

“Online” Section Meeting



Thursday, March 18

Host: SWOWEA

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.

Pre-register by March 11, 2021 at:
ohiowea.org

Pre-registration fee \$30:
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)

- Technical Sessions:** 9:00 am – 9:45 am
9:00am - 11:00am
Navigating the Challenges of an Emergency Interceptor Repair
David Hafner PE, Brown & Caldwell
- OEPA contact hours (2 hours total) are being applied for for each of the technical sessions.**
- 9:45 am – 10:30 am
Scioto County Interceptor Rehabilitation
Glenn Weist PE, Dynotec
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am
Protecting Sewers from Emerging Stream Erosion Threats
Dean Flores, Montgomery County Environmental Services
Adam Athmer, Strand Associates

Credit card payment is available through ohiowea.org only

Please honor your reservation with payment if unable to attend.





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President's Corner

Despite all the chaos and uncertainty that continues to impact our lives, the Southwest Section of OWEA is still working to bring you meaningful professional events!

Upcoming Events

In February, we are collaborating with the state OWEA and the Northeast section of OWEA to bring you an on-demand virtual seminar from Feb 10 - 24. This event includes 6 contact hours covering both plant operations and industrial wastewater topics. It is our hope that this new on-demand platform will allow more of our members the flexibility that they need at this time to view these sessions on a schedule that works best for them. Many thanks for planning this event are owed to our OWEA administrative staff as well as the members of the Southwest and Northeast OWEA Industrial Waste and Plant Operations committees.

Our March Southwest Section Meeting, with a collections focus, will be on March 18th. Register now for this event!

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 expected to have both in person and virtual options. Attendee registration will be open in March 2021 - visit the one water website for details:

<https://onewaterohio.org/>

Encouragement

As we close in on nearly a full year of living through the COVID-19 pandemic...I feel compelled to briefly reflect on and acknowledge the indescribably painful and challenging year that we have just been through. In addition to the global pandemic, we have also been through tumultuous times politically, socially and economically on a variety of scales. The personal and professional obstacles that we have all had to face in the past year have taken an extreme toll on everyone. I encourage you all to give yourselves, your families and your colleagues grace as we are all going to be healing in one way or another for some time to come. We aren't finished with this marathon yet, but I am extremely hopeful for a brighter future! I look forward to seeing many of you in person again soon. Until then - hang in there and stay positive!

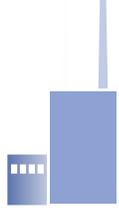
The wastewater industry is essential. You should all be very proud of the important work that you do.

Kelly.Kuhbander@Strand.com



Committee Reports

Industrial Waste Committee



The Industrial Waste Committee will not be sponsoring an in-person Seminar this year. We really tried to make this happen, but unfortunately there are circumstances beyond our control. As a result, we will also not be awarding the Karl G. Voelkel Industry Award in 2021. We are planning the Industrial Waste Seminar to be held next January in 2022.

The Southwest Industrial Waste Committee is supporting an On-Demand Industrial Waste and Operations Virtual Workshop in conjunction with the Northeast Section. This virtual event will be held on February 10 through 24 and provide 6 contact hours. Additional information and registration for this event is available on the OWEA website under Upcoming Events “NE/SW Section On Demand Industrial Waste and Operation Virtual Workshop”.

In the meantime, should you know an industry that exemplifies and embraces environmental awareness please contact Jeff Frechtling at jeff.frechtling@bcohio.us or Barb Swafford at bswafford@zoom-town.com to nominate the industry for the 2022 Karl G. Voelkel Industry Award.

Industrial Waste Committee Co-chairs:

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

Plant Ops Committee

The Plant Operations Committee continues to coordinate virtual training opportunities. We are partnering with the Industrial Waste Committee in the SW and NE to create an on-demand virtual seminar in February (registration information available on the OWEA website). We all really look forward to being able to gather again in person, but in the meantime, we will continue to partner with other sections to host virtual events and provide low-cost contact hours for operations staff and all our members.

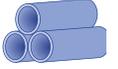
If you have any questions or interest in participating the in SWOWEA Plant Ops Committee, please reach out to Alyssa Mayer (amayer@hazenandsawyer.com) or Bryan McNutt (bryanm@cityofmiddletown.org).

Plant Ops Committee Co-chairs:

Bryan McNutt bryanm@cityofmiddletown.org

Alyssa Mayer amayer@hazenandsawyer.com

Collection Systems Committee



Do you know a Collection Systems professional deserving of recognition? The SWOWEA Awards Committee is seeking a candidate for the Collection Systems Award. Candidates should exhibit excellence and professionalism in the management of a collection system. The awardees are not necessarily the lead collections manager for a municipality. Uses of innovative, state-of-the-art practices and tools have propelled our recent winners (a different southwest professional for three years in a row)! Please send your suggestions to Dan Martin: dmartin@raconsultantsllc.com 513-469-6600.

The State Collection Systems Seminar will be **in-person** on May 4th in Columbus. The event will offer 6 contact hours covering a wide variety of collections-related topics – plus networking!

Hopefully you noticed that the March 18th SWOWEA Section Meeting is “virtual” with a Collection Systems theme. See additional information on Page 1.

See you out in the system!

Dan Martin dmartin@raconsultantsllc.com

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Ohio State Delegate Report

SW/NE On Demand Virtual Event: SWOWEA and NEOWEA have been jointly working on a February “on demand” workshop, that may be happening as you receive this newsletter. Event runs from February 10th through the 24th with attendees able to access six contact hours of sessions anytime during the 10th through the 24th.

ONE Water Government Affairs: Are you looking for an in-person event? March 2, 2021, ONE Water will be hosting the always popular Government and Regulatory Affairs Workshop at Nationwide Conference Center, near Columbus Ohio!

ONE Water, ONE Water, ONE Water!! We are very excited that the 2021 ONE Water conference will be in Cincinnati! We have begun early planning efforts. Pete Kube from Arcadis and I are co-chairs of the committee from the “dirty water side” teaming with Lance Livesay and Cliff Shrive from the “clean water” side. OWEA and OAWWA staff are heavily involved in the planning process for the conference which will take place in Cincinnati July 26th through 29th at the Duke Energy Center! Sponsorship, Golf, Attendee and Exhibiting registrations are posted at <https://onewaterohio.org/> Unfortunately, the deadline for Abstracts has passed.

Monthly Webinars: Have you signed up for OWEA’s monthly webinars? Every month in 2021, OWEA will be hosting a monthly, virtual webinar approved for contact hours (Earn 12 hours during the year for your renewal!) Register here https://www.viethconsulting.com/members/evr/reg_event.php?orgcode=OWEA&evd=25417279 to receive a discounted member rate for 6 or 12 of the webinars!

The Frog, the Engineer, and the Princess: An engineer was crossing a road one day, when a frog called out to him and said, “If you kiss me, I’ll turn into a beautiful princess.” He bent over, picked up the frog and put it in his pocket. The frog then cried out, “If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I’ll stay with you for one week and do ANYTHING you want.” Again, the engineer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket. Finally, the frog asked, “What is the matter? I have told you I am a beautiful princess and that I’ll stay with you for one week and do anything you want. Why won’t you kiss me?” The engineer said, “Look, I’m an engineer. I don’t have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog, now that’s cool.”

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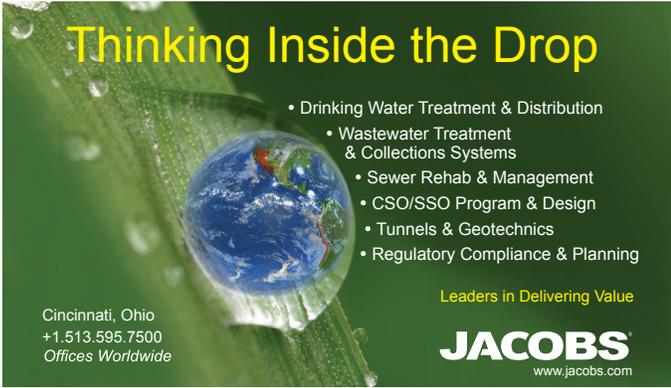
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March 10, 2021

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