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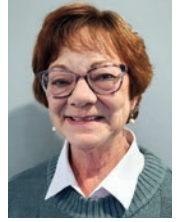
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Cathy Lance, Chair
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Gratitude for the INAWWA Community

As we move forward into the heart of the year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've embarked on together as part of the Indiana Section American Water Works Association (INAWWA). It is an honor to serve as your Chair, and I'm continually inspired by the dedication and passion each of you brings to our shared mission of water stewardship and providing safe drinking water to our State's residents.

Annual Conference: Our annual conference stands as a cornerstone event where we come together to exchange knowledge, celebrate achievements, and chart the course for the future. This year was no different. The program was filled with insightful presentations, a great exhibit hall (167 booths), and invaluable networking opportunities. Kudos to the Section staff, Scott Dompke (Chair, Technical Program Committee), and the MAC (Manufacture/ Associates Council) for making this another successful conference. We had over 1200 attendees again this year!

New Website User Survey: In our commitment to continuous improvement, we're excited to unveil our new website in late 2024 or early 2025. To ensure it meets the diverse needs of our members, we'll be launching a user survey in the coming weeks. Your feedback will be instrumental in shaping the functionality, content, and overall user experience of our online platform. I urge you to participate actively and help us tailor our digital presence to better serve you.

Volunteerism: At the heart of our Association lies a spirit of volunteerism that fuels our initiatives and strengthens our community bonds. Whether through

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committee involvement, mentorship programs, or outreach efforts, each of you has the power to make a meaningful difference. Let's continue to harness our collective energy and expertise to tackle the challenges facing our industry and pave the way for a sustainable future.

Operator School: Education remains a cornerstone of our mission, and our Operator School stands as a testament to our commitment to professional development. Scott Ham, Jaimie Foreman, Neal McKee, Kurt Kuroiwa, and Chris Johnsen have worked many hours with IDEM to review each section of the Operator Certification Exam and Operator School Study Guides to make it more relevant for each level of certification. Currently, videos are being produced to aid in assisting operators on specific subjects of the tests. The Committee is looking at the entire Operator School curriculum to develop a standard syllabus and Education Standards into a training package that will increase the State's pass rate for each certification. As we look ahead, let's reaffirm our dedication to fostering a culture of learning and innovation that empowers individuals at every stage of their careers.

In addition to our core initiatives, I want to highlight the importance of staying informed and engaged on a range of water-related topics. From emerging technologies to regulatory updates, our field is constantly evolving, presenting both challenges and opportunities.

Let's remain vigilant in our pursuit of knowledge and proactive in our efforts to address pressing issues such as infrastructure renewal, water quality management, and resilience planning.

- Please mark your calendars for
- The Annual Golf Outing held Wednesday, July 31 at Eagle Creek Golf Club
 - Annual Operator Boot Camp held August 7 at the Miami County Fairgrounds, Peru, IN
 - 2024 Water Institute December 3 through December 5 at French Lick

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to each of you for your unwavering commitment to the INAWWA community. Together, we have the power to effect positive change and leave a lasting impact on the world around us. I look forward to the continued collaboration and shared success that lies ahead. ■

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Reflecting on the Past

It's hard to believe that my time as the Indiana Section of AWWA Director has come to an end. It feels like just yesterday I first volunteered in the Northeast District in 2007. They said it would be easy and I could eat pie. Eating pie became a regular thing, but volunteering turned into a passion as I progressed through the District Chairs and onto the Section Board of Trustees. The relationships and life-long friendships that blossomed will stay with me forever. My first experience planning the District meetings with Marv, Justin, and Curt became a highly anticipated event on my schedule. We would regularly call each other to check in and catch up, and over time, we got to know each other's families. These relationships developed at every stage of my journey with AWWA. Most of us initially came to network, but all of us ended up becoming leaders.

Denis Waitley once stated, "Everything that is past is either a learning experience to grow on, a beautiful memory to reflect on, or a motivating factor to act upon." I believe these three pillars exemplify my experience with AWWA. Although my journey with AWWA is not over, I reflect on the learning experiences, the challenges, the success stories, and, yes, the errors I have experienced over the years. Each learning experience, memory, and action taken with AWWA has molded me into who I am today.

At this time, I would like to introduce the incoming Director of the Indiana Section, Mr. Ed Nugent. Ed will officially take the reins at the ACE24 conference in June. He has been a vital part of the Section for many years and has helped steer the organization as a Section Officer during the merger with IRWA, the Covid pandemic, and has participated in the planning process for the Section. Ed is a pillar of the Manufactures-Associate Council (MAC) Committee. With his experience and dedication, I am confident that the Section will continue to thrive under his leadership. ■

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District Meetings

Justin Shaffer, Small Systems North Trustee

As we ramp up for another busy year, remember to keep in mind that safety is the key to our success. Without you, we could not provide safe drinking water to our communities. The most vital resource we all cannot live without.

At the time of my writing this article, spring District meetings were just right around the corner. The Northeast District has a busy spring planned, with their meeting in Butler at the Monster Truck Museum followed by a workshop to be held at the Fort Wayne Tincaps game at Parkview Field in July. If you have never attended this event, I encourage you to do so. Everyone from every District is invited, and this goes for every district meeting held in the Section. There are always lots of valuable topics discussed in every corner of the Indiana Section. Like in the Northwest District, they held their spring meeting at the White Hawk Country Club in

Crowne Point. They discussed Fire Hydrant O and M, Downstream Flushing implications, and Lead and Copper. The Central District held their meeting at the Cicero Red Bridge Park in Cicero. Topics of discussion there included Diversity, Water loss, and Lessons from Maui Hawaii. In the Northeast District, discussions were focused on Brass and Line Locating, which also included a hands-on demonstration. IDEM updates were discussed at each of these Districts as well. These are all great topics that don't affect just one water system but all of our water systems. With the ever-changing landscape of the water industry, it is very important to stay up to date with all of the legislation surrounding our water worlds. In closing, please remember, if there are topics that we need to discuss or questions and issues that you need assistance with, reach out. We are here to help. ■

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Workforce Development Committee

Charles Gill, Chair

This spring is the first update for the Indiana Section on the Workforce Development Committee. I am honored to be able to Chair this team and I am excited to share with you the focus and the effort already being put into shaping the future of the professionals in the industry. The following are our goals:

- Provide a clear pathway and support (grants & scholarships) for training candidates to become good operators and eventually earn an operator certification.
- Develop and provide periodic reviews of the curriculum at technical and vocational schools like Ivy Tech, Vincennes, and other public/private partners in electronics, programming, pipefitting, and other critical reasoning programs for a well-rounded workforce.
- Recognition of Water Industry apprenticeships and certification programs equivalent to other skilled trades, for instance electrical, plumbing, HVAC, metal working.
- Fully engaging the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs for water workforce opportunities via AWWA's Veterans Workforce Initiative is to help Veterans secure jobs in the water industry. Volunteers from AWWA sections are available to network with Veterans and help connect them to the water sector.
- Engage with legislators and local elected officials not necessarily to influence policy, but to educate on our industry and our workforce needs as they relate to the economic impact on our communities and our State overall.

I would like to thank the Committee members who have embraced this Committee's possibilities and for their input and dedication to improving the future water industry professional workforce that is ready to serve and protect public health for many years to come. This effort is critical as our current career experts begin to transition to the next phase of their lives. As of now, the



Committee is comprised of members from INAWWA, Alliance of Indiana Rural Water, IWEA, White River Alliance, and the Indiana Geological & Water Survey. We are working in concert with the Philanthropy Committee, as that Committee is the fiscal oversight for grant and scholarship support available for the Operator School and many other training opportunities.

As a Committee, we have submitted abstracts to AIM, IWEA, and the White River Alliance for workshop consideration at each organization's conferences or summits. This is a first step in shedding light on the need to attract new and retain the current talent for the future of water and wastewater utilities throughout Indiana and the country in general. We are also working to help elevate industry workforce development by speaking to the Department of Workforce Development to look again at the current statistics of retirements and loss of water operators. This is intended to start laying the groundwork of funding and training for those 16 years and older to gain practice experience in the water trades and hopefully, a pipeline of new talent will be established.

The Alliance is working on some exciting options for apprenticeship training.

Both adult and youth apprenticeships are a great pathway to build the next generation of professionals who can be at the forefront of the newest technologies and treatment skills in the water world. Apprenticeships in concert with the INAWWA operator school represent a core foundation. From this, we are working to bring these opportunities to the public & private sectors by showing the reality of the impact of the wave of retirements that we are facing over the next five to 10 years.

I would like to ask that if a member utility has access to schools or career fairs that would be willing to assist efforts made by this Committee, to please get in touch with me. This Committee is, in my opinion, a great opportunity that can begin to solve the long-term crisis of the lack of licensed professionals in our industry. This opportunity can only be met if we have our members in the Section help us by taking an active role in bringing about the right changes that we wish to see happen in the future.

We anticipate having a presentation at the Water Institute in December, in French Lick. I hope that you will join us to see what is happening and the options to build our operators as part of our critical infrastructure of Indiana and the nation. ■



Competitions Committee

Justin Shaffer, Chair

Here we are, already in the month of June! How time flies, just like the fast times we have from our Meter and Hydrant competitors. At the time of this writing, ACE24 is approaching very rapidly and we have some great competitors representing Indiana this year at ACE24 in Anaheim, CA. I would like to wish you all good luck!

This year, the Competitions Committee has elected to try something a little different. We will be having our Hydrant Hysteria preliminary competitions at Operator Boot Camp in Peru. Operator Boot Camp is on August 7, 2024, and it is held at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Peru, IN. The top two (2) teams will advance to the finals,

to be held at Water Institute in French Lick in December. Remember, this is a rain or shine event. If it is nice outside, we will hold the competitions outside and if it is raining, we will be indoors. We encourage anyone who would like to put a team together to do so. Each team will be given a complimentary registration for Operator Boot Camp and the top two teams will receive a full conference registration and hotel accommodation for one night, at Water Institute.

If you are interested in competing in Hydrant Hysteria, please don't hesitate to sign up. I encourage you to reach out to either myself or the Section staff, and we will get you what you need for the competition. Looking ahead to the fall District meetings, we will hold our Meter Challenge Competition as always. The new meter will be announced immediately following ACE24. ■



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I would like to wish you all good luck!



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Operator School Committee

Chris Johnsen, Chair

As of the writing of this article, we are still working through the locations, dates, and times for the upcoming Operator Schools. We anticipate having a few more location options than last fall. Now that all operators can take their exams at nearby IvyTech campuses, the Operator School is not tied to the November test as it was in years past. Several classes plan for the 12 weeks of classes to begin in the early part of August, as usual, but the days and times are still being worked out. There may be classes that start at other times of the year, and they may have different start times, and days to attend. Please watch the Indiana Section AWWA news releases and website for updates.

In addition to the regular in-person Operator School, the Indiana Section has engaged the services of Scott Ham to develop curriculum and content for virtual class options, which we believe will make this education more accessible. Additionally, he has been working with IDEM to update and improve the WT3 Water Operator Training Manual from IDEM. We hope to have some virtual offerings very soon.

If you are interested in attending the Operator School and are looking at options to fund your attendance, the Philanthropy Committee of the Indiana Section offers several One AWWA Scholarships that cover the costs of Operator School. There is a link on the Indiana Section website for the application.

As always, while waiting for the upcoming class, there are many other ways to study outside of the Operator School using the tools and resources available from the AWWA. There are many books and virtual options available through their website throughout the year. The Indiana Section also provides and promotes the Exam Cram series to aid future operators.

If you are interested in serving on the Operator School Committee, have questions about Operator School, or have suggestions on how we can better serve, please contact me at cjohnsen@mcwaterdept.com. ■



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Water Utility Council

Justin Schneider, Chair

The Water Utility Council had a busy start to the year representing the Indiana Section AWWA on numerous policy issues at the State and Federal levels. While quite a few bills related to utility issues were offered in the Indiana General Assembly, only a handful moved through both houses and were signed by the Governor. SEA 5, authored by Senator Eric Koch (R-Dist. 44), addresses the issue of non-responsive owners to a utility request to replace a lead service line. The new law authorizes a utility with a lead service replacement program

approved by the IURC to replace a customer-owned lead service line with 45 days' notice. SEA 247, also authored by Senator Koch, creates a 30-day filing process with the IURC for the acquisition of an offered utility that appraises for and has a purchase price of less than \$3,000,000. HEA 1206, authored by Representative Jennifer Meltzer (R-Dist. 43), allows for secret and absentee ballots on the question of withdrawing from IURC jurisdiction for certain small water and wastewater utilities.



The Water Utility Council pictured above with Senator Braun and below with Representative Banks.





During the second week of April, five members of the Water Utility Council headed to Washington D.C. for the annual AWWA Fly-In. The event allows AWWA members to leverage their relationships with their own members of Congress to advocate on behalf of water utilities for AWWA's priorities in Washington, D.C.

Those members representing the Indiana Section included Jenna Bentley with AIM (Association of Indiana Municipalities), Mark Brace (Ramsey Water), Ben Bauer (Citizens Energy Group), Mike Simpson (M.E. Simpson Co.) and Justin Schneider (Indiana American Water and WUC chair). The group met with representatives from the AWWA team, as well as other Fly-In attendees from around the country to discuss key issues impacting water utilities. After those discussions, the next day and a half was spent talking with members of Congress and their staffs.

Those representing the Indiana Section had a great trip. While there were a lot of activities on Capitol Hill with committee hearings and votes taking place, the Indiana delegates were able to meet with nearly every Congressional office. Those visits included Congressman Frank Mrvan (D-IN 1st Dist.), Congressman Rudy Yakym (R-IN 2nd Dist.), Congressman Rep. Jim Banks (R-IN 3rd Dist.), Congressman Jim Baird (R-IN 4th Dist.), Congressman Gerg Pence (R-IN 6th Dist.), staff of Congressman Andre Carson (D-IN 7th Dist.),

Congresswoman Erin Houchin (R-IN 9th Dist.), Senator Todd Young (R-IN) and Senator Mike Braun (R-IN). The topics of these discussions included:

- CERCLA – to provide statutory protections from PFAS liability under CERCLA for water systems acting in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Affordability (LIWHAP) – establish a permanent low-income water customer assistance program.
- Infrastructure – fully fund the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs, and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program and stop the practice of diverting funds from SRF for earmarks.
- Cybersecurity – support a collaborative approach to cybersecurity in the water sector by passing legislation to establish an independent organization to set minimum cyber standards with oversight by the EPA.

While the outcome of those pieces of legislation related to the issues discussed is still far from certain, the dialogue around the issues was robust and informative. Most importantly, it was clear that Indiana's members of Congress have a sense of the importance of addressing these issues. We look forward to supportive votes of the Indiana delegation when bills regarding these issues are heard. ■

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Water For People Committee

Amanda Withers, Chair

Indiana 2024 KJM Awardee

The Kenneth Miller Award is a prestigious accolade for outstanding Water For People (WFP) champions. From Committee members to Workplace Giving partners, this award recognizes those who dedicate time out of their already busy schedules to help bring an end to the global water crisis.

We have a wonderful group of volunteers on our WFP Committee that keep the events going each year and had almost had a tie between two of the nominees. This year's Indiana Section awardee exemplifies the volunteer spirit of this award. Please congratulate Dawn Keyler as this year's Indiana Section awardee of the Kenneth J. Miller Founders' Award for her years of dedication and service as a champion for Water For People!

The following are comments from past awardees on this year's awardee.

"She has many of service and dedication to Water For People and has been supporting all kinds of WFP events for many years."

"Dawn has been engaged will all the WFP events throughout the years. I have worked with her specifically on the Water to Wine Event."

"She has been a strong volunteer for WFP, before, during, and after their tenure as Indiana Section staff."

Kenneth J. Miller Founders' Award Ceremony

Join Water For People on June 4, 2024, at 11 CST/12 EST as they celebrate the 2023-2024 Kenneth J. Miller Founders' Award winners. These outstanding volunteers were nominated by their Committees or companies to be recognized for their dedication, passion, and enthusiasm for furthering Water For People's mission of a world where everyone has access to water and sanitation.

Register to attend via Zoom at www.waterforpeople.org/kenneth-j-miller-founders-award. ■



2024 Events

Sponsored by the IN-AAWA/IWEA – Water For People Committee

Water Buffalos – Ride with Purpose

June 2024

Ride to ACE24 in Anaheim, CA

Contact: Jim Williams
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Jaimie Foreman (jforeman@carmel.in.gov)

INAWWA Golf Outing

July 31, 2024

Eagle Creek Golf Club, Indianapolis, IN

A portion of this year's proceeds will benefit Water For People. Registration is available online at www.inawwa.org.

Contact: John Crist (john.crist@ejco.com)

Silent Auction at the IWEA Annual Conference

August 13-15, 2024

Indianapolis Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN

A variety of items and experiences will be available for bidding during the day. The final bids will be due at the final exhibitor break. The highest bidders will get to take home their item(s) that evening!

Contact: Kate DeHaan
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Run for World Water 5k

August 24, 2024

Downtown Canal, Indianapolis IN

This is a fun run/walk 5k event! Registration is available online at runsignup.com/race/IN/RunforWorldWater. Participants can sign up individually or register an entire team in our corporate challenge. The race is child and dog friendly!

Contact: Mark Singer (singer.a.mark@outlook.com)

INAWWA NE District Cruise in Syracuse

August 24, 2024

S.S. Lilypad, Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, IN

Annual cruise on Lake Wawasee which includes DJ entertainment, games, raffle prizes, food, spirits, and more.

Contact: Chris Harrison (charrison@contactcei.com)

Water For People Concert

September 19, 2024

Victory Theatre, Evansville, IN

This year's concert will feature The Spinners with local opening act Dekar and the Bodyguards. Tickets will be available at ticketmaster.com and at the Ford Center box office or sponsorships are available for the VIP party now!

Contact: Justin Guetling (jguetling@ewsu.com)
Amanda Withers (awithers@cmtengr.com)



Golf Committee

John Crist, MAC Golf Chair

Annual Golf Outing

Come join us on July 31 for our 28th Annual INAWWA Golf Outing at Eagle Creek Golf Club in Indianapolis to benefit Water For People and the One AWWA Operator Scholarship Fund.

In addition to our usual contests and games, we'll again hold our ugly golf shirt contest for cash prizes that are sponsored by JCM Industries.

The 60-team roster is filling up fast so get your registration forms in ASAP. For your convenience, online registration and forms are available at INAWWA.org>Events>Golf Outing.

Registration will begin at 8:30 am with a 10:00 am shotgun start. Boxed lunch is provided by JCM Industries and following your day on the golf course, enjoy our dinner buffet sponsored by EJ Prescott, with prizes and awards presentations.

We will have Peerless Midwest's traditional Water Ball Contest, Tyler Union brings the lively Putting Contest, and the Par 3 prize holes are sponsored by GRW Engineers and Utility Supply Company. These are all certain to be highlights of the event again this year.

We hope to see you then! ■





American Water Works Association
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**Join us for our
 28th Annual Charity Golf Outing
 at Eagle Creek Golf Course**

Get in Your Cart for Great Causes!!
 Proceeds Benefit Water for People and
 the One AWWA Operator Scholarship Program.

- Putting Contest ● Water Ball Contest
- Ugly Golf Shirt Contest
- Lunch Provided
- Buffet Dinner ● Awards Presentation Following

July 31st ~ 10am Shotgun Start
 at Eagle Creek Golf Course, Indianapolis, IN

For more information or to Register, please visit:
www.inawwa.org



Small Systems Committee

Jeremy Hardy, Chair

INAWWA's Small Systems Committee continues to focus on our mission of serving and educating small to medium utilities and training associated with water treatment and utility management. Our committee intends to facilitate and empower utilities to become effective stewards of our water resources.

Our Committee will be volunteering at the Annual Operator Boot Camp, on August 7, 2024, at the Miami County Fairground. We will have a booth set up at the Water Institute, on December 3-5, 2024 at the Frenk Lick Resort.

As always, we would love to know your ideas on how we can better serve

you and/or topics you would like to see addressed in our newsletter or a workshop setting. Feel free to contact any of our Small Systems Committee members (www.inawwa.org/about-us/committees/small-systems) with your thoughts and ideas, or if you are interested in joining the Committee. ■

Utility Management Committee

Kurt J Wanninger, Chair

2024 Joint Utility Management Seminar

The Indiana Section, Indiana Water Environment Association (IWEA), and Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM) are again hosting the Joint Utility Management Seminar on October 2, 2024 in Indianapolis.

We invite you to join us at Bowen Engineering, on the North side of Indianapolis, IN. The day will be packed with opportunities for you to learn and earn CEUs. Topics of interest this year are public outreach, workforce development, regionalization, Indiana

procurement laws, human resources, and succession planning for yourself. We look forward to you joining us at this event.

If you are interested in being a sponsor for this event, please reach out to me at kurtw@wesslerengineering.com. ■

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Young Professionals Committee

Cheyenne Carroll, Chair

The Indiana Section AWWA Young Professionals (YP) Committee transitioned Chair positions at the AWWA Annual Conference in April. Briyana Stewart has officially transitioned to her new role as Committee Past Chair and Cheyenne Carroll as Committee Chair. We welcome Dylan Buechler as Committee Vice Chair. The YP Committee is appreciative of Briyana’s contributions, and we are confident she will continue to do remarkable things for the YPs. Let’s all congratulate Cheyenne, and please give a warm welcome to Dylan.

This is the second year the YP Committee has led a YP Track at the INAWWA Annual Conference where we learned about the components of well drilling in Indiana, how the advancements in technology have impacted communication between engineers and contractors, and how the GenZ perspective should be considered as the industry grows and works to overcome

challenges in finding qualified individuals in the Water Industry. The YP Committee held our Annual YP Meet and Greet, presented by American Structurepoint, at Social Cantina in downtown Indianapolis that took place in the evening following the YP Track and YP Monthly Committee Meeting. We had a great turnout at the event, with several new faces, as YPs had the opportunity to network with one another and other industry professionals. Thank you to our generous sponsors for making this event possible.

The YP Committee eagerly anticipates an array of upcoming volunteer opportunities and Lunch & Learn sessions in the months ahead. Our ongoing efforts aim to actively involve more Young Professionals through diverse engagement avenues, including educational offerings, social gatherings, facility tours, and networking events. In addition to the INAWWA and IWEA Annual Conference activities, we strive to provide enriching experiences.

We encourage you to connect your company’s Young Professionals with our Committee to stay updated on these developments.

Moreover, the YP Committee continues its efforts to reignite involvement from colleges and universities for the YP Student Chapters. Within the Committee, numerous ideas have surfaced to engage college students and encourage their continued connection with the YP Committee as they enter the professional workforce. If you are aware of any students, professors, or individuals with college/university affiliations interested in participating in the YP Student Chapters, please encourage them to reach out.

Lastly, if you are interested in joining or learning more about the Young Professionals Committee and are under 35 years old or have been in the industry for 10 years or less, please reach out to indianaawwaiweayp@gmail.com for more information. ■

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Membership Committee

Josh Dixon, Chair

Spring 2024 New, Reinstated, Renewing Member Update

The Indiana Section AWWA added 15 individual member main contacts, six student members, 10 Op/admin members, 42 individual members, and one utility member.

Individual Members

- Odise Adams
- JD Allman – Anderson Water plant
- Dann Barrett
- Luke Beier – Kaiser Aluminum
- Jake Birch – Indiana RCAP
- Jonathan Buckholtz – Leary Construction
- Tony Burnside – South Bend Waterworks
- Jerry Butler
- Emily Chung – United Consulting
- Randall Cooper – Tnemec
- Joe Daugherty – Franklin Electric
- Derrick Degraw – Town of Bristol
- Joshua Dixon – Ramsey Water Company
- John Dufek – Clark Dietz, Inc
- Bob Ervin – Aqua Indiana
- Ashley Faurote – Fort Wayne Utilities
- Michael Furfaro – DECA Environmental
- Tammy Jackson – Hammond Waterworks
- Christiine Keck – Indiana American Water
- Todd Knote – Three Rivers Filter Plant
- Megan Kolaczyk – City of South Bend
- James Kubisz – Indiana RCAP
- Yuhao Liu – Wessler Engineering
- Samantha Lozano – Indiana American Water
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- Cheyenne McDaniel – Jones and Henry Engineering

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Indiana Section Membership Snapshot (May)

- Utility Members – 293
- Individual Members – 1119
- Service Providers – 32

Total Section Membership – 1466 ■

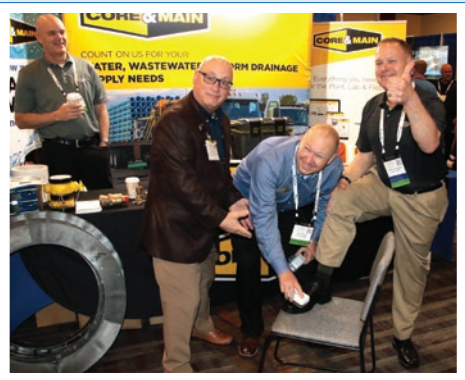
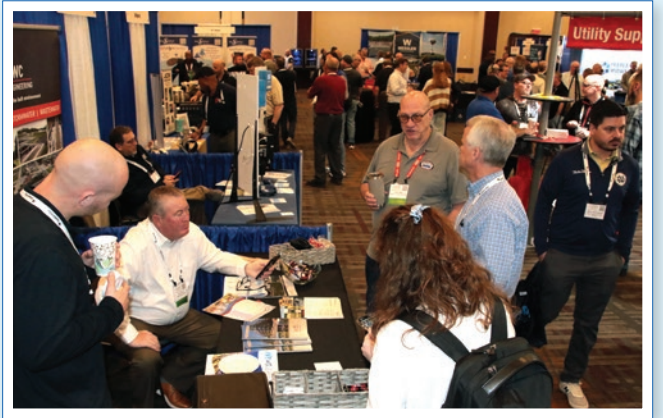
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AWWA's Water Equation is celebrating 10 years of providing scholarships and leadership funding to water professionals, as well as providing funding to Community Engineering Corps for projects in the USA.

In 2014 the AWWA Board of Directors recognized the need for a philanthropy that would support the water sector in recruiting and retaining the best and brightest employees for utilities, manufacturers, and service providers. They approved the creation of AWWA Water Equation to provide the One AWWA Operator Scholarship, leadership development for students and young professionals, and fund Community Engineering Corps to provide pro-bono engineering services in underserved communities in the USA.

Since then, the impact of the philanthropy on our members in North America has exceeded our expectations.

- \$300,000 awarded to water and wastewater operators for continuing education.
- \$150,000 to young professionals attending the YP Summit, AWWA YP Leader Day, Water Smart Innovations & Water Quality Technology conferences, and DC Fly-In.
- \$43,000 to 22 STEAM education programs impacting over 1200 families.
- \$140,000 to Community Engineering Corps for 60 projects in 29 states impacting over 55,000 people.
- \$1.6 million in Academic Scholarships to students attending colleges & universities in North America, 98% of whom have remained in the water community.

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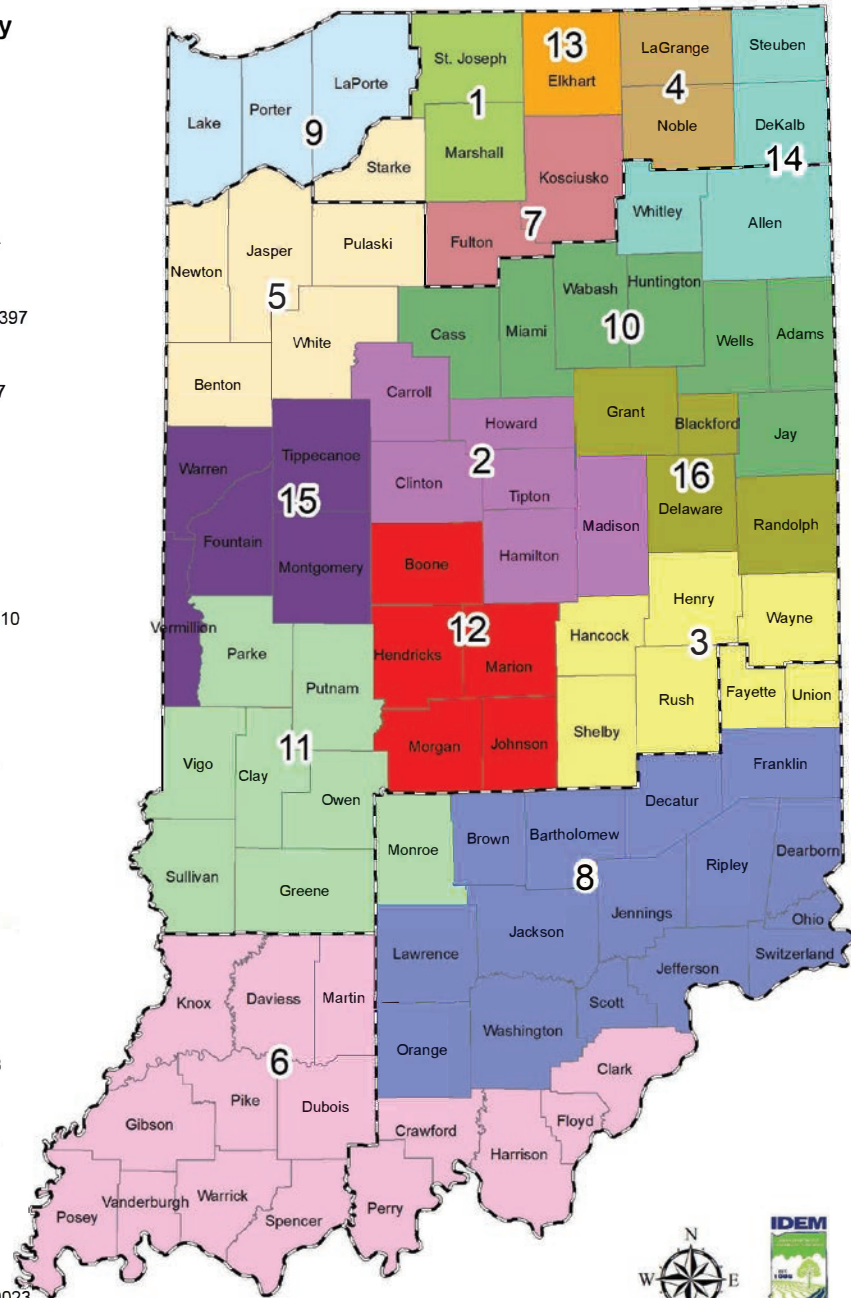
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EPA Issues Revised Requirements for Consumer Confidence Reports

AWWA Connections

US drinking water utilities will be required to provide water quality information with greater clarity and with accessibility in mind under the final Consumer Confidence Report Rule Revisions announced in May 2024.

The rule's first compliance date is January 1, 2027, meaning that water systems are expected to comply with the revisions beginning with Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs) due July 1, 2027 (summarizing data from 2026).

With input from member volunteers, Sections, and partner organizations, the American Water Works Association's (AWWA) Government Affairs Office provided detailed comments to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) about the substance and process of the proposal, including suggestions for clarifying language and revising unmanageable deadlines. Responding to AWWA comments on the proposed rule, EPA removed language that brought into question if water could be described as 'safe,' even if it met all standards.

A requirement in America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (AWIA) tasked the EPA with ensuring that annual drinking water quality reports are more understandable and accessible to the public. In April 2023, EPA proposed updates to the rule.

Some key changes in the final CCR rule include:

- **A requirement that water systems serving greater than 10,000 people must provide a CCR twice per year.** The deadline for the first report will remain July 1, with the second delivery taking place by the end of that year.
- **Increased requirements for translation and accessibility of the CCR for those with limited English proficiency and/or disabilities.** This includes information where consumers can either obtain a translated copy of the report or assistance in the appropriate language.

- **Addition of a summary section at the beginning of the CCR containing specific key elements.** This should include information about any violations and compliance, contact information, and how to request a paper copy of the report.
- **Codification of most existing electronic delivery options into regulation.** It is valid for water systems to provide notice via mail or email that the CCR is available, with a direct link to the report.
- **Shortened timeline for certification of CCR delivery to the primacy agency.** The rule requires that water systems certify that delivery of the CCR has been completed within 10 days of the delivery deadline. The previous deadline was three months.
- **Primacy agencies are required to provide all compliance data annually to EPA.** This includes all compliance monitoring and related monitoring data for national primary drinking water standards. States have three years before the first submission is due.

"All US community water systems are impacted by the revised CCR Rule, and we encourage them to begin planning now for these changes and to collaborate with their primacy agency on how to implement them well in advance of the 2027 deadline," said Adam Carpenter, AWWA's energy and environmental policy manager.

"The collaboration of AWWA and its member volunteers, Sections, and partners was very effective in helping the EPA develop constructive revisions to the CCR Rule that will hopefully strengthen communications and trust between drinking water providers and their communities and consumers," said Matt Junker, vice chair of AWWA's Public Affairs Council. ■



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June 26	Northeast District Meeting – Fort Wayne Tin Caps Baseball Game
June 27	Operator Symposium South – Utility Supply Co. - Huntingburg
July 17	Water Loss Webinar
July 31	Annual Golf Outing – Benefits Indiana Operator Scholarship and Water For People - Eagle Creek Golf Course - Indianapolis
August 7	Operator Boot Camp – Miami County Fairgrounds - Peru

DATE	EVENT
August 24	Sunset Cruise – Benefitting Water For People - Syracuse
October 2	Joint Utility Management Seminar (IWEA AIM INAWWA) – Bowen Engineering - Indianapolis
October 24	Operator Certification Training – Hybrid - Huntington
October 30	Operator Certification Training – Hybrid - Carmel
November 12	Operator Certification Training – Hybrid - Gary
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