

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.

David Reinker
dave.reinker@cityofmiamisburg.com
937 847-6651



Executive Committee

President:
David Reinker
City of Miamisburg

Vice President:
Justin Bahar
MSD of Greater Cincinnati

Treasurer:
Ed Smith
City of Mason

Secretary:
Kevin Stilwell
Clear Consulting, Inc.

1 Year Director:
Bryan McNutt
City of Middletown

2 Year Director:
Chris Zdinak
MSD of Greater Cincinnati

3 Year Director:
Joseph Kamalesh
Stantec Inc.

Past President:
Kelly Kuhbander
Strand Associates, Inc

The Wave

*Newsletter of the Southwest
Section of the Ohio Water
Environment Association*

Editor: Kevin Stilwell - Clear Consulting, Inc.
Layout: Megan Bomar - Hazen & Sawyer

SWOWEA Section Meeting

Thursday, 16 September 2021

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

Pre-register by 09 September 2021
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 or (513) 469-2750.

Credit card payment is available through 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, 513-861-5600).

See you out in the system!

Adam Athmer (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 or Barb Swafford at bswafford@zoomtown.com.

Industrial Waste Committee Co-chairs:

Jeff Frechtling jeff.frechtling@bcOhio.us 513-887-3220

Barb Swafford bswafford@zoomtown.com 513-288-3743

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 or Bryan McNutt 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.

Kevin Stilwell kstilwell@clearconsultinginc.com

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

OneWater

At Jacobs, we think differently about water.

We view all water as a valuable resource and work with clients to tackle the issues that impact communities such as climate, safe reliable water, and flooding.

Let us show you how our OneWater approach provides our clients and communities the foundations they need to flourish and grow.



Strand Associates, Inc.®
 Excellence in Engineering Since 1946.




STRAND ASSOCIATES®

Nationally-Ranked
 Award-Winning
 Engineering Services
 11 Locations • 513-861-5600 • www.strand.com



Hazen

If you're trusted to protect public health
 and the environment, we can help.

hazenandsawyer.com



BL ANDERSON
 Process Equipment • Gates • Field Service • Parts

"Your Partner for Process Solutions
 Since 1961"

CORPORATE OFFICE:
 4801 TAZER DRIVE
 LAFAYETTE, IN 47905
 PHONE: (765) 463-1518
 SERVING INDIANA

EASTERN OFFICE:
 8887 EAGLE RIDGE COURT
 WEST CHESTER, OH 45069
 PHONE: (513) 889-4746
 SERVING OHIO AND KENTUCKY

www.blanderson.com

Providing Clean Water
 Solutions for over 100 Years



1-800-597-5099
www.hpthompson.com

The **Henry P. Thompson**
 Company Est. 1910

101 Main Street, Suite 300 • Milford, OH 45150



11th Annual Race For Global Water 5k
Saturday, August 14th, 2021
9:00 AM
Fairfield Waterworks Park
5133 Groh Lane
Fairfield, OH 45014



Help support Water For People and make a difference for developing countries by participating in this year's Race for Global Water 5K Run & Walk at the Water Works Park Bike Path.

Sign up to run, walk, or volunteer today!



In the past ten years, we have had over 1200 runners and walkers, 160 volunteers, the support of various donors and sponsors who helped us raise over \$60,000 for Water For People.

Volunteer, Donate, Sponsor and Participate!

For more information and registration, visit

<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Fairfield/GlobalWater5KRunWalk>

Or use QR code above



2021 Race For Global Water



@GlobalWater5K



water for people
EVERYONE • FOREVER

