:

- IWEA wants an article for each publication. About four times a year. (Spring – Feb, Summer – May, Fall – Aug, and Winter – Dec.)
- Thank you, Terri Couse, for the articles you have submitted.
- If anyone has or wants to submit safety articles to the Digester, that would be great. Discussed having a toolbox like articles, could be on confined space, electrical, emergency, etc. Other topics could be construction, new personnel training, case studies, plant profile, or course review. Tips for submitting articles: A full page is 550 words, but longer and shorter accepted: Send editable word documents or original PDF files; Include original photos/images as attachments in addition to the article.
- You can send articles to Jamie Sonnentag at Jamie.sonnentag@mattisoncorp.com, or Dorothy at wwtrobin36@gmail.com. The IWEA website has the deadlines listed and you can submit an article.

IWEA Conference:

- The Conference was well attended, Safety sessions on Wednesday. Need to work on better attendance. 2027 Conference will be at the Indianapolis Convention Center.
- Anyone who has topic ideas or abstracts please contact Loren Prange (loren.prange@trico.eco) or Dorothy Robinette (wwtrobin36@gmail.com).
- Discussed having a 10-hour OSHA course next year. The course could be conducted over 2 days. Pete Isom could teach the course. Pete Isom and Ernie Castle will work on it and report back. Thank you both for your help.

Officers Nominations:

- Time to nominate and vote on committee officers. If anyone wants to step up, please let Dorothy or Terri know.
- Someone needs to step up for the Chair; Dorothy is stepping down at the first of the year.
- Current officers: Chair: Dorothy Robinette
  Co-Chair: Terri Couse
  Secretary: Dorothy Robinette
- Anastasia Rosenow has stepped up for the Chair position.
- Jerry Fussell nominated Anastasia for chair, and Robb Mendoza seconded the motion.
- Will vote for officers at the November meeting.

Safety Audit:

- Thank you, Terri, for working on the IWEA budget.
- Need to work on reviewing the audit form before safety audits next year.
- $360 allotted for 2027 regarding hotel reimbursement if needed.

Wastewater Challenge:

- Now it is time to start planning next year's events!
- This year the Challenge will be held at TriCo, there is lots of room for everyone's event.
- Please let Dorothy(wwtrobin36@gmail.com) know if you want to judge or join the planning committee.
- Robb and Terri will be judges again.
- Challenge tentative dates, Tuesday May 25th, and Wednesday May 26th, 2027.

Miscellaneous:

- **The 3rd Thursday of the month will be the meeting day**. TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will be the on-site location, but if you cannot make it to the site, please call in. The conference call number is **(267)807-9587** and the is **code 327768#.**
- Anastasia will work with Kate to get half credit for speakers connected to our committee meetings. Jerry will work his vendors for some content for technical credit at our meetings.
- If anyone has ideas for content or speakers, please let Anastasia or Jerry know.
- Duane Jarvis would have an interest in technical credits.
- Terri and Anastasia have been attending the IWEA Board Meetings, thank you both. They will be attending the next board meeting on December 10th as in-person attendance is encouraged by committee officers, especially if there is a change in leadership. They will inform the board of any officer/leadership changes for the committee by that date.

Next Meeting: November 19th, at 10 a.m. at TriCo WRRF or call in.

Agenda: Officer voting
WW Challenge
Conference topics
Safety Audits