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Cover photo Hunter Arnold looks on as AWWA National Vice President Jim Chaffee pins Jim Nelson with the Fuller Award. Congratulations Jim Nelson.

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As we race toward the end of 2011, let us first look over our shoulder at events that have helped shape our Section’s current year:

1. We have recently completed a very eventful and successful annual conference at the Beau Rivage in October. Hunter and Tina Arnold led a team of very capable and hardworking committees in planning and implementing this event. A very sizable attendance of over 500 members, spouses and guests enjoyed informative technical sessions, heated competitions, delicious food and fun entertainment. Many thanks to all who played a part in preparing and running this conference. And special thanks to our conference sponsors and exhibitors, whose generous contributions and attendance made much of this possible.

2. Recognizing the key to our future success, we have focused during the year on increasing participation and membership among our young professionals (YPs) in the Section. Several social events took place throughout the year and YPs have taken on roles in our annual conference. Increasing our YP members offers opportunities for them to network with peers and experienced water professionals as well as grow individually by taking on Section responsibilities and future leadership roles. We encourage management from utilities, consultants and suppliers alike to allow and encourage their YPs to ‘get involved’ in these opportunities, as they will lead to an informed, skilled and dedicated workforce.

3. Our Section has made efforts to be informed and to inform our legislators on current and pending water regulations that affect the quality, quantity and costs of our utilities providing members clean, safe water. In April our delegation visited our Congressional members to promote our stance on issues and have since followed up with additional meetings locally.

Despite the continued downward pressure on our economy during 2011, our AL-MS AWWA Section remains strong financially and continues to hold our membership at a consistent level. Your Board of Trustees is very aware of these times and is working diligently to provide value to our members. Our theme for the coming year is ‘Dare to Care in 2012’. In that regard, I ask that we dare to care for each other by seeing a need, getting involved and making a difference. We will strive to accomplish this through educational opportunities, membership (including YP) growth and involvement, legislative awareness and involvement, and recognition of those utilities, firms and individuals that make a difference to those they serve. Join us as we ‘Dare to Care in 2012’!

Speaking of recognition, congratulations to Jimmy Nelson of Allen & Hoshall Engineers in Jackson, MS for being selected to receive AWWA’s highest award, the Fuller Award, at our recent conference. Jimmy has dedicated his entire career to our industry and this honor is well deserved.

Jim Watterson, 2012 Chair
AL-MS Section AWWA
Hopefully, many of you took advantage of the opportunity to attend our Section’s Annual Conference this past October in Biloxi, Mississippi. Congratulations to Hunter and Tina Arnold, and all the members of the conference planning committee on an outstanding conference. Whether you realize it or not, practically all of the work done by our Section is done by volunteers in our organization. It is heart-warming and gratifying to see a group of dedicated volunteers work together to achieve a common goal which resulted in a well-planned, educational and entertaining event. Thanks again to all of you who played a part in putting together our annual conference. If you missed it, you missed a good one. We had tremendous attendance and were the recipients of good food and fellowship coupled with a strong technical program. I am expecting similar success in October 2012 at our annual conference in Mobile, Alabama. Hope to see you there.

Jim Chaffee, AWWA Vice President and Director of the Wisconsin Section, represented the Association at our Section’s conference. When I met Jim at the AWWA conference in Washington, D.C. this past summer and learned that he was coming to our Section’s conference, I encouraged him to be sure and bring his wife Jan. The Alabama-Mississippi Section is well-known within the Association for our tremendous spouse program at our conference. Frankly, many other Sections envy our Section for the success we have earned with our spouse program. They wish they could do the same. Well, Jim and Jan were not disappointed. I want to thank those of you that spent time with both Jim and Jan. You all really showed them what southern hospitality was all about. Thanks.

As part of his duties as a visiting Vice President, Jim prepared a report on his experience at our Section’s conference. Jim had numerous positive comments in his report about our Section. Jim particularly noted the momentum that appears to be growing in the Young Professionals group within our Section. He thoroughly enjoyed the YP Forum, and was appreciative of being asked to judge the water taste contest. Jim was also favorably impressed with the sound financial position of our Section. Jim also noted that our Section is working hard to provide more value to our members, particularly through activities beyond the annual conference such as webinars and remote training activities. This is something that I believe our Section wants to continue to improve upon. So, if you have ideas that will make your membership in AWWA more valuable to you, please don’t hesitate to contact me or one of the Section Trustees.

Thanks for your help and support, and thank you for your membership in AWWA.

Tom Walters
What can your Section do for You?

No doubt we all enjoyed a great conference in Biloxi last month. Our membership, including our supportive manufacturer’s representatives and vendors look forward to our annual meetings and have come to expect not only a professional series of sessions from which to gain developmental hours and continuing educational units but also to have an opportunity to relax, network and of course, be entertained.

But … did you know the Board of Trustees decided several years ago to further benefit our members by offering other venues throughout the year? Your Education Committees have announced high-profile speakers such as Dr. Singer and others who have given talks on subjects valuable to many of our water systems in both states. We are still able to offer these courses, seminars and workshops to our membership free of charge. Non-members are welcome for a fee, of course and many take advantage of registering with a one-year membership included. Lunch and refreshments are always included and we have also begun to offer webinars for those unable to leave their facilities or travel.

Much attention has also been placed upon our future leaders in this industry and your Section has recognized that by giving our Young Professionals or “YP” s an opportunity to participate in Section activities. YP’s joining AWWA now can immediately feel part of the Section by activities designed for and by YP’s. It is the Section’s way of assuring them they are truly a part of our organization, are an important part of our future as an organization and, are more importantly an asset towards sound and safe practices within the water works industry for years to come.

The Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works’ Strategic Planning process, first formally re-addressed in 1998 and again in 2001 and 2007 is a living document that must be addressed on a continual basis if this organization to operate to the benefit of its membership. The Plan closely mirrors that of our parent organization, AWWA. Tending to the needs of the membership as with the two examples I just mentioned have come directly from the Plan. Your Trustees intend to formally address the Plan again within a year and further determine how the Section can enhance offerings to the membership in order to build more value in being a member of AWWA.

As I have always said (and I’m a bit biased), the AL/MS Section of AWWA is the association of choice for our professional sector; Hunter, the Board of Trustees and the Planning Committee members just offered up a meaningful year for us all. As Chair Jim Watterson begins his tenure, I invite you all to let us know what you expect in the coming year. Please e-mail me with any ideas, expectations or needs you feel the Section might be able to explore so that I may share them with Jim. My e-mail is almsawwa@cableone.net, our office phone is (662) 719-7756 & our fax is (888) 326-8995. Look for our website (www.almsawwa.org) to be updated with new information prior to the end of November.

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The AL/MS Section of the American Water Works Association is preparing the 2012 Annual Conference technical program. Interested participants should submit an abstract for either presentation or poster. Space is limited for this year’s poster program, with a maximum of ten participants. **The first five accepted poster program abstracts, by a young professional or student, will include a free conference registration.** In addition, each poster by a young professional or student will be entered into the poster competition with the first place winner receiving a chance for a free registration to the 2013 AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition in Denver, CO.

Abstracts should include the title, a detailed description of the topic, authors’ names, and short bio for the primary contact. General categories for the technical program include:

- Regulatory Compliance,
- Finance and Administration,
- Customer Service,
- Water Resources,
- Water System Security,
- Water System Construction,
- Operations/Management,
- Surface Water,
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Please submit abstracts and questions to Jason Carter or Anne Cannon at jason.carter@arcadis-us.com, anne.cannon@arcadis-us.com, or (205) 930-5700. Materials may also be mailed to Malcolm Pirmie/ARCADIS, Inc. 2170 Highland Ave S STE 250, Birmingham, Alabama 35205 ATTN: Anne Cannon or faxed to (205) 930-5707.
James C. Nelson, PE, receives Award from the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association

James C. Nelson, PE, Vice President of Allen & Hoshall, is the recipient of the 2012 George Warren Fuller Award from the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association. The award is given annually to a member for distinguished service to the water supply field in commemoration of sound engineering skill, talent and leadership.

Mr. Nelson, a Jackson native and graduate of Mississippi State University, is a former chair and board of trustees’ member of the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association.

The recognition was announced by AWWA Vice President Jim Chaffee during the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association Annual Conference on October 4th in Biloxi, Miss.

“Jimmy is a well-deserved recipient of this honor. Besides being a past officer, he continues to be very involved and effective in the leadership of the organization,” said Hunter Arnold, outgoing Chair of the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association.

Mr. Nelson will also be recognized nationally at the American Water Works Association 2012 Conference in Dallas, TX in June. Award recipients become members of the George Warren Fuller Award Society of the American Water Works Association.
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Birmingham Water Works Board receives Award from the Partnership for Safe Water

The Birmingham Water Works Board is the recipient of the Five-Year Directors’ Award from the Partnership for Safe Water. The award is given annually to select members for their outstanding commitment to providing safe water.

Mr. Darryl Jones, of the Birmingham Water Works Board, accepted the award during the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association Annual Awards Meeting on October 4th in Biloxi, Miss. The award was presented by AWWA Vice President Jim Chaffee.

“We are proud that AWWA is recognizing Birmingham Water Works Board and their staff for the exemplary performance of the H.Y. Carson Filter Plant,” said Hunter Arnold, outgoing Chair of the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association.

Birmingham’s H. Y. Carson Filter Plant is one of only 165 treatment plants that have achieved this national award.

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Leeds Water Works Board Wins Best Tasting Water Award

From among seven water utilities that competed to be declared the best-tasting water in the two states of Alabama and Mississippi, Leeds Water Works Board of Leeds, Alabama won the Water Taste Test Competition held during the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association Annual Conference (AL-MS AWWA). The 2nd annual water taste test was sponsored by the Section’s Young Professionals’ Committee.

Mr. Bill Morris, of the Leeds Water Works Board, accepted the Best Tasting Water Award. The recognition was announced during the AL-MS AWWA Annual Sponsor Luncheon on October 4th in Biloxi, Miss.

“We congratulate the hard-working personnel of Leeds Water Works, and their community, on receiving this honor,” said Hunter Arnold, outgoing Chair of the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association.

During the competition, water samples were judged in the categories of taste, clarity and smell. Judges included Danny Hutcherson, of the Hach Company; Jim Chaffee, PE, Vice President of the AWWA; and Dr. Andrew Whelton, of the University of South Alabama.

The Leeds Water Works Board is eligible to compete nationally in the water test taste held during the American Water Works Association 2012 Conference in Dallas, TX in June.
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**MINUTES: Business Meeting AL/MS Section**  
**American Water Works Association, Oct. 3, 2011**

The meeting convened at 10:18 a.m. at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, MS.

**Hunter Arnold, Section Chair,** called the business meeting to order.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last Section Business Meeting held in October 2010, and to approve said minutes. The motion was passed unanimously and the minutes can be requested from Ken McCool via e-mail and are also available in a back issue of PIPELINE.

The Chair asked for a report from the following officers and committee chairs:

- **Amy McLeod, Secretary-Treasurer,** reported on the financial condition of the Section which showed a net gain of **$66,539.34** on September 30th, 2011. The chart below is a summary on income, expenses and current investments as of that date.
- **A motion was made by George Twiner and seconded by Chris Griffin to accept the financial report, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**Tom Walters, Director’s Report,** Tom reported on issues from National headquarters and the AWWA Board of Directors. Tom stated he is both pleased and honored to represent the Section at Denver.

**Jim Watterson, Audit,** reported that the bylaws require an annual audit, and that an external audit was conducted of the Section’s financials by the CPA firm of Wilson Price Barranco Blankenship & Billingsley P.C. of Montgomery, AL. Watterson reported that the audit found all accounts to be in order.

On a call for a motion by the Chair, Blake Jeffcoat moved to acct the audit report and Jimmy Wall seconded. All votes were ‘Aye’.

**Jim Miller, Scholarship Committee,** reported the following:

*The Chairman of the Memorial continued on page 23*

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### AL-MS Section Financial Status as of September 30, 2011

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**Net Assets** $563,271.50

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*CD 6449 closed on 8/2/11; $84,571.40 transferred to Money Market account; $100,000 transferred to Edward Jones acct*
After the final session is complete on Tuesday afternoon, session tickets will be pooled from all attendees that attended the final session to pull for the grand prize, a Nook.

This year during the strolling lunch, the YP’s will be hosting a water taste test and awarding the “Best Tasting Water” at the Joint Luncheon. Also during the ice cream social, there will be our famed Tapping Contest and “Meter Madness” competitions followed by a Hot Flare demonstration. All attendees are encouraged to visit the Beau Rivage’s Pool Deck during the competitions.

Chris Griffin, MAC, in a down economy our sponsors are still coming through for the section. We have a total of 31 sponsors this year. While this is down from 34 sponsors last year, our total sponsorship dollars have remained relatively the same, in fact there was a slight increase. We have 6 Platinum Sponsors (Lost 1 – Purate, but gained 2 new – EcoTech and Consolidated Pipe & Supply), 5 Gold Sponsors, 8 Silver Sponsors (1 new) and 12 bronze sponsors (4 new). Although exact dollars are yet to be determined, total sponsorships committed are over $32,000.

Chris thanked the members of the MAC Committee for their assistance this year, Rob Coleman (Assistant MAC), Carter Verplank - (Bronze Sponsor), David Stejskal, ICH2M HILL - Platinum Sponsor), and Jeremy Gwin (McWane – Gold Sponsor). All will be formally recognized for their support of the Section and this year’s conference at the awards luncheon Tuesday.

Phillip Gibson, Registration, Total attendance at this year’s meeting is over 500 with a few no-shows. Phillip gave a breakdown by Members (196), Speakers (31), Exhibitors (84), Spouses (105), YP’s (26), 1st Time YP’s Taking advantage of one-day registration (5), non-members (10) and non-members taking advantage of one-year memberships (6). On-site registrations were phenomenal and made up the balance.

Sam Agnew, Exhibits, reported a full exhibit hall with one booth slot vacant from a no-show; plenty of vendors and manufacturer reps were again turned away. As hoped, most vendors were quite pleased with the time allotted for attendees to visit including the strolling lunch and meet & greet. Many thanks to the Committee, our exhibitors, Beau management and to the exhibit company.

Harry Gong, PIPELINE Magazine, reported that three Pipeline Newsletters have been produced and distributed since the last meeting. An increase in distribution of the Pipeline from about 2,400 to 3,000 per issue was seen due to updated distribution lists which resulted in an increase in cost to produce and distribute from previous years. Ad sales for the year were only sufficient enough to cover the costs for the first two issues. Costs for the upcoming third issue for this year will attempt to be minimized to save on costs for the final issue. As for the future of the Newsletter, the Pipeline intends to continue to produce and distribute three newsletters for the upcoming year. Also a partnership with a production firm will be pursued in hopes to increase ad sales for the future and minimize any future costs to the Section. He reported he is always looking for technical and other interesting articles from the membership and increasing advertising clientele is first and foremost in his goals for the remainder of the year.

Ben Benvenutti, Water for People Golf Tournament, expressed his thanks to all the golfers and sponsors participating in...
this year’s WFP Golf Tournament. Chris Griffin will award plaques to our WFP sponsors during Ben’s absence at the joint luncheon. (The golf tournament raised over $3,600 and the Board of Trustees approved an overall donation of $10,000.00 to the Section’s Charity of Choice.)

Brian Shelton, Membership Committee, gave this report: The Committee has been evaluating membership trends with the assistance of National membership personnel to develop an understanding of where we’ve been and where we are so we determine how we need to move forward. The database maintained by National has proven to be very helpful, and with some assistance, we have been able to analyze some trends.

Looking at the Membership Totals, we can see that the internal mix of member types has remained constant over the years while total membership has fluctuated with the economy. In the months of September thru December, our Section has 316 memberships up for renewal, nearly a third of total membership. About half of these expire at the end of December. More than 90 of these have 5 yrs of service or less. We should be active in reminding and encouraging our members to renew. Growth relies on keeping good, solid, active members since access to them is often the reason and incentive for new people to join.

We have about 135 members who have 2 yrs or less membership in our Section. We need to engage them to become actively involved in the Section. Research has shown that is an effective way to retain members. Since our analysis shows this group to have the highest percentage of member non-renewals, we should concentrate on this group as a priority.

We have added a couple of members to our committee, Hunter Arnold from central Mississippi and Carson Smith from north Alabama. Additional members are needed from north and south Mississippi and south and central Alabama. We have been contacting new members, welcoming them to the Section and encouraging them towards involvement.

Our organization has a lot to offer members, their spouses and our vendors and each year, the offerings improve. This fact is a primary factor in the Section’s ranking among others in the Nation relative to member retention.

Blake Jeffcoat, Resolutions, asked the members present to stand, and then read the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, James V. Walters, Charles G. Munden, David D. Resler and Robb Darwin were faithful and dedicated life members of the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association; and
WHEREAS, they contributed by his loyalty and service to the Association; and
WHEREAS, they was respected and loved by his friends in the Association; and
WHEREAS, the members of the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association wish to recognize the loss of these valued and trusted friends.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association meeting on this 3rd day of October, 2011 in Biloxi, Mississippi do hereby express their sorrow and regret over the loss of such trusted and devoted friends; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and that individual
copies be sent to the families by our Secretary-Treasurer.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the resolution and the motion passed unanimously.

(Blake also reported that past members John Von Sprecken, Bob Morris and Dr. James Walters had also passed away this year. Many of our members enjoyed ongoing relationships with these previously active members)

**Jason Cumberland, Young Professionals**,
The Young Professionals’ Committee in 2011 was Co-chaired by Jason Cumberland with Hach Company and Kyle Massey with Montgomery Water Works and Sanitary Sewer Board. The Committee had an active year this year. Our main objective for the year was to organize 5 social/networking events in the Huntsville, Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile, and Jackson, MS regions. Our intent was to offer a fun activity for the current membership and to try to invite prospective Young Professional members to these social events. We looked at other YP Committees in other sections around the country and these were the sorts of networking/recruiting activities that they were conducting.

Of the five socials we planned, we were able to organize three of them:

- **July 7th – Birmingham Barons** - 39 Attendees
- **July 26th – Montgomery Biscuits** - 15 Attendees
- **July 27th – Mississippi Braves in Pearl, MS** - 11 Attendees (4 Members, plus spouses and children)

Feedback from the members who attended was very positive. No definite headcount of new YPs that joined AWWA as a result of these socials was able to be determined.

Nick Freeman with CH2M Hill represented the AL/MS Section at the 2011 YP Summit was held in Louisville, Kentucky on April 13th through April 15th. This was a joint Summit with YPs from AWWA Sections and WEF Member Associations. YPs from around the country were in attendance to network and share ideas on how YP Committees could plan activities that are attractive and valuable to YPs.

YP Activities at the 2011 Conference Include:

- Scavenger Hunt for YPs – Monday (all day)
- Water Taste Test – Monday at 12:30pm at the YP Exhibit Booth
- YP Forum – Monday at 4:00pm
- YP Social/Reception – Monday at 5:00pm

We want to thank the following people for their support of the YP Committee:

- Hunter Arnold and the Board – They were very supportive of the Committee’s activities and provided the necessary resources and guidance.
- Ken McCool – Ken was very helpful with all our requests for information and resources.
- Nick Freeman – For making time to attend the 2011 YP Summit.
- Brian Shelton – The Membership Committee helped us organize our recruiting email announcements for the socials.

**Mark Snow, Safety**, reported no information had been sent from National as of the Conference date. Mark also reported for the Government Affairs Committee and how well the event went. The committee’s work has continued throughout the year, particularly in Alabama and lines of communication remained open to their State & Federal legislators.

**Hercy Golsen (AL) & Brian Granger (MS)**, Education, reported on the educational offerings for each of their respective States.

**Keith Lowery, Entertainment**, hoped everyone had enjoyed the entertainment so far featuring our own Chris Gill Sunday evening (Meet & Greet). Our scheduled dance instructor (following the Sunday evening Buffet) unfortunately had to cancel due to illness. Keith announced the upcoming entertainment as luncheon motivational speaker, humorist & columnist Marshall Ramsey. Tuesday night Meet & Greet musician, Chris Gill will return and our Banquet Night entertainment is to be Raphael Semmes and ‘Mississippi Live’.

**Hugh Smith, Time & Place**, stated that the location for the 2013 AL/MS Section Conference is Harrah’s Hotel and Casino in Tunica, Mississippi and the dates are October 13-15, 2013. Harrah’s Hotel & Casino Tunica promises to be a nice change of venue. We have not held our conference there since 2007.

Upon a call for a motion from the Chair, Ken McCool moved to accept the Time & Place Committee’s recommendation and Sam McElroy seconded. All votes were ‘Aye’.

**Sam McElroy, Nominations**, submitted the following nominations as AL/MS Section officers for 2011 - 2012.

- **Chair – Jim Watterson**
- **Past Chair – Hunter Arnold**
- **Vice Chair – Hugh Smith**
- **Trustee-at-Large (AL) – David Stejskal**
- **Trustee-at-Large (MS) – Sam Agnew**
- **Secretary-Treasurer (2nd of her 3-year term to expire December 31, 2012) – Amy McLeod**

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Director (2nd of his 3-year term to expire June 2013) – Tom Walters

Chair Arnold asked if there were nominations from the floor; having none, the Chair asked for a motion to close nominations. After a motion from Blake Jeffcoat was made to close the nominations, Keith Lowery seconded; all present voted to close nominations. Blake Jeffcoat motioned to approve the slate of officers as presented. Keith Lowery seconded and thereafter, upon a voice vote, all proposed nominees were unanimously elected.

Jim Watterson, ByLaws, reminded the membership of the notice of the ByLaw amendments sent out by mass e-mail, posted in the PIPELINE and on our website within the time period prior to this meeting as required by National. The change made last year unfortunately did not include some wording required by National and that is why we are conducting the new vote. The main change, as last year had to do with the way we elected our Directors and added to that amend was a clause to allow multi-Section members voting rights. Upon a motion by Ken McCool and a second by Tom Walters, the amendment to the ByLaws was unanimously approved by voice votes.

Ken McCool, Section Manager/Membership, reminded attendees of his availability throughout the conference and throughout each year to assist with any problems which might arise. He also encouraged the group to learn more about AWWA benefits at the varying membership classifications and get out there and recruit. Although we are holding our own in membership numbers compared with other Sections, we are in a gradual decline over the years. Utility members are our primary concern in recruitment and that is also reflected across the Sections.

Ken also brought up our capability of mass-emailing via AWWA’s database; this is a terrific tool for reminding members of important events and changes within the Section such as our educational program. However, due to privacy concerns he cannot email to those who have checked “No Promotional Emails or faxes” on their member profiles. Many members intended that to block spam and other external nuisance mail and NOT internal Section mail. Although Ken has had only one complaint, National is strictly forbidding Sections to “blast” email or faxes to that category. If any members would like to receive Section information via email (we never use faxes) they should contact Ken and request a profile change.

Adjourn; There being no further business and upon a motion by Tom Walters and second by Stenson Biggs the meeting was duly adjourned by Chair Hunter Arnold.
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