

President's Corner

I think it is safe to say that I have had the pleasure of being the SWOWEA president in the absolute strangest year of our organization! Despite all the virtual meetings and cancelled or postponed events, we have been working hard behind the scenes to keep SWOWEA moving forward and continue to grow and develop our organization and the events we bring to our membership. Major thanks and appreciation is due to the OWEA staff in Columbus who played a critical role in organizing and supporting virtual event hosting, registration, and even providing an "on-demand" option for virtual learning.

Get Involved

I would like to recognize the executive committee for their work and support this past year:

- Erik Torgersen - Past-President, TDE Engineering
- Kelly Kuhbander, President, Strand Associates
- Dave Reinker, Vice-President, City of Miamisburg
- Justin Bahar, Treasurer, MSDGC
- Kevin Stilwell, Secretary, Clear Consulting
- Bryan McNutt, 1st Year Director, City of Middletown
- Ed Smith, 2nd Year Director, City of Mason
- Chris Zdinak, 3rd Year Director, MSDGC

If you would like to become more involved in SWOWEA, the place to start is by joining one of our many committees! The existing committees you might consider joining include:

- Collections
- Industrial Waste
- Plant Operations
- Public Education
- Safety
- Watershed
- Young Professionals

As your organization brings in and trains new younger wastewater professionals, please

encourage them to become SWOWEA members and to attend events. One of the best ways for them to learn is through networking and learning from others experiences - becoming a member of SWOWEA will provide them with an opportunity for growth and continued professional education.

Executive Committee Nomination

I would like to share that the executive committee has nominated Joseph Kamalesh (Stantec) to serve as the new 3rd year director when our positions rotate in the summer of 2021. Congratulations Joseph on this nomination and thank you for your willingness to serve on the executive committee and for your years of diligent service a member of the watershed committee.

One Water Conference 2021

The Southwest section is looking forward to hosting the 2021 One Water Joint OWEA and AWWA Conference in 2021 in Cincinnati! The event is being held at the Duke Energy Convention Center on July 26-29. To show our support and commitment to this event and to give back to our members, SWOWEA executive committee decided to sponsor the One Water Conference for 2021. Visit the one water website for registration and additional details: <https://onewaterohio.org/>

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns related to SWOWEA:
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Executive Committee

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Committee Reports

Industrial Waste Committee



The Southwest Industrial Waste Committee supported an On-Demand Industrial Waste and Operations Virtual Workshop in conjunction with the Northeast Section. This virtual event was held on February 10 through 24 and provided six contact hours. We hope that the Seminar provided everyone a chance to learn and obtain contact hours.

The Industrial Waste Committee is now 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@bcchio.us or Barb Swafford at swafford@zoomtown.com.

Industrial Waste Committee Co-chairs:

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Plant Ops Committee



The Plant Operations Committee is continuing to meet virtually as a group to coordinate training opportunities. We are currently looking for opportunities to gather for an in-person event late this summer or early fall. We continue to strive to support operations staff and all of our SWOWEA members by coordinating access to low-cost contact hours, and we look forward to the opportunity to do so safely in-person again. If you have any topic ideas that you are interested in seeing at our next event or if you are interested in participating the in SWOWEA Plant Ops Committee, please reach out to Alyssa Mayer (amayer@hazenandsawyer.com) or Bryan McNutt (bryanm@cityofmiddletown.org).

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Collection Systems Committee



We had a near-capacity crowd of about 70 attendees to the State Collection Systems Seminar on May 4th in Columbus (Dublin). Our 6 CEUs covered large diameter sewer assessment and rehabilitation, cured-in-place pipe rehabilitation with UV curing, CMOM, I/I reduction, and identifying sewer defects with artificial intelligence. It was great to be in-person! This gives me great excitement for One Water this summer.

Unfortunately, the COVID bug has bitten our annual Hands-On Seminar which normally occurs in the fall. It will make a valiant return for 2022, so send me any topics and speaker suggestions you may have (dmartin@raconsultantsllc.com 513.469.6600).

See you out in the system!

Dan Martin dmartin@raconsultantsllc.com

SWOWEA/OWEA Events

June 2-3, 2021
June 9, 2021
July 14, 2021
August 11, 2021

Plant Operations and Lab Workshop
 June Webinar
 July Webinar
 August Webinar

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