

“Online” Section Meeting



Thursday, September 24

Host: SWOWEA

Tours: PRE-RECORDED and will be presented

Registration: ohiowea.org

Initial registration will be as usual.

Since this is a virtual event, after you register at OWEA you will be sent a link to register with “GoTo Webinar” sometime before the event. You will need to register at both OWEA and later at “GoTo Webinar”.

In order to qualify for Contact Hours, attendees will need to respond to polling questions during and at the end of each presentation.

Technical Sessions: 9:00 am – 9:30 am
9:00am - 11:00am Piqua WWTP Tour

Chris Melvin, Piqua Superintendent
OEPA-XXXXXXXXXX-OM – 0.5 hrs

OEPA contact hours are being applied for each of the technical sessions.

9:30 am – 11:00 am
“Piqua WWTP Improvements: Planning, Design, Construction, and SCADA System Development”
Chris Melvin, Piqua Superintendent, Mark George, CDM Smith, Michael Jagels, CDM Smith
OEPA-XXXXXXXXXX-OM – 1.5 hrs

Pre-register by September 18, 2020 at:
ohiowea.org

Pre-registration fees are:
\$10 members
\$20 non-members

Registration is capped so it may close early if event is filled.

Contact: Justin Bahar,
SWOWEA Treasurer at 513-801-3458 or
[Justin Bahar](mailto:Justin.Bahar@ohiowea.org)

Credit card payment is available through ohiowea.org only

Please honor your reservation with payment if unable to attend.

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The Wave

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President's Corner

I want to start by thanking our outgoing President, Erik Torgersen who did an amazing job not only as President but also over the past several years serving on the executive committee. I also want to thank Keith Heffner for his many years of service to the Southwest section. Keith just finished serving as the SWOWEA Vice President and was set to serve as section President this year but made the decision to retire and move to Florida to care for his relatives. Erik and Keith, we sincerely thank you both for all the time and energy you have given to this organization.

I grew up in Northwest Ohio and attended Ottawa-Glandorf High School. I received my Bachelors of Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Dayton and my Masters of Business Administration from Xavier University. I live in Madeira with my husband, Justin, and our three kids, Bryce(8), Lyla(6) and Remy(3). I work for Strand Associates in Cincinnati and am very thankful to Strand for supporting my involvement in SWOWEA.

I have been involved as a SWOWEA committee member for nearly a decade. I started serving on the young professionals and watershed committees and after several years was nominated to join the executive committee. My time serving the organization has been rewarding and I have certainly learned a lot about the organization and the wastewater industry as a result of my involvement in OWEA. I have particularly enjoyed meeting and getting to know the wonderful people that comprise our membership. I look forward to serving as the SWOWEA President for the coming year.

The Southwest Ohio Executive Committee is currently comprised of the following individuals:

- Erik Torgersen, Past-President, TD Engineering, LLC
- Kelly Kuhbander, President, Strand Associates, Inc.
- Dave Reinker, Vice-President, City of Miamisburg
- Justin Bahar, Treasurer, MSDGC
- Kevin Stilwell, Secretary, Clear Consulting, Inc.

- Bryan McNutt, 1st Year Director, City of Middletown
- Ed Smith, 2nd Year Director, City of Mason

As a volunteer organization, we will all be working together to provide the Southwest section with the best events that we can during this challenging time. We will be keeping the health and safety of our members as our highest priority. As I am sure you are expecting, many of our events will be held virtually in the coming year. We are all learning and adapting to this new normal, and we will continue to improve our virtual events based on your feedback and what does and does not work. We are working more closely with other sections of OWEA to plan events on a shared calendar - our members are encouraged to attend the virtual events hosted by all the sections state-wide. This is an opportunity for our members to hear from other areas of the state by attending low cost or free virtual events.

I wish everyone the best as we continue to navigate through the countless challenges and changes that are constantly being thrown at us. It has been and will continue to be an incredibly challenging year for most. Please continue to stay positive and give yourself and others the grace that we all need and deserve from time to time. The wastewater industry is essential - you should all be very proud of the important work that you do.

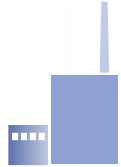
Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns related to SWOWEA in the coming year:

Kelly.Kuhbander@Strand.com



Committee Reports

Industrial Waste Committee



The Industrial Waste Committee is currently unsure of how the next Industrial Waste Seminar will be held next January. We are considering a virtual seminar but have a few months to decide. Still keep January 28, 2021 on your calendars and we will keep you posted.

We have been doing our monthly meetings virtually to keep updated on the latest news from OWEA and are still soliciting speakers and nominations for next year's Karl G. Voelkel Industry Award. If you 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:

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Plant Ops Committee

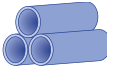
We certainly miss meeting with you all for our typical in-person events, but we have been working this summer to adapt and provide some low-cost contact hours to operations staff and all SWOWEA members virtually. We are learning as we go with the formatting, but we will be making adjustments throughout the year to continue to provide contact hour opportunities in an engaging format.

We organized a virtual mini-event on Wednesday, August 12th to provide 1.5 contact hours through GoTo Meeting and will be coordinating with OWEA staff to develop a virtual format to replace our in-person November Seminar. Keep an eye out for updates coming this fall as we pull details together. If you are interested in presenting at an event or joining the committee – please reach out to Bryan McNutt or Alyssa Mayer.

Bryan McNutt bryanm@cityofmiddletown.org

Alyssa Mayer amayer@hazenandsawyer.com

Collection Systems Committee



Do you have an awesome collection systems topic or project? SWOWEA's March section meeting will have a collection systems theme. Please send your suggestions to Dan Martin: dmartin@raconsultantsllc.com 513.469.6600.

OWEA hosted the Collection Systems Seminar in Central Ohio (Dublin) on July 23rd. Over 60 professionals from around the state braved the Coronavirus risks and received six contact hours of in-person learning. The socialization was distant, but it was good to experience some safe camaraderie. Compliments to Dawn Kennedy and the OWEA for putting on this first seminar since the onset of the pandemic.

The committee followed-up the in-person seminar with an excellent modeling-focused online virtual mini workshop on July 28th. Southwest Section's John Barton contributed with a presentation on his innovations with model calibration at the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati. Well done!

Unfortunately, the SW Hands-On Collection Systems seminar has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19 concerns. Please keep those topics handy for next year.

See you out in the system!

Dan Martin dmartin@raconsultantsllc.com



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Awards Committee Report

Congratulations to the SW Section's 2020 Award winners!

- Lab Analyst - Gregg Mitchell, Sidney WWTP
- Collections - Ed (Leon) Smith, Mason
- Lifetime Engineering - Gary Haubner, Hazen
- Facility Image - City of Fairfield WWTP

Every year SWOWEA and each of the other sections gather nominations that can be submitted to OWEA for the state awards. There are a total of 15 awards given out each year at the state conference. As a section we often re-nominate candidates that scored well in the previous year but did not win. This year we are only looking for candidates for the following six awards:

- FD Stewart Award – Outstanding plant operations, maintenance, reporting, and records management.
- Public Service – Elected official or officials demonstrating significant commitment to the water environment; candidates are not required to be OWEA members.
- Collections – Management of a collection system demonstrating excellence and professionalism.
- Engineering Excellence – The focus of this award is on a project. The selected project must have been in operation for a period of one year and not more than five years.
- Facility Image - Enhancement of physical image of our profession as viewed by the general public
- WEF William D Hatfield – Operators of wastewater treatment plants for outstanding performance and professionalism.

Some background information on the candidate will be needed. The awards committee will help the nominator in assembling the information on the nominee. Please consider nominating someone you know.

Award nominations can be submitted to Roger Rardain (Awards Chair) at roger.rardain@fairbornoh.gov or any SWOWEA Executive Committee member.

Safety Committee



In thinking about what to type up for the safety portion of the Wave, I have to be honest, I'm drawing an absolute blank. I can't think of a single thing that would currently be going on worldwide that requires us to all be taking safety measures. Seriously! I keep having to adjust my face mask to try and contemplate what to write about with regards to safety. I can't even ask others for help because we're all staying a minimum of 6 feet apart. Maybe next time I wash my hands and liberally apply hand sanitizer, I'll be able to come up with something. I even asked my pal Pat if she had anything to add. She said something about COVID-19 and using the proper PPE to stay safe and healthy, but it was difficult to remember due to the fumes of all the cleaning agents. Oh well, maybe for the next article I'll have something to write about.

The above is satire. If you read it, you actually did get safety information regarding COVID -19 and some proper techniques to stay safe.

Again, the above above was a joke. Poorly written and flimsy, but a joke nonetheless. WEAR YOUR MASK. That's not a joke!

Speaking of safety, are you safe? Is your facility safe? Do you like to win awards? Do you enjoy multiple question marks in a row??? Why not apply for an OWEA safety award?! Make sure to submit your application for the coming award year. Good luck and...

Stay Safe Out There

Fact of the day: There is an official ruling for how many Tootsie Pop licks it takes to get to the center. It's 364. You're welcome.

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- **Travis Cooper - City of Dayton** - travis.cooper@daytonohio.gov
- **Ted Simmons - Hach Company** - tsimmons@hach.com

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