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## Chair's Corner

**Tim Nelson**



We are nearing the end of another exciting year. Some may look at it with exasperation and despair, others with anticipation and hope; regardless, the days move on and so must we. I suggest we embrace the latter, and face the future with anticipation and hope! This year has brought both triumph and tragedy. We've lost key figures in the Indiana Section family including Jeff Morris, Vic Risch and others. My father was diagnosed with cancer during last year's Annual Conference and passed on Good Friday. As many of you know, the loss of a loved one leaves a tremendous void in our hearts. It is vital we fill that void with something positive. Anticipation and hope are good fillers. Providing your communities with clean, safe drinking water is another. Thank you for all that you do! Triumphs include a very successful 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference with near record attendance! Fabulous Water For People campaigns occurred throughout the state. Most set fundraising records: the 5K Run/Walk, Wine into Water, Sunset Cruise, Annual Golf Outing, Silent Auction and of course, the Evansville Concert! Other successes included meeting legislatures in DC, the fight to Free WIFIA, ACE15 in Anaheim; and the first international community—AWWA/India.

September brought cooler temps and five successful fall district meetings across the state. Topics ranged from proper well maintenance and abandonment, collaboration with local fire departments, to new technologies in WQ analysis and treatment. Districts are now preparing for their Spring16 meetings. Look for exciting, educational adventures in May, coming to a location near you.

As the world stage becomes increasingly more unstable, more people are forced into poverty and lack safe drinking water. At home and abroad, the need for safe, clean drinking water is the same. Without it, people must rely on tainted supplies and polluted waters. The Indiana Section and AWWA have parts to play on this stage. As experts in the field, we hold a vast knowledge and opportunity exists to impact the world in terms of water treatment, pollution prevention, and source protection. Remember, Pure Tap: Sustaining Life, Encouraging Growth!

By stepping out of our comfort zones, we can provide anticipation and hope to communities in need. Whether it is next door or on another continent, I ask you again to "set down your quarter." Make a decision now to reach beyond yourself to help someone in need. Share your life, share your knowledge.

Be passionate. Finish Well.

**Special points of interest:**

- Indiana Section Meeting, Program-at-a-Glance, pages 4-8
- Brenda Lennox, visiting AWWA Dignitary profile
- Chad Pregracke, Keynote Speaker profile

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# Direct from the Director

**Duane Gilles**



As I am writing this article in the third week of November, we have just had our first cold snap of the fall season in southern Indiana. Today, I gave an interview to a local television station and the reporter wanted to know if the Evansville Water Utility was going to have as many water main breaks as last year. She asked me if we were prepared for winter and I responded that the Utility keeps a supply of repair clamps and couplings in stock. However, the number of water main breaks varies greatly in a water system with an aging infrastructure. During my interview, I also stated that each year brings different weather patterns and provides challenges to water operators of which the general public is not fully aware.

The winterization of your water system is important! As temperatures vary from 50+degrees to the low 20's within 24 hours, the water operator must reprioritize the small leak in the street as the water freezes, possibly creating a hazard for motorists. Garden hoses must be removed from outside faucets and irrigation systems deactivated, drained or blown out. Outdoor pumps for swimming pools and fountains must be winterized. Utility operators and contractors must make sure that ditch pumps, hydro-static pumps, pressure gauges and all devices that hold water are drained and stored properly. The water must be shut off to any vacant houses in the water system. Any temporary fire hydrant meters need to be removed and not used during freezing temperatures. Freezing water will not only ruin the water meter; it will also split the body of the fire hydrant. Utility vehicles must also be winterized. Many of these tasks are overlooked as the temperature falls so quickly and water turns into damaging, expanding ice. As you read this, we are past this winter startup period and will be in the middle of winter.

An American Water Works Association (AWWA) membership provides you with the resources, educational opportunities and lifelong relationships that will supply you with the knowledge to take back to your communities so you can improve the efficiency of your Utility. There are also AWWA standards that are provided upon request with your Utility's membership that will enable your Utility, engineering firm, material manufacturer, material supplier or contractor to keep up with state-of-the-art service to your customers. The AWWA Indiana Section membership consists of men and women who are dedicated to the health and welfare of the people of Indiana.

Please join me at the 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference to be held at the Downtown Marriott in Indianapolis on January 25-28. The theme this year is, "Water: Crucial to Indiana's Future."

The conference opens early the morning of Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> with a formal ribbon cutting at the main entrance to the exhibit hall. The Manufacturers Associates Council provides an exhibit hall that will be educational and interesting. Then on to the Opening Session which kicks off more than two days of educational sessions. These sessions include a variety of topics that will include: distribution, financing, planning, treatment, small systems, water quality, regulations and much more. These educational sessions provide an opportunity to earn both Continuing Educations Units (CEUs) and Professional Development Hours (PDHs).

I am very pleased to announce that AWWA Vice-President Brenda Lennox will be our guest at the Annual Meeting! Brenda has worked for Tualatin Valley Water District in Oregon for 20 years and has been a member of the AWWA for 15 years.

It will be an exciting conference, so please visit the Indiana Section website, [www.inawwa.org](http://www.inawwa.org), and register now if you have not done so!

I want to encourage you to get involved in your Indiana Section by attending the meetings, signing up for a leadership position or joining a committee. The relationships that you will build in the Indiana Section of AWWA will be extremely rewarding and provide you with a network of peers and friends that will be priceless to you over the years.

# ***Nominations***

**Duane Gilles, Chair**

The Nominating Committee of the Indiana Section AWWA has duly selected and is pleased to present the following proposed slate of Officers for the 2016-2017 term:

<b>Chair</b>	<b>John Seever</b>
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## **Indiana Section AWWA Annual Conference is moving!**

The Indiana Section AWWA's Annual Conference is moving beginning in 2016. Please mark your calendars for **January 25-28, 2016**. The conference will be held again at the Marriott Hotel-Downtown Indianapolis. Registration is now available online at <http://www.inawwa.org/event/108th-indiana-section-awwa-annual-conference/> and mailers will be sent out soon. Hotel reservations can be made at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/AWWA2016>. Rooms are \$135/night. Parking is not included in the room rate and is to be paid by attendees.

If you have never attended our annual conference, are a student, or a retired AWWA member, your registration price is FREE.

Contact hours will be available for water and wastewater. The anticipated maximum is 13.5 technical water hours.

Plan now to attend this exciting event.

***Dates for future conferences are as follows:***

***January 30-February 1, 2017***

***January 22-24, 2018***

***January 21-23, 2019***

***January 27-29, 2020***



## 2016 Annual Conference At-a-Glance

**Exhibitor Hall Hours:**      **Tuesday**      **7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
                                         **Wednesday**      **9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

### Tuesday, January 26, 2016

#### **Marriott Ballroom 1-4**

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

#### **Opening Session**

Water for People Update / Presentation of Kenneth J. Miller Award  
Additional Speaker to be determined

**9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

#### **Break – Visit the Exhibit Hall**

#### **Indiana Ballroom A-D**

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

#### **Distribution**

Use of HDPE for Water Transmission Mains

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Corrosion Control for Water Systems

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Protecting our Assets: Water Main Condition Assessment

#### **Marriott Ballrooms 1-2**

#### **Finance**

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Utility Project Funding Symposium

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Utilities as Important as Your Supported Funds

#### **Marriott Ballrooms 3-4**

#### **Small Systems Operator Forum**

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

#### **Lincoln Room**

#### **Wastewater**

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Going Green at Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Water and Wastewater Utility Resources for All-Hazard Preparedness

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

#### **Keynote Luncheon** **Chad Pregracke, Living Lands & Waters**

#### **Indiana Ballroom A-D**

#### **Water Loss**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Meter Services for Indiana's Future Tap to Meter

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meter Management: Best Practices and Public Perception

**Tuesday, January 26, 2015 – cont'd**

**Marriott Ballrooms 1-2**

**Source Water**

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Aquifer Sustainability and Water Policy in Indiana – Is There Enough for Everyone?

**Marriott Ballrooms 3-4**

**Small Systems**

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Water Valve Exercising and Maintenance

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Dedicated Bulk Water Dispensing Stations

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Using Google Earth for Planning and Preliminary Design

**Lincoln Room**

**Wastewater**

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Next Generation of Collection System Modeling – Isolating I/I Sources to Develop Solutions

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Nitrogen in Wastewater

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

On-Site Sodium Hypochlorite Generation vs. Commercial Sodium Hypochlorite

**3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

**Break – Visit the Exhibit Hall**

**Marriott Ballrooms 1-2**

**Distribution**

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Monitoring Fire Line Usage – A New and Less Expensive Method

4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

How Fort Wayne Answered 5 Core Questions of Asset Management

4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Best Practices for Meter Management

**Marriott Ballrooms 3-4**

**Small Systems**

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Fire Protection Forum Panel Discussion

**Lincoln Room**

**Wastewater**

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Math Basics

4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Advantages of Modern Septage Receiving Stations

**5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Fuller Award Reception and Water For People Silent Auction**

**Wednesday, January 27, 2016**

**Indiana Ballroom A-D**

**Management**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Reducing Risk for the Owner, Engineer and Contractor by Utilizing a Guaranteed Savings Construction Contract

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Asset Management: The Key to Fiscal Sustainability and Ratepayer Protection

**Marriott Ballrooms 1-2**

**Water Quality**

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Decontaminating Chemically Contaminated Residual Premise Plumbing Systems by Flushing

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Treatment Challenges for Blue-Green Algae Control – Overview and Case Studies

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Plastic Plumbing System Contamination by Metals: Occurrence and Implications

**Marriott Ballrooms 3-4**

**Treatment**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Patoka Lake Regional Water and Sewer District – Providing a Crucial Resource to Southern Indiana

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Bringing a New Well Field to Life: A Road Map

**Lincoln Room**

**Regulatory**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

What You Need to Know Now for the Revised Total Coliform Rule

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

IDEM Cross Connection and Backflow Rules

**9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

**Break – Visit the Exhibit Hall**

**Indiana Ballroom A-D**

**Management**

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Harbour Water Groundwater Treatment Plant Provides for Area's Present and Future Water Requirements

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Adding Value to your Water Project

**Marriott Ballrooms 1-2**

**Water Loss**

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Meters or Meter Reading Technology – Which is More Important

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

The Value of Accurate AWWA Water Audits, Part II



**Wednesday, January 27, 2016 – cont'd**

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. How a Multi-Year, Proactive Leak Detection Survey Assisted the City of Decatur, IL Recover over \$1.5 Million in Lost Water Production and Revenue

**Marriott Ballrooms 3-4 Treatment**

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. A New Take on Intakes: Enhancing Safety Measures at Speedway's Surface Water Intake

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Adapting Conventional Water Treatment for Increasing Concentrations of NOM

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Computer Models Aid Selection of Optimal Coagulants

**Lincoln Room InWARN / Emergency Response Forum**

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Awards Luncheon**

**Indiana Ballroom A-D Management**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. GIS and Asset Management: Why Both are Essential for All Water Utilities Today

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Citizens Energy Group Builds It's Tools for Better Capital Management

**Marriott Ballrooms 1-2 Distribution**

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. LiDAR Technology and It's Applications

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. South Bend's Multifaceted Approach to Water System Optimization During Declining Demands

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. An ArcGIS Tool for Validating GIS Networks

**Marriott Ballrooms 3-4 Treatment**

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Geist Deep Storage: The Feasibility of Using a Quarry for Long-Term Water Sustainability

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Understanding and Dealing with Nitrates

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Using Compound Loop Mode to Optimize Your Water Treatment

**Lincoln Room Emergency Response**

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Electronic Controls and Measurement Devices for Control Valves

**Wednesday, January 27, 2016 – cont'd**

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Understanding Your Water / Wastewater Facility Storm Preparedness: An Electrical System Focus

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cyber Security – Implementation Tools

**3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Break – Visit the Exhibit Hall**

**Indiana Ballrooms A-D Management**

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Securing Tomorrow's Water through Deliberate Planning and Project Delivery

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Key Decisions During Drinking Water Contamination Incident Investigations and Recovery

**Marriott Ballrooms 1-2 Safety**

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Complying with New Confined Space Rules

4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Leverage New Technology for Cross Connection Control

4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Going, Going, Gone Global

**Marriott Ballrooms 3-4 Treatment**

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. A Factual Look at Chlorine Based Methods of Disinfecting Water

4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Onsite Generated Mixed Oxidant Chemistry Chosen to Help Customers Improve

**Lincoln Room Telemetry and Controls**

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Demystifying SCADA

4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Lowering Lifecycle Costs with Intelligent Motor Control Centers

4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Variable Frequency Motor Control – 30 Years of Lessons Learned

**5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Meter Madness**

**Thursday, January 28, 2016**

**Marriott Ballrooms 7-10 Legislative & Water**

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. TBD

## ***Silent Auction***


### **Cathy Lance & Carla Mann, Co-Chairs**

The silent auction was a huge success last year and we are hoping to duplicate the spirit this year!

Congratulations to the districts for their competitiveness and support by living up to the challenge they were given - to come up with local items to auction off for the cause!

This year, we are changing it up again! We are planning on having some of the items raffled in a table raffle or piggy raffle (different name, same idea!). In this type of raffle, a variety of items are placed on a table. People can buy tickets and place them in the buckets in front of the items they would like to win. A raffle ticket is chosen from each bucket and that ticket owner is the winner. One advantage is participants will be able to purchase tickets on Tuesday throughout the day and don't have to be present at the actual Silent Auction event. As always, the items will be available for pick up from Registration on Wednesday. We will still have items for silent auction bidding but the Committee thought this might bring a different flavor to the event.

Please contact us at [cmann@grwinc.com](mailto:cmann@grwinc.com) and [cathy.lance@peerlessmidwest.com](mailto:cathy.lance@peerlessmidwest.com) if you would like to contribute an item or a donation for this great event!




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### **WFP - 25 Years of Success from David LeFrance, AWWA and Eleanor Allen, WFP**

As many of you are aware, Water For People (WFP) was founded by AWWA in 1991 and will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2016. Since its founding, WFP has grown to become a well-respected 501(c)(3) global organization and a leader in the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sector through its Everyone Forever universal access model. WFP has reached yet another milestone in its development with the recent hiring of Eleanor Allen as its CEO in July 2015. She is a professional engineer with a global career in water and wastewater.

As WFP and AWWA continue our important work, we reflect that much of WFP's success has come through the efforts of AWWA volunteer leaders at the Section levels. For example, AWWA Sections have fostered support of WFP through the creation of Section committees and as WFP has grown, the role of the Section WFP committees has also grown. WFP relies on the Sections and their committees to understand and work within the boundaries agreed upon in the MOU between WFP and the Sections. The direction, budgeting, financial and operational powers of Section WFP committees are derived from the Board of Trustees of the Section from which they operate, not from WFP. Section support is very important to WFP, and is a great source of pride for AWWA.

AWWA is proud of the effective passion its members bring in helping WFP fulfill its mission of water and sanitation for Everyone Forever. It is one that aligns closely with AWWA's vision of "A Better World through Better Water." Similarly, WFP is proud of its unique history and relationship with AWWA and its Sections. No other organization in the WASH sector can trace its roots to the World's most successful and significant water organization like WFP can. As WFP enters a new phase of its evolution, we too look forward to a productive and supportive relationship. We will continue to work together to ensure the partnership stays alive and well.

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## ***Water For People***

**Jim Williams & Duane Gilles, Co-Chairs**

Julie Kauffman to attend the 2016 Indiana Section Meeting

The Indiana Section is pleased to announce that Julie Kauffman will be our Water For People guest at the January conference. Julie is the Development Manager for Water For People in Denver. Don't miss her presentation at the opening session on Tuesday morning of the conference. The 2016 Kenneth J. Miller award will be presented at that time as well.

I am delighted to announce that Sarah Hudson will take over as Chair of the Indiana Section WFP Committee after the Annual Conference. Sarah was one of the originators of our highly successful 5K event and is passionate about making a difference in the battle against the world water and sanitation crisis. Duane Gilles will serve as Vice Chair of the committee.

### ***Thank You from Jim Williams...***

Having served the section in many different roles over the past 25 years, I must say that leading the WFP Committee has been one of the most satisfying and enjoyable positions I've had. We have steadily grown with an amazing team of volunteers and have been the top producing committee in the WFP network for several years running. In addition to working with the Indiana committee, I served on the WFP International Board of Directors and had an opportunity to see the work first hand with trips to Bolivia, Honduras and India. I can tell you that without a doubt, WFP is making substantive change and impacting the world in a very positive way.

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers that have made the Indiana Section committee what it is today. And thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve the Indiana section AWWA. It has been a great run and a lot of fun.



**Brenda Lennox**, AWWA Vice-President, visiting Dignitary at Annual Conference

Brenda has been with Tualatin Valley Water District for twenty years and has been an active AWWA member for fifteen years. This includes efforts at the local, regional, and national levels.




Her local and regional involvement includes numerous committee chair and officer positions for the Pacific Northwest Section. This includes serving as Section Chair in 2010 and now as the Association Director.

At the Association level serving as Customer Service Committee Chair and team member, she developed curriculum for the Customer Service Certificate program. Utilizing this training program, she has helped to champion 1800+ classroom hours of training for customer service professionals in her region. Brenda serves on the Management & Leadership Division and was appointed to the Board Standing Committee on Diversity Member Inclusion by AWWA President Jim Chaffee in 2013.

After attending Human Resource Management classes at Portland State University, Brenda served as a Human Resource Director in private sector before joining the water industry. At Tualatin Valley Water District, she serves as Manager of Customer & Support Services. This includes oversight of customer service, billing, and the risk management program for the second largest water utility in Oregon.



Brenda lives in Warren, Oregon with husband Jerry and shares her competitive barrel racing passion with daughter Michele. She is also passionate about her career knowing that we are providing safe drinking water which is crucial for the life of our children, families, and communities. This passion has been recognized by her section as a recipient of the Heart and Soul Award in 2005 and Powell Lindsey Citation in 2013.

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The time is quickly approaching for the Annual Meet and Greet at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. The event will be held on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel. Currently, the room location is TBD and will be updated as information becomes available on the Indiana Section's website, [www.inawwa.org](http://www.inawwa.org). This **FREE** event consists of music, appetizers, drinks, and plenty of great company from fellow water industry professionals. If you plan on attending, please RSVP Ryan Sidler at [ryans@wesslerengineering.com](mailto:ryans@wesslerengineering.com) by January 18, 2016.

In the drinking water industry, networking is an important facet of everyone's career regardless of the path chosen. In many cases, the relationships you start in AWWA stretch beyond the conference and your career. The AWWA conference and YP Meet & Greet is an ideal time to continue networking to further existing relationships and create new ones or to begin networking. Whether you work at a consulting firm, a sales firm, a law firm, or a utility, among others, sharing knowledge with other industry professionals benefits the end user – the water customer. The common goal we all share is to provide safe drinking water to Indiana customers and beyond. After all, water is our most important resource and is **Crucial to Indiana's Future** – let's continue the tradition together at the conference and YP Meet and Greet.

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## MAC Ed Nugent, Chair

Your Indiana Section AWWA Manufacturers Associates Committee (MAC) has been extremely busy. When the Indianapolis Downtown Marriott came to us and asked the Indiana Section AWWA to consider moving the date of our Annual Conference, the MAC had a lot of work to do. We were forced to consider the possibility of having our conference compete with a city-wide convention being held in the entire downtown area. When factoring all of issues that a competing convention would bring to our Section's annual gathering, along with the concessions we were able to negotiate with the Marriott, the MAC recommended to the Board of Directors that we change the conference dates for this year and beyond. The Board of Directors agreed with our recommendation and the dates were changed.

Moving our meeting up three weeks doesn't seem like much; but, let me assure you it is a big endeavor. Our committee has worked to make it as seamless as possible. I hope that the date change does not adversely affect your ability to attend this year's conference. I am sorry if it does; but, we all felt it necessary to maintain the success of the meeting.

I would like to thank all of the Indiana Section AWWA MAC committee members for their dedication to the section. I am involved with the National AWWA MAC and Indiana's committee is considered one of, if not the best MACs in the entire country. This committee meets monthly to handle anything the Board of Directors asks us to do.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Conference in January.

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## **Chad Pregracke, Keynote Speaker at Annual Conference**

Chad is the internationally named 2013 CNN Hero of the Year, founder and president of Living Lands & Waters; a nonprofit river cleanup organization, author and professional public speaker. He is proof one person can make a difference.

Best known for starting out as a young man in East Moline, Illinois wanting a cleaner waterway, Chad has become the champion for the Mississippi River. Growing up on its banks, he worked as a commercial shell diver during his early years, experiencing the river from the bottom up. Sometimes spending 10 hours a day in the depths and current of the pitch black waters, he crawled nearly 150 miles of the river bottom over six years. Chad saw its beauty and was frustrated by the neglect. At the age of 17, he decided to clean it up. Twenty two years later, Chad and his Living Lands & Waters crew have organized and led over 800 cleanups on 23 rivers in 20 states and removed an estimated eight million pounds of garbage. Chad had an idea that evolved into a movement that has helped to restore one of America's greatest icons, the Mississippi River.



Chad has been recognized by former President, George W. Bush as a national "Point of Light." He received a standing ovation at the Kennedy Center from all four living former U.S. Presidents for his inspirational message on dreaming big, taking action, persevering, leading and collaborating. He has been the keynote speaker for college graduations, business conferences and events, classrooms, nonprofit organizations and more. Named "America's Hardest Working Person" by Mitchum, Chad's enthusiasm, sense of humor and passion amplifies his story and entertains audiences. Ultimately, his message inspires people to believe they can make a difference.

Chad currently lives and works with his wife Tammy dividing their time between life on the Teamwork barge and their home in East Moline, IL.



# Membership

**Erich Nugent, Chair**

The Indiana Section had 32 new members join the section in September, October, and November: 16 individuals, 8 students, 5 named representatives, 1 utility, 1 administrative and 1 additional active.

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Mari Schneiders - Indiana University Libraries  
Other: Trey Westerlund

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# Competition

**Matt Brown, Chair**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meter Madness Competition will be held Wednesday, January 27 at the Indiana Section AW-WA Annual Conference. The participants are the winners of the individual fall district meeting competitions, plus the returning champion.

The Indiana Section encourages everyone to attend the Wednesday night reception and cheer on the participants in this very exciting and spirited competition. The six participants will compete in hopes of securing their chance to represent the Indiana Section in the International Meter Madness Competition at the ACE Conference in Chicago in June 2016.

The following are the meter madness competitors:

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Central         | Eddie Alvarez, Carmel Water       |
| Northeast       | Dan Smith, City of Fort Wayne     |
| Northwest       | James Walsh, Valparaiso Utilities |
| Southeast       | Bill Jones, Town of Edinburgh     |
| Southwest       | Wade Friedman, Dubois Water       |
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# ***Water Utility Council***

**John Hardwick, Chair**

Twelve years ago, John Stancati, who was the Water Utility Council Chair, was nominated to the Indiana AWWA (InAWWA) Executive Board as Vice President. As many of you know, John had been the WUC chair for several years and was responsible for making the WUC a strong and important committee. Through his contacts, many regulators and legislators were invited to speak and attend WUC meetings. Under John's leadership, state water agencies and the Indiana General Assembly became aware of WUC and more attuned to the state's drinking water needs.

I was asked to take John's place as chair and was honored to be asked. While I accepted the position, I was more than a bit concerned that I wouldn't be able to fill John's shoes in this important assignment.

As you may have heard, I recently resigned as InAWWA's WUC Chair. I have been honored to serve InAWWA in this position. We have made progress in our WUC mission, which is to develop professional relationships with legislators and regulators. These relationships allow the WUC to lend expertise and give advice to these groups as they consider laws and regulations that govern the water industry. The goal of the WUC is to act on behalf of the section membership to ensure reasonable, productive regulation of the water industry.

Three years ago, I retired as the General Manager of Valparaiso City Utilities. Being WUC chair allowed me to remain close to the water industry and I appreciate that opportunity. However, I believe that InAWWA is best served by those who work day in and day out in the water industry and after three years away from the day to day water activities, I believe that it is time to retire and turn over the reins to someone who is still in the thick of things.

Thanks to all of you who have made the InAWWA Water Utility Council the best section water utility committee in the nation. I am forever in your debt!

In Memoriam



## **Victor Risch,**

Victor passed away November 3. He was a 1963 graduate of Rose Polytechnic Institute where he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and then served in the US Army stationed in Germany during the war in Vietnam. Vic was a past president of the Indiana ASCE and a member of AWWA, where he most recently served as a member of our Arrangements Committee.

## **Darrell Bakken**

Darrell passed away November 28. He was a 1952 graduate of North Dakota State University with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and a 1960 graduate from the University of Minnesota with a M.S. in Civil Engineering. He served as a lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps of the U.S. Army from 1954-1956, working as a sanitary engineer in Germany and France. He then returned to the US where he worked for the South Dakota State Department of Health. In 1965 he and his family moved to Indianapolis where he worked for the Indianapolis Water Company, retiring in 1994. He was a life member of AWWA, and received the Fuller Award while a member of the South Dakota Section AWWA. He received the Gold Water Drop Award in 2003 and the Hoosier Crew Award in 2011.



# Calendar of Upcoming Events



**Note:** If you have any water industry related events you would like to add to the calendar, please contact Phil Bonneau at [pbonneau@ortmandrilling.com](mailto:pbonneau@ortmandrilling.com).

## **Indiana AWWA**

- January 25-28, 2016—Section Conference, Marriott Downtown, Indianapolis

### District Meetings:

Southwest—May 4, Crane

Central—May 11, TBD

Southeast—May 5, Shelbyville

Northeast—May 18, Ft Wayne

Northwest—May 20, TBD

**Please see [inawwa.org](http://inawwa.org) for additional dates of significance**

## **Indiana Rural Water Association**

- April 18-20, 2016—Water Institute, Clarion Hotel & Conference Ctr, Columbus
- April 18—Annual Golf Outing, Otter Creek, Columbus
- December 5-7, 2016—Water Institute, Clarion Hotel & Conference Ctr, Columbus

**Please see [IndianaRuralWater.org](http://IndianaRuralWater.org) for additional opportunities.**

## **Alliance of Indiana Rural Water**

- March 16-17, 2016—Spring Conference, French Lick Springs Resort, French Lick
- May 19, 2016—Southern Expo, Huntingburg
- May 26, 2016—Northern Expo, Akron
- September 21-22, 2016—Fall Conference, Grand Wayne Ctr, Fort Wayne

**Please see [inh2o.org](http://inh2o.org) for additional training opportunities.**

## ***Hoosier Water Drop***

**Jennifer Bailey**

Included in the last News Leaks issue, Hoosier Water Drop will be an ongoing feature to inform our IN AWWA membership of public service announcements such as change of employment, responsibilities, awards, death notices, etc. It is not intended to provide free advertising. Submissions will be reviewed accordingly by News Leaks for inclusion in upcoming issues. If you would like to submit a posting for Hoosier Water Drop, please email information to [jbailey@citizensenergygroup.com](mailto:jbailey@citizensenergygroup.com)



Heather Cheslek is now working for Eli Lilly & Company as a Project Manager for Device Manufacturing.



Melissa Moran has joined The Nature Conservancy as the Community Outreach Coordinator.

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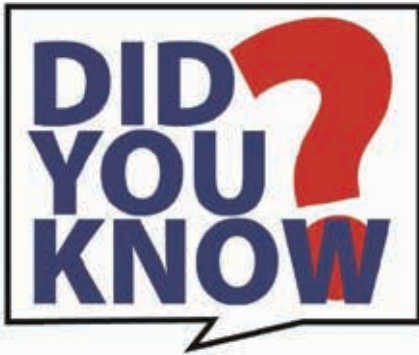
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