Minutes from the CWEA P3S Committee Meeting 2/28/17 5p-6:30p Meeting and networking over 'Social Hour' at 44th P3S Annual Conference in Santa Rosa

Attending: Alina Constantinescu (P3S Chair), Shannon Simmers (P3S Vice-Chair), Conference Committee members, CWEA staff, representatives at large (est. 45 attendees)

Motion and second to approve **December 2016 meeting minutes**

CWEA Board Updates - Berlinda Blackburn, Committee Board Liaison from the South

- Past Board meeting January
- Upcoming Board meeting April at the Palms Springs Conference

Year in Review

- Meetings
 - Committee continued to have every-other-month meetings
 - o Each meeting was paired with training sessions or facility tours
 - o Online participation was facilitated when possible
 - o CEU Certificates were emailed for all the trainings
 - Committee hosted a training webinar February 2nd in collaboration with WEF. We had 80+ attendees and good feedback. Will plan more online trainings in the future.

P3S Grants

- o Committee distributed \$5,000 for P3S-related projects.
- Application window was open end of August until December 1; 6 applications received
- o 3 projects awarded:
 - \$2,000 for Water Education at Chaparral Hills Elementary
 - \$1,500 for Interactive Watershed 'Sandbox' South Orange County Wastewater Authority
 - \$1,500 for FOG Residential Outreach Program City of Chico
- If CWEA Board continues to support the program, the Committee will keep it going.
 FY 2017/2018 applications will be available this summer. Check our website and Yahoo group for the Grants announcement p3s.cwea.org

• ECI Exam Review

- CWEA staff and SMEs put in many hours revising the ECI Exams in the past couple of years
- o Grade 4 was the last one to be updated it's been completed 1/26 and the updated Study Guide is available on the CWEA website
- o Thank you to our amazing community for all your support in this process
- Outreach to ECI certificate holders
 - Shannon created a clipboard and handout packet for new ECI certificate holders.
 CWEA is sending her names as people pass the exams. Shannon sends a welcome letter, clipboard, and information to promote the P3S committee and encourage new folks in the industry to use the Committee as a resource.
- Facility of the Year Awards
 - o Committee awarded 7 awards and certificate of merits

- o Representatives from most industries attended the FOTY Lunch in Santa Rosa
- Nominations for next year will open July 1st
- New website!
 - We have a new website: <u>p3s.cwea.org</u>
 - o Thank you to CWEA staff Megan Barillo and Alec Mackie for rolling this out
- Acknowledgements
 - o THANK YOU to the Conference Committee, CWEA staff, our incredible speakers, session chairs, and conference volunteers for making P3S 2017 a success
 - Thank you to everyone who facilitated our trainings, assisted at our meetings, or volunteered in other roles this past year

2017 CWEA Annual Conference in Palm Springs

- P3S sessions track and P3S lunch Wednesday 4/26 (attachment)
- Early Bird registration discount ends 3/10
- Full details: <u>AC17.cwea.org</u>.

Looking ahead P3S Committee in 2017/2018

- 45th P3S Conference is being planned for Riverside
- Regular trainings and meetings as well as training webinars will continue

Next meeting will be at the CWEA Annual Conference in Palm Springs – Wednesday, April 26th, 2017, 11:50a – 1:20p.