



WPUI Board Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2018

Location: Michael Best, 1 S Pinckney St, Ste 700, Madison, WI 53703

P.J. DiStefano called the meeting to order at 12:07p.m.

Present

P.J. DiStefano, Deloitte; Brian Rude, Dairyland; John Sumi, MGE; Deb Erwin, Xcel Energy; Rep. Mike Kuglitsch, WI State Legislature; Kira Loehr, Perkins Coie; Sarah Justus, ATC; Earl Gustafson, Wisconsin Paper Council; Jordan Hemaidan, Michael Best & Friedrich; Mary Blanchard, Wisconsin Energy Institute; Frank Greb, Seventhwave; Ronda Ferguson, WEC Energy Group; Kristin Gilkes, Customers First Coalition; Bill Jordahl, Public Service Commission; Tom Content, Citizens Utility Board; Jake Blanchard, College of Engineering, UW-Madison; Lori Sakk, WPUI

Also present

Paul Wilson, College of Engineering, UW-Madison; Sara Langmack, WPUI

Excused

Jeff Ripp, Alliant Energy; Nilaksh Kothari, Great Lakes Utilities; Dave Siebert, DNR; Rep. Eric Genrich, WI State Legislature; Lawrie Kobza, Boardman & Clark; Cheryl Parrino, Parrino Strategic Consulting Group; Rodney Stevenson, UW-Madison School of Business

Meeting Agenda and March 2018 Minutes

- A meeting agenda was provided to board members in advance of the board meeting; there were no additions/changes to agenda.
- Mike Kuglitsch moved to approve the minutes from March 2018. Frank Greb seconded. The motion carried.

Board Membership

The board voted online in May and June 2018 to renew five members' terms as follows:

P.J. DiStefano, Deloitte – July 1, 2018 through June 2021

Lawrie Kobza, Boardman & Clark – July 1, 2018 through June 2021

Frank Greb, Seventhwave – July 1, 2018 through June 2021

Kira Loehr, Perkins Coie – July 1, 2018 through June 2021

Tom Content, Citizens Utility Board – July 1, 2018 through June 2021

Special Guest Presentation

Jake Blanchard, WPUI board member and Professor and Associate Dean, College of Engineering, UW-Madison, gave a presentation titled "Status of Fusion Energy."

Budget Update

- Lori Sakk gave an update on WPUI's finances, including an update on actual (compared to budgeted) expenses and revenues from January 1 – July 2, 2018, and projections for next six months of calendar year. Also highlighted was a financial update on programs held to date.
- Deb Erwin requested information on attendance at programs. Lori Sakk will follow up at next board meeting.

Membership

- Lori Sakk highlighted changes in memberships for 2018 and membership revenue.

General overview of WPUI activities and 2018 program update

- Lori Sakk reviewed WPUI activities since last board meeting.

Review of WPUI revised charter

- PJ DiStefano led the conversation around proposed charter changes, and Lori Sakk highlighted substantive changes.
- Sarah Justus moved to approve adoption of proposed charter changes. Brian Rude seconded. The motion carried.

Committee updates

Executive and Nominations Committee

- P.J. DiStefano presented the Executive and Nominations Committee's Statement of Purpose, Role and Scope and moved to approve its adoption. Deb Erwin seconded. The motion carried.
- P.J. DiStefano gave an overview of the Executive Committee's monthly calls with Lori Sakk. Brian Rude and P.J. DiStefano also initiated a discussion on board leadership succession planning. Discussion included expanding the now combined executive and nominations committee to include the chairs of the standing committees (membership (Deb Erwin), program advisory (Kira Loehr), and performance and compensation (Frank Greb)) to the calls.
- P.J. DiStefano and Brian Rude recommended that Paul Harris of Ranger Power be approved to fill the board seat of "non-utility energy provider." Some discussion ensued among the board. Sarah Justus moved to approve confirmation of Paul Harris for the "non-utility energy provider" board seat. Bill Jordahl seconded. The motion carried.

Membership Committee

- Deb Erwin presented the Membership Committee's Statement of Purpose, Role and Scope. Brian Rude moved to approve its adoption. P.J. DiStefano seconded. The motion carried.
- Deb Erwin reviewed the Membership Committee's recommendation for approval the Wisconsin Paper Council's membership fee waiver request. In ensuing discussion, Deb Erwin clarified that any fee waiver request must be reviewed annually. Deb Erwin moved to approve adoption of Wisconsin Paper Council's membership fee waiver request. John Sumi seconded. The motion carried. Earl Gustafson abstained.

Program Advisory Committee

- Lori Sakk presented the Program Advisory Committee's Statement of Purpose, Role and Scope. P.J. DiStefano moved to approve its adoption. Sarah Justus seconded. The motion carried.
- Lori Sakk updated the board on outside inquiries for WPUI to bring programming to other states. After board discussion, Brian Rude suggested that the Program Advisory Committee discuss more in its next committee meeting.

Compensation and Performance Committee

- Frank Greb presented the Compensation and Performance Committee's Statement of Purpose, Role and Scope and made a motion for its approval. P.J. DiStefano seconded. The motion carried.
- Frank Greb asked for at least one more member to the committee; Lawrie Kobza had volunteered prior to the board meeting.
- Frank Greb informed the board that board members would be receiving a short "survey" for reviewing Lori Sakk's performance to date.

Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee

- Lori Sakk reviewed ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee's draft strategic plan. Brian Rude recommended adding succession planning under the board development priority. P.J. DiStefano made a motion to approve adoption of the draft strategic plan as amended. Deb Erwin seconded. The motion carried.
- Board members agreed that the entire board should review the strategic plan on an annual basis.

New business

- None

Next board meeting – Monday, November 19, 2018

P.J. DiStefano adjourned the meeting at 2:31p.m.