

## President's Corner

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve as the SWOWEA Section President for 2021-2022. The time spent getting to this point has been the most rewarding part of the journey. By volunteering in this organization, I have met consultants, engineers, and operators who make our jobs better, safer, and more efficient. All of which go hand-in-hand with our mission to keep the water and environment clean for future generations.

First, a THANK YOU to now past President Kelly Kuhbander. You did a wonderful job leading us during a "Virtual Year". From Zoom EC meetings to leading us to do virtual section meetings, you kept the Southwest section continuing towards the path of our motto, "Southwest is Best!" Enjoy past president duties and know that you have our appreciation for all the years you served on the EC.

I'd like to introduce myself to the Organization. I am the Supervisor for the City of Miamisburg Water Reclamation Facility. I am a Class III operator responsible for a 4.0 MGD activated sludge plant serving approximately 20,000 residents. I started my career with the City of Miamisburg in 1993 after attending Bowling Green University for two years. In 1997, I became a Class III operator and then Supervisor in 2008.

I am a lifelong resident of Miamisburg. Being able to give back to my community has been one of the most satisfying parts of the job. I am proud to be a "Miamisburger" as locals are referred to, and reside here with my wife of 20 years, Cynthia, our two sons Thomas (15) and Joel (13). Outside of work, I enjoy hunting, fishing, boating, and soccer. I coached eight years of select travel soccer and three years as girl's assistant JV and Varsity High School soccer coach before stepping down this year.

With One Water just wrapping up, it was an excellent show with over 900 in person attendees. Thanks to Dawn, Megan, Chelsea (OWEA), Emily (OAWWA), and conference Co-Chairs Dave Wilson and Pete Kube (OWEA), and Cliff Shrive and Lance Livesay (OAWWA). Also thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the golf outing, room moderators, scanners, tours and

everything else that made the conference great. Southwest could not have put this on without all of YOU!

Looking forward, the Plant Operations committee will be holding an in person "Almost Free" seminar August 19th, 2021 at Greene County fairgrounds. There will be 3 contact hours available, a box lunch from Young's Dairy, with ice cream cup, all for the low price of \$15-member pre-registered, or \$20 nonmember, and walk in if available. Preregister to guarantee a seat! Also, On September 16, 2021 Miamisburg will be hosting the Southwest Section meeting (make up from May 2020). Make plans to attend and see the upgrades that have been made since the last time we hosted in May 2015.

Please be sure to check our new website <https://southwestowea.org/> for all the latest updates. You may also check <http://www.ohiowea.org/>.

Finally, I look forward to serving you, the members. Please get involved, as we are always looking for new ideas that come with new members. Join a committee, volunteer, and, in return, you will be rewarded with invaluable networks and relationships that will last a career. Please reach out to me with questions about volunteering, or suggestions for the SWOWEA Executive Committee, because we are here for you.

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## The Wave

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# SWOWEA Section Meeting

Thursday, 16 September 2021

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<b>Host:</b>	<b>Miamisburg Water Reclamation Facility</b> Miamisburg WRF 9139 Dayton Cincinnati Pike Miamisburg OH 45342
<b>Tour: 9:00–11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Plant Tour:</b> **OEPA-S-#####-OM                      0.75 hrs Meet at the Administration Building
<b>Registration: 11:30– 12:00</b>	Baum Opera House 15 South First Street Miamisburg, OH 45342
<b>Lunch: 12:00</b>	Menu–TBD
<b>Business Meeting: 12:30 p.m.</b>	Welcome Michelle Collins, Mayor Business Meeting David Reinker, SWOWEA President
<b>1:00-1:45</b>	TBD
<b>1:45-2:15</b>	TBD
<b>2:15-2:45</b>	Break & Door Prizes
<b>2:45-3:30</b>	TBD
<b>3:30</b>	Closing Statement

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**Pre-register by 09 September 2021**  
[www.ohiowea.org](http://www.ohiowea.org). Pre-registration fees are \$15 members, \$25 non-members, \$5 students (w/ID). Walk-ins -\$35 members, \$50 non-members.

Contact: Ed Smith, SWOWEA Treasurer at [esmith@masonoh.org](mailto:esmith@masonoh.org) or (513) 469-2750.

Credit card payment is available through [www.ohiowea.org](http://www.ohiowea.org) only. Meeting is free for new members with paid membership application. Please honor your reservation with payment if unable to attend.

We will be following CDC and state guidelines regarding COVID-19 which may include masks, social distancing, and other safety measures. The latest CDC guidelines for preventing the spread of Covid-19 can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>



# Committee Reports

## Collection Systems Committee



I would first like to thank our previous SWOWEA Collection Systems Committee Chair, Dan Martin, who has gone above and beyond serving this committee with distinction for the past eight years! Dan will still be an active member of the committee as he takes on the responsibilities as Co-Chair of the State Collection Systems Committee.

As a quick introduction on myself, my family moved to southwest Ohio in 2000 where I graduated from Wilmington High School and later earning a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Dayton. I now reside in the Cincinnati area with my wife, Amanda. For the last eight years I have worked for Strand Associates, Inc. focusing on wastewater collection systems planning, design, and construction administration. I have been involved with the Collections System Committee as part of SWOWEA and the state level for the last few years and I am excited to assist further as the SWOWEA Collections System Chair.

Unfortunately, due to the lingering pandemic concerns the annual Collection Systems Hands-On Seminar, normally held in the fall will still be canceled for this year, with every hope that it will resume in 2022. In the meantime, we are always on the lookout for interesting presentation topics and suggestions for future workshops, feel free to reach out to me if you are aware of any ([adam.athmer@strand.com](mailto:adam.athmer@strand.com), 513-861-5600).

See you out in the system!

Adam Athmer ([adam.athmer@strand.com](mailto:adam.athmer@strand.com))

## Industrial Waste Committee



The Industrial Waste Committee is in the process of planning the Industrial Waste Seminar to be held January 27, 2022 at the Manor House in Mason. As of now, the plans for the Seminar include a full day of in-person presentations, access to Exhibitor information and opportunities to socialize with colleagues... something we all have missed in the past year.

We are looking for presenters, exhibitors, and a Karl G. Voelkel Industry Award winner. So, if you are interested in presenting or exhibiting, or know an industry that exemplifies and embraces environmental awareness, please contact Jeff Frechtling at [jeff.frechtling@bcohio.us](mailto:jeff.frechtling@bcohio.us) or Barb Swafford at [bswafford@zoomtown.com](mailto:bswafford@zoomtown.com).

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## Plant Ops Committee



First off, the Plant Operations Committee would like to say thank you to everyone for your continued support and patience as we worked through some unprecedented times. With that being said we are happy to announce that we plan to hold an in-person event in August. Our “Nearly Free” event that we offer every June was postponed this year and we have rescheduled for Thursday August 19, 2021 at the Greene County Fairgrounds. The event will have reduced capacity to promote social distancing and will be following other CDC guidelines. This half-day event has been approved for 3 contact hours and we will be offering a boxed lunch by Young’s dairy with an ice cream cup

1. 8:30 am - *Welcome Coffee - Donuts*
2. 9:00-9:45am *Operating and Maintaining Dewatering Decanters (Chuck Shaw – Alfa Laval)* (45 min)
3. 9:45 - 10:30 *Round Table - How Did You Get Here? (Led by Dave Reinker – City of Miamisburg)* (45 min)
4. 10:30 - 10:45 *Break*
5. 10:45 - 11:30 *City of Hamilton WRF Plant Profile (David Jenkins- City of Hamilton)* (45 min)
6. 11:30 - 12:15 *Introduction to Modeling and Simulation (Mike Lunn - Primodal)* (45 min)
7. 12:15 – *Lunch (Young’s Dairy)*

Later this year we also plan to hold our Annual November Seminar on Thursday November 18 at the Manor House. More details for this event will be available as we get closer to that event. Keep and eye out for the email blast as well as updates on the SWOWEA web page. If you have any questions about upcoming events or how you can get involved with the SWOWEA Plant Operations Committee please contact Alyssa Mayer [amayer@hazenandsawyer.com](mailto:amayer@hazenandsawyer.com) or Bryan McNutt [bryanm@cityofmiddletown.org](mailto:bryanm@cityofmiddletown.org).

## Public Education Committee

I’ve truly cherished being able to serve as the Public Education Committee Chair for the past 8 years. It has brought great pleasure being able to guide our future generations toward wastewater and water careers and show them the importance of clean water. Due to some increased roles, I am unable to continue serving as the Chair of this committee in a way that allows us to provide proper outreach. If you are interested in serving as the Public Education Committee Chair please reach out to me. Thank you.

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# SWOWEA/OWEA Events

**August 19, 2021**

**September 16, 2021**

**October 16-20, 2021**

**November 18, 2021**

**December 3, 2021**

Plant Operations “Almost Free” Seminar, Greene County fairgrounds Xenia, OH

SWOWEA Section meeting, Miamisburg, OH

WEFTEC, Chicago IL

Plant Operations Seminar and Section Meeting, Manor House Mason, OH

Past Presidents Luncheon Manor House Mason, OH

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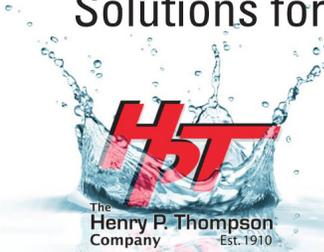
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