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Chair's Corner

Tim Nelson



Thanks to everyone who attended, presented, exhibited and enjoyed the 107th Indiana Section AWWA Annual Conference in Indianapolis. Also to the many committee volunteers, vendors, operators and service providers who make this Indiana Section so great, THANK YOU!

My work in the field (so-to-speak) began as a summer job in 1987 to help pay college expenses. This opened my eyes to the world's most critical industry: water. In 1996, I became an official member of the American Water Works Association. It is an organization that has had a tremendous impact on my career. As a member, I can confidently proclaim, I am a professional. You too can benefit from membership. Involvement is the key. It's like a guaranteed investment. The more you put in, the more you receive.

As Chair, I am honored to take the helm of this great organization and hold fast to a ship that has set sail. Winds picked up last year after we hired our first Executive Administrator, Dawn Keyler. As we move forward this year, I ask you to hoist the sails and catch the wind. The Indiana Section has steadily progressed over the past century, not by individuals that stand at the podium, but with the combined effort of each member working together. Involvement, attendance, commitment and confidence in the Section have contributed to its growth. This expansion is based on the knowledge, skill and perseverance of those members who've worked tirelessly to build upon the foundations laid before them.

You can look through the archives and see generations of leaders have moved through the Section chairs. More importantly, members of the Indiana Section become like family—celebrating victories and mourning losses. This family is what has made the Indiana Section successful and able to endure. We are a tight-knit group of professionals, dedicated to improving lives in the communities we serve. I encourage you to get involved. Join a committee, submit an abstract, and find your niche.

As Chair, I was invited to the 2015 AWWA DC Fly-In, along with AWWA Vice President, Mike Simpson and incoming Director, Duane Gilles by our Water Utility Council led by John Hardwick. This is an incredibly effective venue arranged by AWWA staff in Washington designed to provide expert insight from the water industry to our nation's legislators on Capitol Hill. AWWA Sections were represented from around the country.

Spring is here and District meetings are just around the corner. I look forward to attending each one and seeing as many members as possible in the next few months! Plan to attend at a location near you!

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Direct from the Director

Mike Simpson



I believe spring has finally sprung! Although much better than last winter, this winter still seemed to go on and on. I'm writing this article while enjoying the beautiful weather in Phoenix. I've taken a day off and I am going to enjoy some Major League Baseball Spring Training. I'm going to see the Cubs vs. White Sox in Glendale. Yes, spring is finally here.

While at the Winter Board meeting in Santa Fe, we reviewed the financial status of AWWA, moved the India initiative forward, kicked off our philanthropic activities with a fundraising program for scholarships, reviewed the potential for a change in our Utility Membership category, and received updates on our education programs and ACE15 in Anaheim. All these activities and initiatives make us a stronger and more effective leader in the water community.

AWWA has opened a local office in India and at the time of this article we are in the final interview process for a Director. This is very exciting and will greatly benefit our organization and Indian water professionals. Providing access to AWWA's extensive knowledge and information will make a significant difference as the water professionals in India improve their water practices.

We kicked off the Winter Board meeting with a fundraising activity for our scholarship offerings. The board members, guests and professional staff raised over \$8,000 during the weekend. AWWA knows education is essential to the success of our organization and profession. Scholarships help people of all ages gain that knowledge. That knowledge is transferred to the job and benefits the country and Indiana, as a whole.

Membership is what makes AWWA, AWWA. We cannot create Standards and Manuals of Practice or host workshops, conferences, webinars and additional activities without members. Member volunteers are the life blood of this organization. The Board of Directors is committed to improving and simplifying our membership offerings. Professional staff presented the beginnings of a study on our Utility Memberships and how we might simplify and improve them for the benefit of all. This is an area that your incoming Director, Duane Gilles, your Membership Chair, Erich Nugent and I will be watching closely and intimately involved in.

ACE15 is being held in Anaheim, the home of Disneyland. This conference will be an exciting one to attend with over 100,000 square feet of exhibit space teaming with products and services. It will have educational presentations that cover all aspects of water for all sizes of Utilities from the smallest to the largest. The conference will be held June 8-June 10. Join us for an exceptional opportunity to learn and benefit your utility.

I attended the AWWA Fly-In with John Hardwick, Phil Smith, Joe Sutherland, Tim Nelson and Duane Gilles. We met with professional staff at all nine of our Congressional offices and both of our Senator offices. Five of those meetings were face to face with our elected officials. We discussed water in Indiana and reviewed AWWA's positions and recommendations on Water Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act (WIFIA), algal blooms, chemical spills and cyber security. All of these items are critical issues to our water utilities here in Indiana.

The Indiana Section Annual Conference was a smashing success with over 1,360 water professionals attending! The program was full of interesting and quality educational papers. The exhibit hall was sold out and had 128 different companies, filling over 200 booth spaces with innovative materials and information to keep your water systems top notch. As a part of our Strategic Plan for Total Water Solutions, we added five technical tracks in wastewater. These classes were extremely well attended and helped make this year conference a true success.

Direct from the Director

continued

As I write this article I realize it is my last article as your Director. It has been a privilege to serve all of you in that capacity and to represent the Indiana Section AWWA. I have no doubt that Duane Gilles will do a marvelous job for all of us and I encourage you to fully support Duane as the new Director.

Finally, I encourage you to be involved. Involvement will help you grow as an individual and allow you to give back to the water community. Involvement will give you many, many lifelong friends and those friends will make the participation even more enjoyable. Remember, "Risk... You cannot discover new oceans unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore".

As I've stated, there is a great deal of "stuff" going on at both the Association and Section levels and your participation is needed. Volunteerism is the key to success in any organization and AWWA is no different. Your participation is critical to our success. There are many opportunities and ways that you can volunteer; but, the most important thing is that you do just that, volunteer.

"Water is the key to life, without it nothing grows". Thanks for being part of the Indiana Section AWWA and most importantly thanks for the job you do protecting and providing safe water.

Alan Wiseman receives George Warren Fuller Award

Born in 1952 in Louisville, Kentucky, our awardee & his younger brother grew up across the River in Clarksville, Indiana. When asked by his 2nd grade teacher what his father did for a living he proudly replied, "My dad is an engineer & he makes money!"

He completed student pilot training. On one memorable flight with his dad, he pointed out a "hot air balloon," which turned out to be a "helicopter" – his dad promptly made him an eye appointment, and at age 23 he got his 1st pair of glasses!

In 1975 he earned his civil engineering degree at Purdue University, where he won the heart of one of the "Little Sisters" at his Fraternity. Some of their memorable dates included: making snow angels in front of the Engineering Administration Building, running late night computer punch card programs at the Math/Science Building, and hanging out in the Air Photo Interpretation Lab. They finally decided that they wanted "to grow old together" and were married in Anderson in 1976.

Our awardee has 39 years of experience as an environmental engineer and manager in the water /wastewater industry, and also in consulting. He is currently employed as an Environmental Engineer for Citizens Energy Group in Solid & Hazardous Waste Management and the Wellhead Protection Program.

A licensed Professional Engineer in both Indiana & Kentucky, he served as Past President of the Indiana Society of Professional Engineers. He first joined AWWA in 1987 and became active in the AWWA Indiana Section, as Central District Program Chair, and eventually as President. He served the Indiana Section for 7 years as Asst Secretary-Treasurer and Secretary-Treasurer. He currently chairs of the Water Operator School Committee and is an instructor for the Water Operator School, and he holds Water Operator Licenses WT3, WT5, and DSL. He also has taught Water Ops Training Workshops at the Section & IRWA Conferences and Spring Refresher Courses. He is a charter member of the Steering Committee for the INWARN Network.

He received the Water Wheel Award in 2002 and the Hoosier Water Award in 2013.

Our awardee has dedicated himself to a life of service to his family, his church, his community & his profession. His favorite quote from Tony Dungy sums it up:

"It's about the journey – mine and yours – the lives we can touch, the legacy we can leave, and the world we can change for the better."

Joining our Awardee were his wife Suzie, sons – Eric, Andy and Nathan (coming from Connecticut), daughters-in-law Jennifer and Stefanie and granddaughter Olivia.

Young Professionals

Jeremy Hardy, Chair

Reported by *Claire Sieradzki and Rachel Katchmar*

Tacos and sunshine were promised as we, two members of the Indiana Section of Young Professionals and employed at Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. in Indianapolis, headed down to Austin for the 2015 YP Summit and Utility Management Conference this past February. Monday's line up included a full day of AWWA YP Chair Training Session as well as a networking reception for both AWWA and WEF young professionals from across the country. This first day of training was a new feature this year, and was specific to AWWA current and future leaders. Discussions included membership, networking, student chapters, and leadership. This was a great experience for us to learn about leadership and growth potential within AWWA. Then of course the networking in the evening with AWWA and WEF YPs was a great experience to share tips and stories of our individual state sections.

Tuesday was similar to past conferences, with an all-day summit for the Young Professionals of both AWWA and WEF. YPs were in attendance from across the nation, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. We were honored to hear from and meet several guest speakers, including Gene Koontz, the incoming AWWA Association President and Ed McCormick, WEF President. Highlighted themes from this year's summit included:

Big-picture thinking

Success and what it means

Professionalism throughout our various backgrounds from industry, engineering, financial, and more.

George Hawkins' talk about his experience as the DC Water Utility director was memorable. He discussed the challenges and excitement of working in an industry that provides an essential resource, has aging infrastructure, "sells" to customers who do not know its importance, and operates with a conservative attitude. He presented the everyday challenge of generating innovation in an industry that is conservative for good reasons - providing clean water 24/7, no mistakes. Most of the talks on Tuesday were thought provoking and resulted in young professional discussions about how to unlock creative ideas in the industry, create culture/leadership in the work place, help consumers understand everything public utilities do, and work well in an industry that has a wide range of ages.

Both days were great experiences and opportunities to meet our peers as well as absorb knowledge from some of the great leaders in our industry. We would like to thank the Indiana Section YPs for allowing us to represent Indiana AWWA Young Professionals and we are ready to implement our new found knowledge throughout the years to come! Feel free to ask either of us for more information about the conference. We have notebooks full of ideas for section growth.



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Water Utility Council

John Hardwick, Chair

The Indiana Section has participated in the 'Water Matters' Fly In for many years as a way to help the American Water Works Association's voice to be heard on Capitol Hill. During the Fly In, Section delegates have gathered in Washington D.C. to visit Congress members in order to raise the awareness on important drinking water and wastewater matters.

The Fly In began in 2002. Over the years participants have been able to educate congressional members, and to raise awareness of drinking water issues and the mounting needs for infrastructure investment.

One of the initial issues addressed by Fly In participants involved the use of MTBE (methyl tertiary-butyl ether) in gasoline. This additive was used in some gasoline to fulfill the oxygenate requirements set by Congress in the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments (2005). MTBE is a groundwater pollutant. Gasoline manufacturers wanted Congress to grant them protection from lawsuits (safe harbor) because they used MTBE. AWWA along with other water agencies warned Congress that water utilities would be the greatest loser if Congress granted such a waiver. The Fly In played a big role in letting Congress know the hardships the water utilities would have if they had to clean up MTBE polluted aquifers. Congress decided not to grant the MTBE waiver.

Last June, AWWA celebrated the signing into law Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Authority (WIFIA). WIFIA is a way to provide low cost, long term federal loans for major drinking water and wastewater systems. Unfortunately, the law as it was passed has some major flaws that will prevent WIFIA from having the greatest impact to help rebuild water infrastructure. On March 18 and 19, the Fly In members discussed the needed changes with members of Congress.

Indiana has participated in the Fly In since its inception and has visited all eleven Congressional offices each year. This year, we had six Indiana Section AWWA members participate. By doing so, we increased our "face time" with Congress members.

The AWWA Fly In has been quite successful in increasing the Congressional awareness and we hope to again see its impact.

2016 Conference

John Seever, Chair-Elect

108th Indiana Section AWWA Annual Conference is planned for February 8 -11, 2016 at the Marriott-Downtown in Indianapolis. The conference theme is "Water: Crucial to Indiana's Future"

The Technical Program Committee lead by Dylan Lambermont with assistant from John Seever is now accepting abstracts for presentations.

Following the theme, presenters are encouraged to promote the importance of water and its impact on the economy and the lives of Hoosiers in their presentations. For this conference, several of the standing committees will fill a portion of the technical program by selecting abstracts based on their activities and interests.

We will continue to involve operators and utility personnel in many of the presentations. Case studies, panel discussions and presentations from or with operators and superintendents are encouraged. The goal is to keep attendees engaged in each presentation. If any field personnel or operators are willing to present or co-present, please get involved. Presentations should be 30 to 60 minutes in length and include time for questions and discussion.

Abstracts summarizing your presentations should be between 100-200 words. The abstract submittal form and instructions will be available soon at www.inawwa.org. Please forward the completed abstract submittal form and speaker biographies in PDF or MS Word format to dylanl@wesslerengineering.com for consideration by the Technical Program Committee.

The Technical Program Committee will review each abstract for quality, technical content, and relativity to our membership. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dylan Lambermont at 317-788-4551 or John Seever at 317-465-1507.

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Small Systems

Odetta Cadwell, Chair

InAWWA's Small Systems Committee wishes to welcome several new members:

- Troy Elless from the Town of Bainbridge
- Tamara Roberts from the City of Bloomington
- Mary Hollingsworth from Indiana Rural Water Association
- Mary Hoover from IDEM
- Kirk Kuroiwa from Indiana American Water
- Pat O'Brien from Indiana American Water

We thank these folks for their commitment to small systems!!

We continue to focus on our mission of serving and educating small to medium utilities and on training associated with water treatment and utility management. It is the intent of our Committee to facilitate and empower utilities to become effective stewards of our water resources.

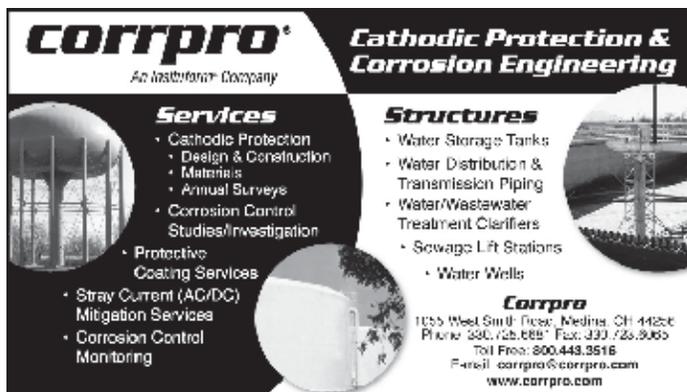
To this end, the Small Systems Committee will continue publishing "FYI-Small Systems". If you are not currently receiving this bi-annual publication, please let us know and we will add you to the mailing list, or you can access copies on InAWWA's website (www.inawwa.org) – click on the "Resources" tab.

We have also updated our *Handbook for Board Members, Owners, Elected Officials, and Operators of Indiana Water Systems*. This publication was distributed from the Small Systems booth at the February conference, and also mailed to current InAWWA members. If you did not receive a copy, or wish additional copies, please contact Dawn Keyler at the InAWWA office.

Our Committee is looking for other initiatives to assist small systems. We will once again offer workshops on backflow and cross connection control and other topics of benefit to small systems. Once the topics, dates and locations are determined, we will post them on InAWWA's website and send out notices.

As always, we would love to know your ideas on how we can better assist small systems 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 (http://www.inawwa.org/pages/small_systems_com.php) with your thoughts and ideas.



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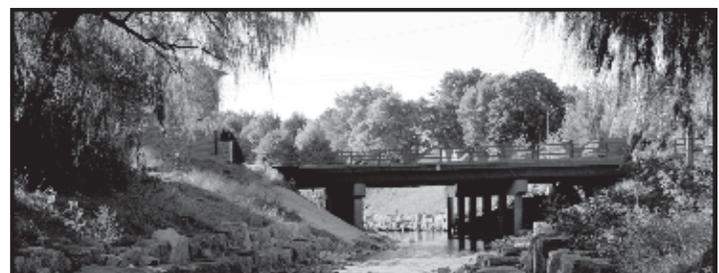
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Awards

Dan Hood, Chair

Prime Mover Award

The purpose of this Award is to recognize outstanding utility men and women in small communities who, through their efforts, provide a service to their customers by providing a safe water supply.

To qualify, the population of the community or system served, shall not exceed *thirty three hundred (3300) people*. The candidate shall have worked for the utility for at least five (5) years, and shall have exemplary service through personal effort in providing the community with a continuous safe water supply.

The Prime Mover Award is presented at the Fall District Meetings. For 2014, the award was given to John Leu, LaGrange, IN Town Superintendent – NE District

Water Wheel Award

This Award is presented to members of the Indiana Section AWWA, who, over the years, have untiringly served the Section, but who have not previously been so recognized.

To qualify, awardees shall have been a continuous AWWA member for at least five years. Awardees shall not have been an officer of the Indiana Section or a Fuller Awardee in the past. District officers are eligible.

The Water Wheel Award nominees remain secret until presentation of the Awards at the noon Awards Luncheon at the Annual Section Meeting.

The 2015 Water Wheel Award recipients:
Kurt Riedman Jeff Cunningham
Jaimie Foreman Tim Brown
Phil Bonneau

George Fassnacht District Achievement Award

This Award bears the name of a man who encouraged attendance at the District Meetings as a means to reach the small system operator. The Indiana Section also encourages attendance at the District Meetings and in the spirit of competition, recognizes that District in the Section with the highest percentage increase in attendance over the previous calendar year.

To qualify, each District submits their actual attendance rosters to the Awards Committee Chair for both the spring and fall District Meetings. These attendance numbers are compared to the previous year's total.

The District with the highest percentage increase in attendance will remain secret until announced at the Awards Luncheon at the Annual Section Meeting. The name of the District and year will be placed on the District Achievement Award plaque.

2014 District Achievement Award recipient: SW District

Hoosier Water Award

This is an award of distinguished achievement to those who have demonstrated outstanding service in support of the principles of both IRWA and the Indiana Section AWWA in providing better water for people in the State of Indiana. Eligibility for the Award: all members of both IRWA and the Indiana Section AWWA who have not only made outstanding contributions to the water industry, but who have also achieved recognition as professionals in the industry and the Associations. Outstanding service is considered to be distinguished, long-term voluntary service in a leadership capacity within IRWA and the Indiana Section AWWA.

Serving as an officer in an Association is not a prerequisite. A plaque and subsequently a pin will be presented at the Annual Conference of each Association. The Hoosier Water Awards Committee will coordinate the presentations.

The 2015 Hoosier Water Award recipient:
Steve Fickle – Ft. Wayne

AWWA Hoosier Crew – Oar Award

This Award is presented to members of the Indiana Section AWWA, who volunteer for the good of the section year after year, but who have not previously been so recognized. To qualify, awardees shall have been an AWWA member and a dedicated volunteer for at least ten years.

The AWWA Hoosier Crew Award nominees remain secret until presentation of the Awards at the noon Awards Luncheon at the Annual Section Meeting.

The 2015 Oar Award recipients:
John Donahue – AWWA President
Marilyn Gambold Neal Mckee
Cathy Fejer Jeff Peters
Curt Kent Randy Wynn
Tim Nelson Charlie Chapman

The Award of Merit

This is an award of achievement to those outside the water industry, who have demonstrated outstanding service in support of the principles of the Indiana Section AWWA in providing better water for people. Any individual, group, or organization that has made a notable and outstanding contribution to the water industry is eligible. The nominee cannot be employed in the water industry. There were no nominees for 2015

The 2015 Awards Committee:

*Chair - Dan E. Hood, M.E. Simpson Co., Inc., Valparaiso
Paul Hartman, Logansport Municipal Utilities, Logansport
Phil Smith, Smith Group Consulting, Indianapolis
Steve Fickle, Fort Wayne Utilities
Curt Kent – Peerless-Midwest, Mishawaka
Dawn Keyler, Indiana Section AWWA
Odetta Cadwell, IRWA, New Palestine
Tim Nelson, Midwestern Engineers, Loogootee
Neal McKee, American Water
Stacy Jones, IDEM Drinking Water Branch, Indy*

Competition

Jeff Morris, Chair

Another great Meter Madness competition was held Wednesday, February 11th, during the 2015 Indiana Section Conference, in Indianapolis. The following winners from each of the five districts were present and ready to compete against the returning meter madness champion, Wade Friedman of Dubois Water Utilities.

- NE District Dan Smith – City of Fort Wayne
- NW District Don Gellinger – Logansport Municipal Utility
- Central District Jerry Smith – City of Carmel Utilities
- SE District Danny Standiford – Silver Creek Water Corp
- SW District Isaac Heeke – Dubois Water Utilities



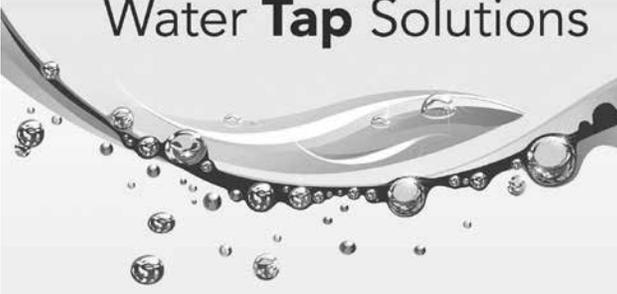
Meter Madness is a very stressful competition where seconds and sometime hundredths of a second determine who moves on and who doesn't. Unlike an individual athletic competition, there are many variables that are beyond the competitor's control. When he/she dumps their bucket of parts, they never know what's going to happen. We've seen small parts bounce off of the table and we've seen them broken by the larger parts that fall on them. It's a scramble to locate the necessary parts and assemble the meter as fast as possible. Taking into consideration the number of things that can go wrong and earn the competitor penalties, the fastest raw time is not always the fastest winning time.

After some close competition and a few penalties, the top 3 places were:

- 1st Place – Jerry Smith, with an excellent time of 51.47 Seconds
- 2nd Place – Isaac Heeke
- 3rd Place – Danny Standiford

Congratulations to Jerry! After many years of competing, Jerry will be representing the Indiana Section at the National Competition during ACE, in Anaheim.

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A big Thank You to our contestants and the utilities and Section Districts that support them. Also, another big thank you to Master Meter and Scott Bradley, this year's sponsor.

If you have never competed in Meter Madness, join in the fun and sign up for our District Competitions that will be held this fall, when our contestants will be using the Mueller/Hersey Model 420 Meter.

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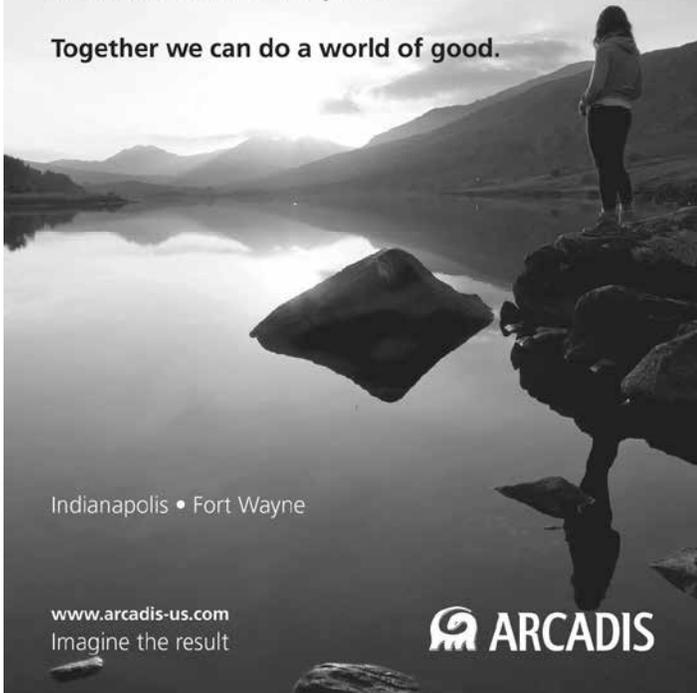
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Sustainability

Matt Klein, Chair

I am humbled to be the incoming Chair of the Sustainability Committee. This is a reasonably new committee for the Indiana Section. The first initiative is to identify volunteers for membership on the Sustainability Committee. If you are interested in participating, please contact me by phone at (317) 233-3231 or email at mklein@oucc.in.gov.

The second initiative will involve developing and implementing a strategic plan. If you have a vision for sustainability within the water sector, then your input will be most welcome. As we develop the strategic plan, we will likely coordinate our activities with the direction of the Sustainable Infrastructure Committee (and other relevant committees) of AWWA. We look forward to a great year of serving the membership of the Indiana Section.

Golf Outing

Jeff Cunningham, Chair

The 2015 Golf Outing will be on July 29th. We will again be playing at Eagle Creek Golf Club in Indianapolis. Last year, we had a great event with two courses full of teams. Remember, we are limited to the first 240 golfers so sign-up early.

Of course, there are also many sponsorship opportunities available if you prefer to be a supporter, instead of a player.

No matter how you plan to participate, sign-up early. The registration forms will be available on the Section website in the next couple of weeks.

Remember, last year we raised nearly \$28,000 for the Section's Water For People contributions; so come on out and enjoy a fun-filled day while raising funds for a truly worthy cause.

We'll see you on the course!



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Operator School

Alan Wiseman, Chair

Our committee recently met at the Annual Conference in February at the Indianapolis Downtown Marriott with several instructors and representatives of IDEM's Drinking Water Branch in attendance. The hot topic this year continues to be IDEM's Workgroup peer review of the operator certification distribution exams (DSS/DSM/DSL). Many thanks to Liz Melvin and the Drinking Water Branch for leading the effort to survey and explore this option. In the long run, we think this will make for improved exams and lead to the development of better study resources.

The Fall Water Operator School, our main event, a.k.a. the Short School, is scheduled for early August through late October 2015. Watch for the school announcement in May, which will be posted on the Section website and mailed to key stakeholders. The Fall Water Operator School consists of 72 hours of comprehensive instruction primarily in the areas of water treatment and distribution; but, it also includes source of supply, regulations, chemistry and operator math. The course is specifically tailored to assist the operator in preparation for the fall operator certification exams. The fall exam is November 5, 2015. Depending on Short School registrations, we plan to conduct training at the following locations this year:

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Southeast District

Phil Bonneau, Trustee

First of all, I would like to give credit to the group of individuals that “obtained” the items that were provided to the Silent Auction on behalf of the Southeast District for the AWWA Section meeting this past February—way to go!! (And of course we did better than NE District.)

On to this year...

Our Spring meeting will have all the usual updates, news, featured events, and entertainers that are often seen at these events but we will also have several good presentations including GIS/GPS usage and how it can benefit any utility with buried materials. There will also be an after party with a tour of the Indiana American plant at which we are holding the meeting.

Meeting is May 7th in Jeffersonville. Hope to see many of you there!!

Northeast District

Justin Stouder, Trustee

Greetings from the NE District!

Mom: *Get up Bruce, you will be late for school.*

Bruce: *But I don't want go, all the teachers and students hate me.*

Mom: *You have to go.*

Bruce: *Give me one reason why I should go.*

Mom: *You're 35, and you're the principal.*

A little humor is always a good way to start.

On to business now.....

First off the Northeast District wants to thank you for all the support you give to us and AWWA. Without your commitment, we would not exist. We encourage you to spread the good news. Thank you for all you do.

The 2015 spring meeting will be held in Fort Wayne at the **Air National Guard 122nd Fighter Wing**. This will be a new location so be sure to program your GPS and mark your calendars to attend on **May 21, 2015**. You need to register soon since security is top priority at this facility. You must provide the requested information by April 30. **Everyone MUST be pre-approved to enter and tour the base. There will not be any on-site registration.** The program is available on the website and will be in your mailbox soon. If you have not received any information regarding this meeting please contact any district officer or Dawn Keyler at dawn.keyler@inawwa.org or 866.213.2796.

HURTY AWARDS: Each year IDEM presents the John N. Hurty Service Awards to individuals having 25 years or more of service with one or more Indiana public water utility. The awards are presented annually at the Indiana Section AWWA fall district meetings. Hurty Award nomination forms are due June 1. If you have not received a packet from the Indiana Section by mid-April, please contact dawn.keyler@inawwa.org.

For future reference: the Northeast District always holds their meetings on the 3rd Thursday of May and September.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Fort Wayne, May 21, 2015.

Again, if you have any questions please feel free to contact any officer or visit on the new and improved website at www.inawwa.org.

Central District

Jeff Morris, Trustee

Central District is looking forward to spring! We have all our plans set for our Spring Central District meeting at Ellis Park, Train Station, in Danville on May 13th. The boys at Danville Water will be doing a hog roast, something you won't want to miss! We have a much diversified agenda lined up for your enjoyment.

For those that attended the Section Meeting in February, there was a competition amongst the districts in the Water for People Silent Auction. Central District auctioned off a shotgun, case, ammo and cleaning kit. We came in 2nd place raising \$400.00!!!

Your 2015 Central District Officers are:

President	Jaimie Foreman	Carmel Utilities
Vice President	John Solenberg	Lawrence Utilities
Sec. /Treasurer	Sarah Hudson	Curry and Associates
Trustee	Jeff Morris	M.E. Simpson Co., Inc.

Northwest District

Mark Geskey, Trustee

The Northwest District spring meeting will be held Friday, May 15, 2015 at Pine View Resort, 1969 NW Shafer Dr, Monticello, IN 47960. As the meeting will be held in the Eastern Time zone, registration begins at 8:30 A.M. (EASTERN TIME) with the call to order at 9:00 A.M.

During the February Conference in Indianapolis, the Northwest District officers, Elizabeth Patz, Matt Vanderstar, Tony Kenning, and Darlene Shireman met to begin the spring meeting planning. We are targeting the following topics:

- Distribution Maintenance
- Troubleshooting and improper installation of service line fittings
- Safety

We are excited about the program that is being developed. Please mark your calendars and you may pre-register by contacting Darlene Shireman at Darlene.Shireman@amwater.com on or before May 8.

Finally, we want to thank Mark Nye for his dedicated service as the Northwest District Trustee over the last three years. His hard work has been much appreciated!

Southwest District

Todd Williams, Trustee

We are planning our 2015 spring meeting for May 6th in Montgomery, IN at the beautiful Gasthof Amish Village. We will meet in the "Loft" where our speakers and topics are planned as follows: Layne Water representatives Sean Miguel and Emily Miesner will talk about the importance of pump maintenance (they promised me that it would not be the normal mind-numbing talk on pumps)! We will also learn about the basics of how to operate a successful water distribution system from the hands-on experience of the City of Huntingburg. This is intended to be an open forum of shared ideas and practices from the people on the ground doing the job every day. Lastly, Tom Lewis will talk about line locating and all that is involved.

The buffet-style Amish food is fantastic! For those looking for more to do after lunch, we plan to tour the newly constructed wetland overflow system that the neighboring City of Washington recently built. Plus, golf is also available right down the street at gorgeous Country Oaks Golf course. CEU's will be available for this meeting. Tentatively, we are making plans to go back to Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center in the fall. So, please watch your mailbox for upcoming details. We had nearly 100 people in attendance at our last meeting and our goal is to keep this number of members going and growing. Please plan now to come and join us on May 6th!

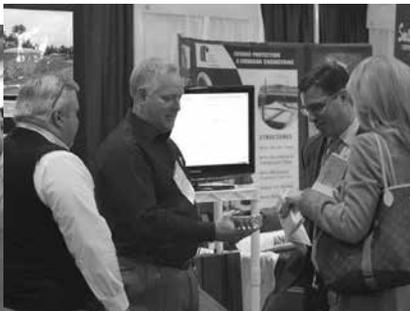
2015 Annual Conference



Excuse me...I need to take this call.



Oh yeah...that's a good picture!!





2015

**INDIANA SECTION AWWA EVENTS
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Wine Into Water – South Bend

May 21

- John Wilttrout – jwilttrout@southbendin.gov
- Cathy Lance – cathy.lance@peerlessmidwest.com

Water Buffalos – Ride with Purpose

June

Ride to Ace Sponsorship deadline May 1st

- Alex Hood – alexh@mesimpson.com
- Jeff Peters – jpeters34@indy.rr.com
- Jim Williams – james.williams@peerlessmidwest.com

Sunset Cruise in Syracuse

July 25

- Christopher Harrison - christopher.harrison@amwater.com

IN Section AWWA Golf Outing

July 29

- Jeff Cunningham – jeff.cunningham@sensus.com

Run for World Water – Indianapolis

August 22

- Dan Haddock – dhaddock@lochgroup.com
- Pat Spence – pspence@hntb.com

Evansville Concert –

September 24

Herman's Hermits and Gary Puckett & the Union Gap

- Duane Gilles – dgilles@ewsu.com

Indiana North/South Buffalo Rides

Peru

May 16

- Jeff Peters – jpeters34@indy.rr.com

Huntingburg

September 26

Water For People

Jim Williams & Duane Gilles, Co-Chairs

It was a great honor to present John Wiltrout with the Kenneth J. Miller Award at the 2015 Indiana Section meeting. This is the highest recognition for volunteer service to Water For People and John is a most deserving recipient. We presented him with the Miller Award pin in Indianapolis and the formal presentation will be Monday, June 8 at ACE in Anaheim. Be sure to congratulate John when you see him for the great contribution he has made to the work of Water For People.

We were delighted that Mary Beth Cote'-Jensen from Water For People was able to join us in at the Section meeting. Dave Majewski from Mishawaka Water presented her with a nice check for \$1,000 from their annual pie and cobbler sale. Mary Beth gave an outstanding presentation at the opening session regarding the Water For People model for excellence and the significant contribution by the Indiana section.

A big time shout out goes to Cathy Lance, Carla Mann and the entire Silent Auction Committee. Their auction raised over \$8,000 at the section meeting for this great cause.

Please check out the updated 2015 list of events here in *News Leaks*. The lineup provides opportunity for involvement throughout the state along with recognition and exposure through corporate sponsorships. Each of these events gets bigger and better every year.

If you would like to know more about our Committee work or if you would like to get involved, drop us a line at james.williams@peerlessmidwest.com or dgilles@ewsu.com. Also, be sure to spend some time at www.waterforpeople.org to learn about what we do and how we do it.

Our next major event is Wine into Water on May 21st in South Bend. We hope to see you there!

Indiana Chapter Water Buffaloes

Jeff Peters, WB #41

The Indiana Chapter of the Water Buffaloes will be riding once again this year. With the success of last year's inaugural ride, we decided to do it again this year, but with a little bit of a twist. This year we've selected two dates for the rides: May 16th and September 26th.

The spring ride will begin from Utility Supply's regional office in Peru, IN. The fall Ride will begin from Utility Supply's regional office in Huntingburg, IN. We plan for a fun and enjoyable ride through some of Indiana's most scenic areas with a great group of water and wastewater professionals and motorcycle enthusiasts. We don't care what you ride. All we care is that you do ride...and that you have a passion to help change the lives of those less fortunate than us by helping raise money for Water For People.

There will be good food, lots of fun, beautiful scenery, great folks and door prizes. And best of all, we'll be making a difference by touching the lives of those that need our help the most by helping them build sustainable water and sanitation systems. Be the change you want to see in the world and have fun doing it.

More detailed information about the rides is coming soon. In the meantime, if you have questions, need information or would like to be a sponsor, please email me at jpeters34@indy.rr.com.



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Silent Auction

Cathy Lance & Carla Mann, Co-Chairs

Wow! What a great event! Again, the Indiana water community came through as champs for Water For People.

The bragging rights to the district who raised the most money at the Silent Auction go to the **Southeast District**. Their gift to the Silent Auction was a great medley of golf passes in the southern part of the state. They raised \$750 with their contribution! Great job! The Central District came in second, earning \$400 for their distinctive basket. Since we have the first year unknowns out of the way, we can't wait to see what each district comes up with next year!!

The Silent Auction brought in just a little over \$8,200 this year. **So many thanks to everyone who gave items and volunteered.** Special thanks go to Carla Mann, co-chair, who worked her contacts in and out of the water community to receive some unique items this year.

Under the glow of the lantern, we prepared a fire using our knives. We had a barbeque and picnic with lots of chocolate to eat next to the fire (pits). Before dining out, we drank coffee with flavored syrups to get us going and put on our new jewelry to show off. The next day, we used our exercise monitors to ensure we were working off the chocolate we ate by the fire! We had a massage after we putted our way through a grueling round of golf. We took a shower with scented soaps as we listened to music on the sound system. We kept checking the clock because we had tickets to the big game. While drinking Three Floyds after the game, we checked our watches to make sure we had time to throw on our new sweatshirts and make it to the music festival. We jammed out at the festival, had a great time, and thought what a wonderful group the Indiana Section represents!

Thanks to the following companies and individuals for being so generous!

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Membership

Erich Nugent, Chair

During January, February, and March 2015, the Indiana Section added 17 individual water professionals, 6 Named Representatives, 1 Utility, 2 Operations/Administrative, 3 Students, and 4 Additional Active Memberships for a total of **33** new members this quarter!!!!

Individual Memberships:

Fred Berry - CHA
Geoffrey Frey
Charles Gill - Greenfield Water Utility
Jeffrey Henson - Banning Engineering
Jeffy Luedeman - Curry & Associates
Carla Mann - GRW Engineers, Inc.
Pete Paseka - Construction Services of Indiana
Michael Starks - ADS Environmental Services
Timothy Werner - La Porte City Water Department

Doug Caley- Marion Municipal Utilities
Timothy Gholson - City of Bloomington Utilities
Jarvis Hand - Midwestern Engineers Inc.
Carrie Lowe
Jason Lynch - National Water Services
Philip Mckiernan - Ice Miller LLP
Amisha Shah - Purdue University
Kiernan Tansy - Aqua Indiana

Named Representatives:

Billy Benningfield - Walkerton Water Department
Bob Flesher - Sisters of Providence
Jeff Jones - Bargersville Utilities

David Burrus - Crane Naval Support Activity
Terry Forker - Town of Albion
David Seacat - Ramsey Water Company

Utility:

Sisters of Providence

Operations and Administrative:

Tim McCandless - Bristol Utilities

Nolan Wilson - Ellis Water Company, Inc.

Students:

Corinne Barker Xiangning Huang

Andrew Schranck

Additional Active:

Scott Campbell - City of Carmel Utilities
Kenneth Rhodes - City of Carmel Utilities

Steve Cook - City of Carmel Utilities
Matthew Thomas - Citizens Energy Group

Please join me in welcoming these newest members to AWWA and the Indiana Section!

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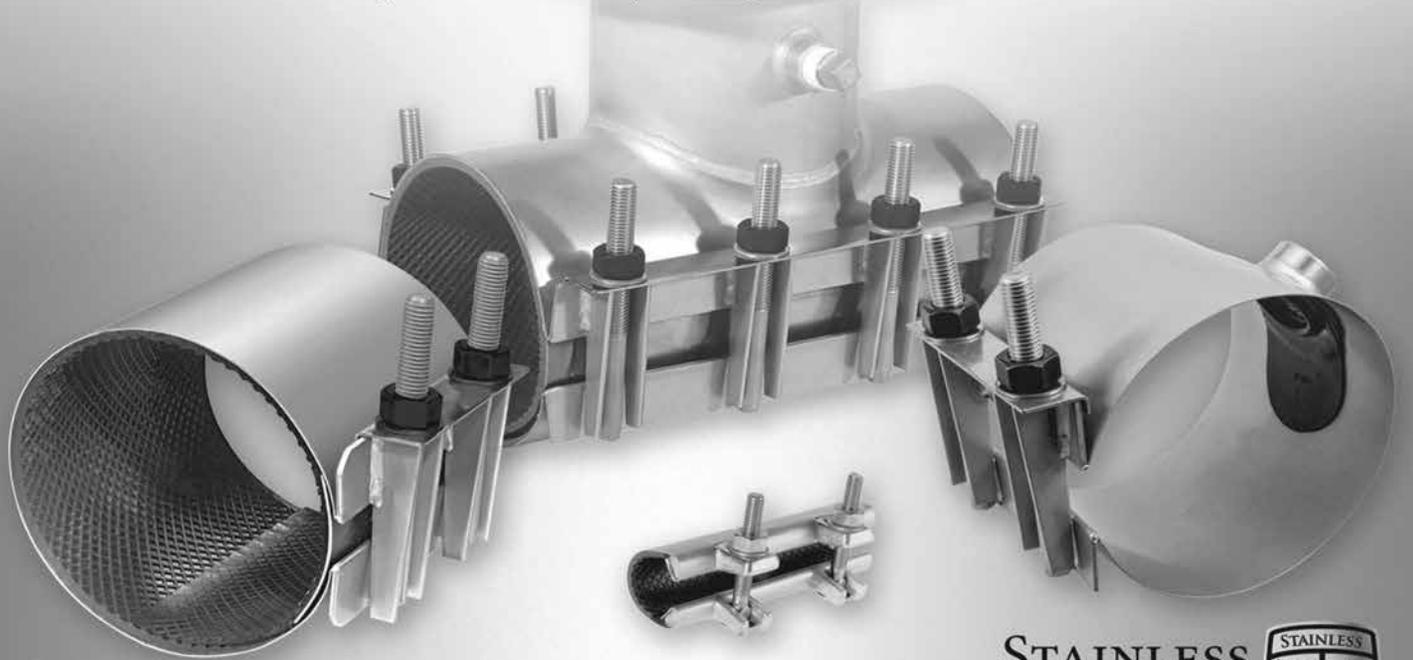
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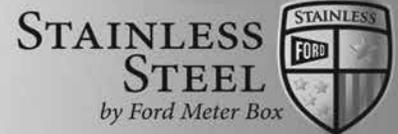
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District Meeting Calendar, Spring

Central	Jamie Foreman jforeman@carmel.in.gov	May 13 th (3 rd Wednesday), 8 AM-2 PM Danville Train Station – Ellis Park 600 E Main Street, Danville
Southwest	Todd Williams twilliams@huntingburg-in.gov	May 6 th (1 st Wednesday), 8 AM-2 PM Gasthof Amish Village, 6659 E Gasthof Village Road, Montgomery
Southeast	Phil Bonneau pbonneau@ortmandrilling.com	May 7 th (1 st Thursday), 8 AM-2 PM Indiana American Water 2423 Middle Road, Jeffersonville
Northwest	Darlene Shireman – Registration Darlene.Shireman@amwater.com	May 15 th (3 rd Friday), Reg 8:30 AM, mtg 9am Eastern Time Pine View Resort 1969 NW Shafer Drive, Monticello
Northeast	Justin Stouder jstouder@townofhamilton.org	May 21 st (3 rd Thursday), 8 AM-2 PM 122nd Fighter Wing – Indiana Air National Guard, 3005 West Ferguson Road, Fort Wayne
<p><u>ALL attendees are required to submit Name, DOB, DL Number in advance to enter the base.</u></p>		

Water Audits & Loss Control – Workshop
Primo Banquet Center, 2615 National Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46227
July 30, 2015

\$78 early bird (by June 15) / \$88 after June 15

To register: <http://www.inawwa.org/event/water-loss-seminar/>

Many water utilities are frustrated with utility expenses outpacing revenues, and many have utility customers upset that they are being asked to conserve while perceiving they are paying for the system's inefficiencies. Best-practices for Water Auditing and Loss Control are beginning to take hold among water systems across the nation. Water auditing and loss control programs are the most effective ways for a utility to conserve water, save operating expenses, and increase revenues. And the results in communities that have adopted programs under the American Water Works Association M36 Methodology are compelling. Join us on July 30th for "Water Audits & Loss Control", a ½ day training event where the operational, financial and regulatory perspectives come together to present the state of water efficiency in the industry, and where it goes from here.

Workshop Agenda

- 7:45a Coffee and Registration

- 8:15a The Big Why – Drivers for Managing Non-Revenue Water (NRW)

- 8:45a Regulatory momentum across North America and a look at Indiana

- 9:15a Fundamentals of best-practices for M36 Water Auditing, NRW management and loss control programs

- 10:15a Break

- 10:30a Utility Case Stories

- 11:30a A demonstration on the brand new (version 5.0) AWWA Free Water Audit Software and WRF Leakage Component Analysis Model

- 12:15p Networking Lunch (provided)

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John N. Hurty Service Award Nominations **Jeff Peters**

Dear Indiana Public Water Utility Professionals,

The John N. Hurty Service Awards will be presented at local InAWWA District meetings in September. Therefore, this is a heads up that many of you will receive a packet soon with a cover letter, award criteria, nomination form and John N. Hurty biography for your use and information. While no longer administered by IDEM due to State budget constraints, the Hurty Award is still a State and an IDEM sponsored award. The Indiana Section AWWA provides administrative support to ensure this award continues to recognize those long serving, dedicated water professionals with 25 years or more of service to the citizens of Indiana and their local communities.

We hope you feel as strongly as we do in the desire to recognize these long serving public utility employees with this very noble award. Take a few minutes to read the information in the packet when you receive it and take a few more minutes to provide information on long serving employees at your utility. The 25 years of service do not have to be continuous or with a single utility. All that matters is that the total service is a minimum of 25 years with Indiana public water utilities. More detailed information of the award criteria will be included in the forthcoming packet. Complete the nomination form and return it as explained in the instructions by June 1, 2015. Should you have any questions or comments on the John N. Hurty Service Award, please contact me at jpeters34@indy.rr.com.

Jeff Morris

With great sadness, Jeff Morris, Vice President of M.E. Simpson Company, Inc. passed away on April 11th from cancer. He was diagnosed in mid-January and went through very aggressive radiation and chemotherapy to fight tumors in or around his esophagus, lungs, neck & back.

Jeff joined AWWA in 1999 shortly after opening M.E. Simpson's Indianapolis office. Jeff was actively involved with the Indiana Section AWWA (INAWWA), serving as a Central District officer and he was elected last fall to the position of Trustee. He served as the Indiana Section's Competition Committee Chair for many years having participated as a competitor in the very first meter madness competition. Jeff served as AWWA's Meter Madness Committee Chair these past three years and served as a judge for several years prior. Jeff was also very active with the Indiana Rural Water Association (IRWA) where he served as Chair of Associate Member Events & Exhibits Committee.



Jeff was recognized for his dedication to the water industry and his volunteerism to the associations which promoted it. He was the recipient of the Indiana Section's Water Wheel Award in 2007, the joint INAWWA & IRWA award: the Hoosier Water Award in 2012, and was inducted as a member of The AWWA Hoosier Crew in 2013.

Jeff was an avid motorcycle rider, lover of curvy roads and truly enjoyed and loved the Water Buffalos. He said that the friendship, comradery, and brotherhood was astonishing and was looking forward to the 2015 ride to Anaheim. To honor Jeff's memory, please consider making a donation to Ride With Purpose Association so the Water Buffalos can continue their mission to change the world. Each year, a rag tag group of water and wastewater professionals get together and raise money while riding their motorcycles to the AWWA's national conference "ACE" and WEFTEC. Over the past 9 years the Water Buffalos have raised over \$600,000. The funds raised by this group go to Water For People to support their project in developing countries for safe water and sanitation solutions.

Donations can be sent to Ride with Purpose c/o Alex Hood, 3406 Enterprise Avenue, Valparaiso, IN 46383 or online through Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association secure donation service at <https://isawwa.site-ym.com/donations/donate.asp?id=12888>

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.

Indiana AWWA

- SEE EXPANDED CALENDAR FOR SPRING DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE
- July 29, 2015, Annual Golf Outing, Eagle Creek Golf Course, Indianapolis
- July 30, 2015, Water Audits & Loss Control – Workshop, Indianapolis (see flyer inside back cover)

Please see inawwa.org for additional dates of significance

Indiana Rural Water Association

- August 5, 2015—Operator Boot Camp, Miami Cty Fairgrounds, Peru
- August 19, 2015—Operator Boot Camp, Jackson Cty Water Corp, Brownstown
- December 7-9—Water Institute, Clarion Hotel & Conference Ctr, Columbus

Please see IndianaRuralWater.org for additional opportunities.

Alliance of Indiana Rural Water

- May 14, 2015—Southern Operator Expo, Huntingburg
- May 21, 2015—Northern Operator Expo, Akron
- August 26-27, 2015—Fall Conference, Fort Wayne

Please see 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



Jeffry Hersha is now a principal with Jones & Henry Engineers. He has 30 years of design and construction experience and is located in their Ft. Wayne office.



Greg Garnes has joined Clark Dietz in Indianapolis. He has 26 years of experience in the planning, design, and project management of wastewater treatment plants, pump stations and a wide variety of other civil infrastructure projects.



With sadness, we inform you of the passing of Arnie Viere on March 8, 2015. Arnie was an active member of the Indiana Section joining AWWA in 1976. He served as the Section's Secretary-Treasurer from 1989 to 1991 and participated on numerous committees. Arnie was the recipient of the George Warren Fuller Award in 1995.

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Many water utilities are frustrated with utility expenses outpacing revenues, and many have utility customers upset that they are being asked to conserve while perceiving they are paying for the system's inefficiencies.

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- Conserve water
- Save operating expenses, and
- Increase revenues

And the results in communities that have adopted programs under the American Water Works Association M36 Methodology are compelling.

Join us: Thursday, July 30th, 2015
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Where: Primo Banquet Center, 2615 National Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46227
Cost: \$78 early / \$88 late
Register: <http://www.inawwa.org/event/water-loss-seminar/>
CEUs: 4.0 Hours (pending approval)
Coffee, refreshments & lunch will be provided.

Join us on July 30th for “Water Audits & Loss Control”, a ½ day training event where the operational, financial and regulatory perspectives come together to present the state of water efficiency in the industry, and where it goes from here.

Presentations will include:

1. The Big Why – Drivers for Managing Non-Revenue Water (NRW)
2. Regulatory momentum across North America and a look at Indiana
3. Fundamentals of best-practices for M36 Water Auditing, NRW management and loss control programs
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