MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As an organization dedicated to serving those who confront serious environmental threats, we often hear from people who feel isolated, powerless and uncertain about the future. As we move through a new year marked by these feelings, let me say with deep certainty that your support of Midwest Environmental Advocates is building hope in 2020 and beyond.

You are sustaining MEA as MEA is standing with Wisconsinites to defend our rights to clean water, land and air. We have never been more grateful for this connection we have with you. Thank you for making 2019’s stories of empowerment and optimism possible and for supporting the progress that lies ahead.

Tony Wilkin Gibart

FINANCIALS

**REVENUE**

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**Total Revenues**

$875,498

**EXPENSES**

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STATEWIDE ADVOCACY

We monitor state government and advocate for policies that promote environmental stewardship and protect the health of Wisconsin families.

LEGAL SERVICES

We provide affordable legal services to individuals and grassroots groups confronting environmental threats. We also work to develop impact litigation strategies that bring about systemic change through specific legal actions.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION

More than 100 people call our help line every year seeking resources and information. We give them the tools they need to hold industry and government accountable to environmental and public health standards.

RESOURCES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local units of government can play an important role in safeguarding public health through environmental protection. We provide guidance to local officials to help them understand their authority under the law.

TOGETHER WE MAKE AN IMPACT AND CHANGE LIVES

In early 2019, legislators announced the creation of a task force to address Wisconsin's growing water quality crisis.

MEA participated in the work of the task force by providing legal analysis and policy recommendations on the environmental and public health threats posed by a range of contaminants, including nitrates, PFAS and lead.

Citizen engagement is critical to holding government accountable to its promise of improving water quality, so MEA created a guide to help families prepare to give their own testimony.

As legislators drafted new laws based on task force findings, we evaluated each proposal to make sure that new legislation truly responded to the health concerns and needs of Wisconsin families.
2019 Year in Review

Stewardship

Wetlands Protection
Represented the Ho-Chunk Nation as part of a frac-sand mining company’s appeal of our victory that has halted the destruction of pristine and rare wetlands.

Clean Drinking Water
Provided important legal analysis to enable DNR to expand groundwater protections in areas where drinking water is vulnerable to manure pollution.

Community

Public Health
Provided legal and technical guidance to local governments on their authority to protect their communities from public health threats associated with metallic mining, coal-fired power plants and oil pipelines.

Local Control
Obtained a moratorium on the construction or expansion of large livestock facilities in Crawford County and set the stage for local protections based on the latest scientific research and the health, safety and welfare of community members.

Responsive Government
Successfully urged the state to begin the process of setting public health standards for PFAS.
EMPOWERMENT

EDUCATION
Educated lawmakers on the public health threats posed by nitrates, lead, and PFAS at Water Quality Task Force hearings. Reviewed proposed water quality legislation and provided legal analysis, testimony and recommendations.

TRIBAL RIGHTS
Welcomed Equal Justice Works Fellow, Robert Lundberg, who is working on ways to improve tribal consultation practices so that tribes have stronger voices in the development and permitting of projects affecting the environment.

ADVOCACY
Advocated for changes to the way large livestock farms are licensed that would give local governments more authority to protect water, air and land.

JUSTICE

PUBLIC RIGHTS
Protected the Great Lakes by ensuring adequate opportunity for public participation during the environmental review process of Waukesha’s planned diversion of Lake Michigan water.

ACCOUNTABILITY
Filed a ‘friend of the court’ brief challenging the constitutionality of the lame-duck session called by the legislature in late 2018. The lame-duck laws weaken the power of the state to update environmental protections and to hold polluters accountable.

REGULATION & ENFORCEMENT
Prepared to argue before the Wisconsin Supreme Court in a Kewaunee-County case about the DNR’s ability to protect water resources from manure pollution.
Grants
Brico Fund
C.S. Mott Foundation
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McKnight Foundation
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