



The Wave

Spring 2024

SWOWEA BOGO Section Meeting Wednesday, May 16th, 2024

City of Mason Public Utilities

Mason WRP Plant Tours

3200 Mason Morrow Millgrove Rd



Mason Ohio

Vega Factory Tour

3877 Mason Research Pkwy

Lebanon Ohio 45036

Receive two plant tours for the
price of one!! Mason WRP &
VEGA factory tours.

Time	Presentation Title
8:30am	Tours Begin Meet at Administration Buildings
Lunch: 12:00	Catering to be provided by:  
Business Meeting: 12:30-1:00	Welcome – SWOWEA
Technical Sessions: Sessions will begin at 1:00 PM and last until 4:00 PM.	
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	City of Mason Plant Profile OWEA- OM — 0.75 HR
1:45 pm – 2:30 pm	Cy Overbeck L&L Environmental Services (Vega Overview) OWEA-OM — 0.75 HR
2:30 pm –3:00 pm	Afternoon Break & Door Prizes
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm	Chris Miller Peristaltic Pumps in The Environmental Marketplace OWEA-OM — 0.75 HR
3:45 pm	Closing Statement

Directions

Pre-register by May 14th at www.ohiowea.org. Pre-registration fees are \$35 members, \$45 non-members, \$15 students (w/ID). Walk-ins -\$50 members, \$50 non-members. Meeting is free for new members with paid membership application

Contact: Christopher Zdinak SWOWEA Treasurer at christopher.zdinak@cincinnati-oh.gov or (513) 904-8214.

Credit card payment is available through www.ohiowea.org only. Please honor your reservation with payment if unable to attend.



President's Corner

Hard to believe spring is already here! This is my last Wave as Section President. The past year has flown by for me. Our new Executive Committee will be updated later this summer.

I want to thank our Collections committee for putting on a great event at Xylem and Stonelick Hills Country Club. I believe we had a total of 4 tour groups for the walk around Xylem's facility in Milford. It was interesting to get a first person view of their day to day operations in pump repair, maintenance, and replacement.

Upcoming Events

Registration has opened for the May Section Meeting which will be held on May 16th. There are two tours available, one at the Mason WRP and one at the Vega Facility, both in Mason. The tours will be followed by lunch, business meeting, and technical presentations at the Manor House in Mason. I hope to see everyone there.

Our Young Professionals Committee is hosting a tour of the Hamilton Water Plant at 5140 River Road on May 9th at 3pm. There will be 1 contact hour offered for this tour. If you need more information, please reach out to Julia Manzano at Julia.manzano@arcadis.com

Please put a place holder in your calendar for our May Section Meeting which will be held around May 16, 2024. Our current plan is to host this meeting at the VEGA facility in Mason, Ohio. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

The OWEA Collections Seminar is also coming up on May 21st. This is a great event and I have always enjoyed seeing several Southwest attendees in past years.

I want to thank all the EC members before me for their leadership and guidance during my time. In my time on the EC a few roles were vacated ahead of me for various reasons, so I felt like I was drinking through a firehose at times trying to keep up with my roles. People like Dave Reinker, Justin Bahar, and Dave Wilson made the changes less daunting for me, and I appreciate their willingness to always help and guide.

It has been exciting seeing our committees get rolling with events more frequently post Covid. I look forward to watching those events continue to grow and hope to see as many people there as possible.

Being a part of SWOWEA over the years has truly helped me develop the relationships that I have now in the Southwest area. I have met so many of you through this organization, and for that reason I will always encourage others to get involved. The friendships made during that time will continue on.

Last I want to thank our sponsors and advertisers for their continued support and commitment to this great organization. So many things are made possible through your support and we truly appreciate all you do.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you all. Southwest is Best!

Kevin Stilwell, PE SWOWEA President



Upcoming Executive Committee

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During the business meeting at the May Section Meeting, the new 3rd Year Director will be

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Committee Reports

Industrial Waste Committee

The Industrial Waste Committee is actively preparing for the next Industrial Waste Seminar (IWS) to be held January 23, 2025 at the Manor House in Mason, Ohio. Activities include:

- Soliciting nominations for next year's Karl G. Voelkel (KGV) Industry Award. This industry should exemplify and embrace environmental awareness and have consistently met effluent discharge requirements.
- Identifying presenters, sponsors, and exhibitors to participate in the 2025 IWS.
- Recruiting new members to be on the SWOWEA Industrial Waste Committee to assist with development of the IWS.

If you would like to find out more about the Industrial Waste Committee, please check us out on the Southwest OWEA website site at <https://southwestowea.org/industrial-waste-cmte>.

Please contact Jeff Frechtling at jeff.frechtling@bcohio.gov or Barb Swafford at bswafford@zoomtown.com if you are interested in any of the above activities.



Collections System Committee



The March Section meeting, with a Collection System focus, was a huge success. The day started with a set of small group tours of the Xylem Solutions USA facility in Milford. A special thanks goes out to the staff at Xylem for a well-organized and extremely informative group of presentations at various work areas at their facility.

The tours were followed by lunch and the SWOWEA business meeting at The Golf Club at Stonelick Hills. Several technical presentations, covering various collection systems topics, were provided to a very engaged group of attendees. A post meeting “recap” was “conducted” at Little Miami Brewing Company.

A reminder that the annual statewide Collection System Workshop will be held on May 21, 2024 in Dublin, Ohio. Registration ends May 17th. See the OWEA website for program details and to register.

As always, if you have any recommendations for collection system presentation topics or suggestions for future workshops, both at the Section level or at the State level, feel free to reach out to me at stevedonovan62@gmail.com.

Remember...no pipes, no plants!

Steve Donovan



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PLANT OPERATIONS “NEARLY FREE” SEMINAR
Thursday, June 13, 2024**

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6880 Springfield-Xenia Rd
Yellow Springs, OH 45387

PRESENTATIONS

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Aeration Control, Operator Certification and more!

CONTACT HOURS

Between 5-6 Contact Hours Available.

LUNCH

Lunch will be provided

REGISTRATION

Pre-Register Online by 6/6/24 at www.ohiowea.org
Registrations accepted day of event on a “first come, first serve” basis,
event size may be limited, pre-registration guarantees your seat.
Pay online or at the door by cash or check; make checks payable to
“SWOWEA”.

**\$20 pre-registered (before 6/6/24)
\$25 walk ins (after 6/6/24)**

Questions? Please contact Alyssa Mayer at
amayer@hazenandsawyer.com or 513-469-5135

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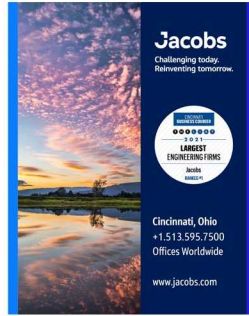


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