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Chair's Report

Mark Brace



Greetings to all Indiana Section AWWA members! I hope everyone who recently attended the 110th Annual Conference enjoyed the technical sessions, exhibit hall, and social events. I would like to extend a special thanks to the many volunteers and exhibitors who made the annual conference a success. It was an awesome experience for me to see the teamwork of the volunteers who worked tirelessly for the INAWWA to promote the World's Most Important Resource.

The dedication of water professionals like our INAWWA volunteers often goes unnoticed and they do not ask for recognition. I would like to take this opportunity to ask everyone involved in the water industry to recognize the importance of their respective occupations by emphasizing the value of water at every opportunity. As a water operator, I often discuss the challenges of source water quality and emerging regulations, the challenges of distribution system improvements, plus the importance of wastewater treatment with customers. I share with them the hard work that ensures the delivery of safe drinking water to the tap. Each conversation involves a description of how important water is to local economic and residential development and ends with a question, "Can you imagine a day without water?"

I feel fortunate to be employed in the water industry and to be involved with the INAWWA. The leaders of the AWWA in 1881 and INAWWA in 1908 had great foresight to see the need for an association to support the individuals that provide our most critical resource. I hope that through our involvement in the INAWWA and in our daily occupations, we can continue to make daily contributions to improve the water industry. It is important to implement long-term plans to maintain and retire our critical infrastructure and to find additional water professionals to assist in the development and implementation of those plans. The well-known management consultant Peter Drucker said, "Long-range planning does not deal with future decisions, but with the future of present decisions."

I encourage everyone to become involved in the INAWWA and to promote the value of water and the many careers that are available in the water industry. I look forward to serving as chair this year and I am excited to travel to the upcoming spring District meetings and philanthropic events.

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Direct from the Director

Duane Gilles

As I am writing this article, 2018 started out very cold, causing water mains to break all over the Evansville service area. Then in February, the rains came and we were challenged with flooding in southern Indiana. This is the way with source waters and as Indiana is flooding, other parts of the country and world may be in a drought. The American Water Works Association (or AWWA) has created a Total Water Solutions program to protect and manage these source waters, recognizing that our communities depend on this important resource. AWWA is now working closely with the agricultural community to encourage the crafting of a farm bill that recognizes the need for agricultural production and protecting our source waters.



In January, the AWWA held the Winter Board Meeting in Savannah, Georgia. Affordability of drinking water was a topic of interest. This is a challenge for many utilities as the replacement of their aging infrastructure has levied a tremendous burden on finances. The Directors, Council Chairs and Officers brainstormed to find solutions to this widespread challenge. Seventeen revised standards and three new standards were presented to the AWWA Board for approval. Also, at this meeting, our own Jim Williams was elected by his peers to be President-Elect of the AWWA. Jim has risen from the ranks of the District offices to the Section's chair positions and then serving as Indiana's Director 2006-2009. He has dedicated his life to improving the water industry through his dedication to the AWWA. I know that Jim will make Indiana proud in this next chapter in his life of service to the Association.

Our own 2018 Indiana Section Annual Conference was held in Indianapolis on January 22-25. The show was a great success with approximately 1,400 attendees. The Manufacturers Association Committee maintained a very successful Exhibit Hall. Mark Coleman, AWWA Vice-President, was our visiting dignitary and enjoyed his visit to Indiana. The annual Section elections were held at the business meeting, following the awards at the Wednesday lunch. The gavel was passed from Chair Randy Russel to Chair-Elect Mark Brace of Ramsey Water. Chris Harrison of Indiana American Water moved into the Chair-Elect position and Ed Nugent of Utility Supply was elected to the Vice Chair position. Lorie Hubbs of the City of Dubois is our Secretary-Treasurer and Wendy Wary of Chandler Utilities was elected as the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

The AWWA membership is strong with numbers just shy of 52,000 members. There is strength in these numbers as the Association is adding value through programs such as the Lead Service Line Collaborative, the Partnership for Clean Water, the Water Equation, the Veterans Initiative and many other programs that support our members.

I will be among many other section directors that will participate in the 2018 AWWA Fly-In in April. We will meet with our legislators to discuss current water issues and upcoming legislation that will affect the future of the water industry in this nation.

Visit the Indiana Section website, www.inawwa.org, to find out how you can get more involved. Your participation in the Section will prove both valuable and rewarding as you advance through your career in the water industry.

As I conclude this article, this is last time that I will write to you as your Section director. I want to thank you for allowing me to serve for the past three years. It has been a pleasure!

I want to introduce you to my successor, John Seever. John is a good man, a good friend and he will serve you faithfully for the next three years as your director. John's term starts in June at the AWWA Board Meeting at ACE in Las Vegas.

Please plan on participating in the spring District meetings throughout Indiana!

2019 Annual Conference Call for Abstracts

Cara Lance Emerick, Chair

Thank you to all the presenters at our conference this past January. Because of you, we had quality content for our attendees and a successful program.

The 111th Indiana Section AWWA Annual Conference will be held on January 21 – January 24, 2019 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. The Technical Program Committee is now accepting abstracts for presentations. The deadline for submitting abstracts is September 21, 2018. The selection criteria includes originality, content, and value to our membership.

Abstracts should be 100-200 words long and define the main purpose and conclusions of your work. In addition to the abstract, a short biography is required. Instructions for both the abstract and biography can be found at <https://www.inawwa.org/event/111th-annual-conference-2019/>.

We strongly encourage operator and utility personnel involvement. Case studies and panel discussions are welcome. Presentations should be 30-60 minutes in length including time for questions.

Abstracts and presentations will be reviewed by the Technical Program Committee. If you have any questions, please contact Cara Lance-Emerick at 574-315-2752 CaraL@mesimpson.com or Christopher Harrison at 574-376-0065 Christopher.Harrison@amwater.com. We're excited to receive abstracts that will be a part of another excellent INAWWA conference!

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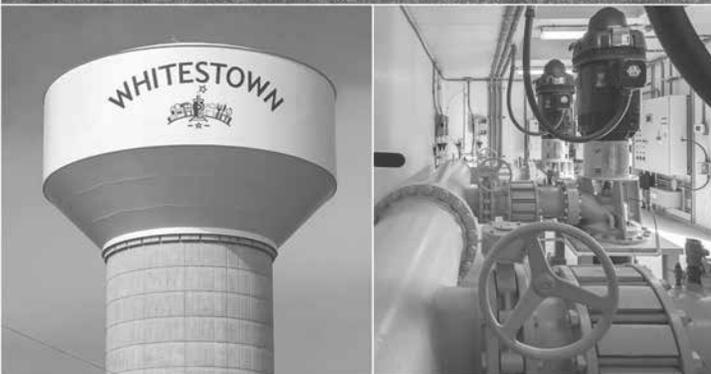
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Golf Outing

John Crist, Chair

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 25th at Eagle Creek Golf Course on Indianapolis' northwest side for this year's annual Indiana Section AWWA golf scramble. Your support of this event will help Water For People promote the development of high-quality drinking water and sanitation services. Also, a portion of our proceeds will go to the One AWWA Operator Scholarship fund to benefit operators RIGHT HERE IN INDIANA!

Last year, this event raised over \$28,000 with proceeds going to the aforementioned charities thanks to sponsors LIKE YOU!

Finally, this event sells out early every year; so, log onto INAWWA.org and register TODAY.

Until the outing, may you always be in the fairways and on greens!

Fuller Award

Mike Simpson, Chair

What an exciting and exceptional Annual Conference! All the events, exhibit hall, sessions, competitions and awards contributed to a great conference.

A highlight was the presentation of the George Warren Fuller award, AWWA's most prestigious award that is presented to a volunteer whose contribution to the water industry, the Indiana Section and the Association is recognized as generous and tremendous. This year's winner, Marty Wessler, embodies all those traits and more. Marty is a high caliber volunteer who has impacted the water industry as a whole.

After graduating from Rose Hulman with a BS in Civil Engineering, Marty started his career as a Design Engineer and Resident Engineer in Chicago in 1987 and joined Wessler Engineering in 1988. He married Leslie in 1993. In 1999, he became president of Wessler Engineering and then moved into CEO and Chairman of the Board in 2011.

Marty has spent 28 years with AWWA and has held several positions, including the 2014-2015 Section Chair. We once again congratulate Marty and honor him as the 2018 George Warren Fuller Award winner!



The Fuller Award Committee would also like to thank Dan Hood, who served as Chair for the last three years. His leadership and guidance during difficult circumstances, the loss of Jeff Morris and Jeff Peters, was truly appreciated. We are most grateful for his service to the committee and the Indiana Section AWWA.

The committee is already busy reviewing potential worthy candidates and will present a winner at the Fuller Reception at the 2019 Annual Conference.

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Hurty Awards

Jeremy Beckner, Chair

Each year, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management presents the John N. Hurty Service Award to individuals having 25 years or more of service with one or more Indiana public water utilities. These awards are presented at the Indiana Section AWWA fall District meetings.

The Indiana Section Executive Board feels that these service awards continue to be a valuable recognition for long-serving public water utility employees; therefore, the Indiana Section administers the John N. Hurty Service Awards.

Please review your records and advise of your staff that they may qualify for the John N. Hurty Award. The Conditions Governing Presentation of the John N. Hurty Award can guide you in those qualifications. The employee's name, date of employment, years of employment, utility (and contact information) and Indiana Section AWWA district are needed. Submit this information to the Indiana Section AWWA or to Jeremy Beckner at waterstreet@townofwinamac.com, no later than June 1 of each year. Nominations received after June 1 will be put on the list for the following year unless the nominee has 30 plus years of service.

Please see the application form on the next page.

Operator School

Kirk Kuroiwa, Chair

The annual Operator School is a twelve week comprehensive course that provides 72 hours of instruction in a variety of areas including: water sources, treatment, distribution, regulatory compliance, and operator math. It is scheduled to begin in early August and end in late October 2018. Watch for the announcement about this school in May/June, which will be posted on the Section website and mailed to key stakeholders. The course is tailored for people new to the water industry, and for those preparing for licensing exams. Depending on enrollment, the course will be held at Evansville, Noblesville, Mishawaka, Jeffersonville, Ft Wayne, and Lowell.

For those interested in studying in advance of Operator School, the following textbooks can be purchased from the AWWA online store (www.awwa.org):

- Water Treatment Plant Operation Volume 1, 7th Ed. (Cat. No. 20685-7e)
- Water Treatment Plant Operation: A Field Study Training Program, Volume 2, 6th Ed. (Cat. No. 20686-6E)
- Water Distribution System Operation and Maintenance: A Field Study Training Program, 6th Ed. (Cat. No. 20684)
- Water Operator Certification Study Guide, 6th Ed. (Cat. No. 20517-6E)

There are instructor vacancies in the East Central (Lafayette, Logansport, or Kokomo) and South Central (Bloomington) areas of the state. If you are interested in hosting and teaching the Operator School, please contact me at Kirk.Kuroiwa@amwater.com.

Cross Connection Control

James Probst, Chair

So, you're thinking about strengthening your utility's cross connection control (CCC) program rules to eliminate loopholes in the state code and provide for a more defensible program if the matters are taken to court.

Municipal and local governing boards establish CCC ordinances which must be equal to or more stringent than state codes. The ordinances are enhancements of state code for furthering the protection of drinking water systems. Properly written regulations provide much stronger grounds for enforcement of local CCC program rules that may be challenged by a customer in a court of law. If the rules are not properly written and found by the court to be unreasonable, a utility may have to pay substantial compensatory and punitive damages. This is also true if a utility doesn't have a defensible CCC program.

What are the potential areas for which utilities may be held liable?

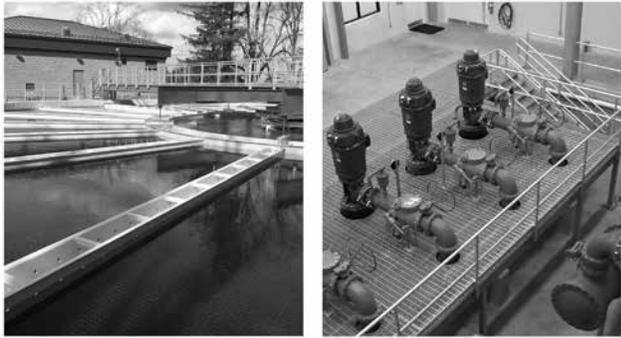
- Contracts with the customer (service contracts)
- State and local existing statutes and regulations, policies or tariffs
- Common law doctrines which stem from past court rulings

Indiana has a famous case of common law doctrine where the Indiana Appellate Court spelled out a utility's duty to install and inspect backflow prevention devices. The ruling was a part of the Lincoln Trust cross connection case of 1929: Pennsylvania Railroad Company vs. Lincoln Trust Company, Admr., 167 N.E. 721, or 91 Ind. App. 28. In this case, the water utility was found liable for the death of a customer since his service line was unprotected from backflow due to a cross connection with a secondary source of supply that was contaminated.

So what are elements of a defensible CCC Program? A utility cross connection control program should:

- Follow regulatory requirements for backflow protection and installation of backflow assemblies
- Include a list of approved backflow testers
- Send customers reminder letters to test backflow preventers annually
- Ensure customers are complying with federal, state, and local regulations

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Cross Connection Control

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- Write a local ordinance to help with enforcement of their CCC program
- Have the administrator of the CCC program certified in backflow testing
- Establish a minimum level of training for other utility personnel
- Maintain proper records of submitted backflow tests
- Review submitted reports for accuracy and results
- Establish procedures for investigating customer facilities for cross connections
- Conduct public education and maintain a website explaining the program's



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Water Utility Council

Joe Sutherland, Chair

The Water Utility Council (WUC) met prior to the INAWWA Annual Conference on January 22nd to review and discuss proposed legislation pending before the Indiana General Assembly during the 2018 session. This is a light session for legislative initiatives, but WUC has been active to support an effort to form a water task force during 2018 that will likely focus on ideas to fund aging infrastructure across the state. WUC has also been part of a broad coalition that includes American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM), and the ductile iron pipe industry to argue against the need for legislation that would result in a mandate to use PVC piping on public works projects. Partially through the efforts of WUC, the PVC bill will not pass the 2018 session.

WUC again closed the Annual Conference by hosting a legislative focused session on Thursday, January 25th. Joining us this year on the legislative panel were Senator Ed Charbonneau (R-Valparaiso), Representative David Ober (R-Albion), and Senator Karen Tallian (D-Portage). The legislators focused on both the successes from recent years in passing bi-partisan legislation to support water and the challenges that still exist. In addition, there was also a panel on water industry cyber-security concerns that featured Indiana Utilities Regulatory Commission (IURC) Commissioner Sarah Freeman, Citizens Energy Group Vice-President for Information Technology John Lucas, and AWWA cyber expert Kevin Morley.

The next WUC meeting will be held after the General Assembly finishes the 2018 session for the purpose of reviewing newly passed legislation. This meeting will likely be in April.

Membership

Erich Nugent, Chair

During December, January, and February, the Indiana Section added 30 Individual Members, 11 Additional Active memberships, six Operations/Administrative Members, two Student Members, one Named Representative, and one New Utility Membership for a total of **51** new members this quarter!

Individual Memberships

Theresa Boehmer - Commonwealth Engineers
Nickolas Miller - Valparaiso City Utilities
Joeseph Sloan - Evansville Water and Sewer Utility
Jonathan Moen - Triad Associates
Nicholas Dezelan - Astbury Water Tech., Inc.
Mark Baumgartner - Ft. Wayne City Utilities
Courtney Castle - Portage Utility Service
Tyler Price - American Structurepoint, Inc
Robert Duron - Pro-Pump, Inc.
Adam Boone - Indiana American Water
Silpa Varanasi - Indiana American Water
Joshua Selig - Banning Engineering
Laura Pettit - City of Bloomington Utilities
Douglas Busse - Town of Geneva
Tomas Hopkins

Jerrin Ringle - Valparaiso City Utilities
Kurt Jourdan - Evansville Water and Sewer Utility
Michael Pokorny - HWC Engineering
Nathan Long - Aquatic Control, Inc.
Erin Kleinrichert - City of Fort Wayne
David Littleton - Portage Utility Service
Daniel Komenda - Portage Utility Service
Ryan Cross - American Structurepoint, Inc
Jerry Biogner- Pro-Pump, Inc.
Charles Thompson - Abonmarche Consulting, Inc.
Trent Montemayor - RQAW Corporation
Nancy Axsom - City of Bloomington Utilities
Kevin White - City of Bloomington Utilities
Montie Dunn – Infrastructure Solutions
Jim Ozimek

Additional Active Memberships

Stephen Meier - Tank Industry Consultants
Donald Ferguson - Anderson Water Plant
John Gully - Columbus Utilities

Andrew Hall - City of Lawrence Utilities
Jim Heneghan - City of Lawrence Utilities
Scott Shofner - Columbus City Utilities

Operations and Administrator Memberships

Jonathan Fosnaugh
Jeff Sieradzki - South Bend Wastewater Plant

Jim Fletcher - Pro-Pump, Inc.

Student Memberships

Bruce Cooley—Black and Veatch Corp.

Mackenzie Davies

Named Representative Memberships

Jim Bachman – La Crosse Water Department

Utility Membership

Linton Municipal Water Utility

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

Indiana Section Membership snapshot as of 3/1/18

Utility Memberships—189

Individual Memberships—1059

Service Providers—15

Total Section Memberships—1263

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Silent Auction

Carla Mann, Co-Chair

The Silent Auction was a great success again this year! We brought in \$7321 for Water For People. There were many auction items with a good mix of jewelry, week-end destinations, handbags, outdoor items and much more.

Congratulations to the Districts for their competitiveness and support of the event. We have a new District winner this year. The Central District has won bragging rights for the next year! Many thanks to all Districts for participating in the challenge!

I want to thank each and every sponsor for their generosity of cash donations and auction items! We could not have been successful in our efforts without you! Thanks so much for your support.

Lastly, I want to thank my Co-Chair, Kristi O'Patterson - MS Consultants, and my accounting helpers (who I could not do without) Cathy Lance - Peerless Midwest, and Mary Jane Peterson - Indiana Rural Water. Your efforts led to the auction's success! Thanks to all of the bidders. We hope to see you and your bids next year!

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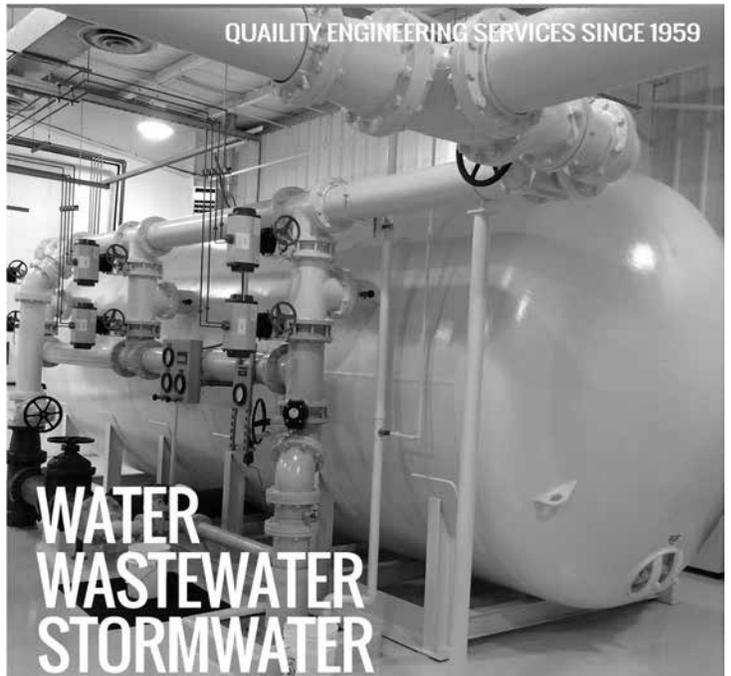


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Awards

Randy Russell, Chair

The following awards were coordinated by the Indiana Section AWWA Awards Committee.

AWWA ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Kenneth J. Miller Water For People Founder's Award

This award is normally awarded annually at our Open General Session to an outstanding Section member in honor of the untiring efforts of Kenneth J. Miller to help people in the world through Water For People. The purpose of this award is to recognize our volunteers for their outstanding service and leadership in the advancement of the Water For People mission.

The 2018 Kenneth J. Miller awardee was Pat Spence.

George Warren Fuller Award

The George Warren Fuller Award was established in 1937, and is given each year to a Section member for their distinguished service in the water supply field and in commemoration of the sound engineering skill, the brilliant diplomatic talent, and the constructive leadership which characterized the life of George Warren Fuller – one of America's most eminent engineers.

Each section, each year, may designate one of its members to receive a Fuller Award. Such designation is to recognize an individual for contributions made toward the advancement of waterworks within the particular Section selecting him or her for the award. In 1942, the Fuller Awardees formed the "George Warren Fuller Award Society" which gathers each year in a breakfast meeting during the annual convention.

The 2018 George Warren Fuller awardee was Marty Wessler.

INDIANA SECTION AWARDS

2018 Membership Awards

2017 Silver Water Drop Awards

Eligibility: 25 cumulative years of AWWA membership. A certificate and lapel pin is given to each recipient:

John Wiltrout	Daniel Whalen	Thomas Brown	John Drapalik	Jeff Cunningham	Brock Harris
Edward Nickels	Robert Marcum	Glen Murray	Gary Eakin	John Skomp	Paul Swain
Tim Warren	James Rodman				

2017 Life Awards

Eligibility: 30 cumulative years of AWWA membership and at least 65 years of age. A plaque and lapel pin is given to each recipient:

Michael Meyer John Truit Alan Wiseman Thomas Bruns Elmer Pate John Leszczynski Mark Nye

2017 Gold Water Drop Award

Eligibility: 50 cumulative years of AWWA membership. A plaque and lapel pin were given to Ronald Speedy.

Prime Mover Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding utility men and women in small communities who, through their efforts, provide reliable service and safe water to their customers.

To qualify, the population of the community or system served shall not exceed 10,000 people. The candidate shall have worked for the utility for at least five years and shall have exemplary service through personal effort in providing the community with a continuous, safe water supply. This award is presented at the fall District meetings.

The 2017 Prime Mover Award recipient was Joe Higgins, Town of Cicero, Central District.

Wendell LaDue Utility Safety Award

This award, established in honor of Wendell R. LaDue, annually recognizes distinguished water utility safety programs. One award is presented in four classes: (I) Utilities with fewer than 10 employees; (II) 10-100 employees; (III) 100-500 employees and (IV) over 500 employees. Nominations are made by the Section in which the utilities are located.

Information submitted must be pre-approved by the Section or Section Safety Chair. This year's recipients from the Indiana Section:

Class II – Jasper Municipal Gas and Water

Class III – City of Fort Wayne Utilities

Water Wheel Awards

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 be a current Section officer other than Secretary-Treasurer or a past Fuller Awardee. District officers are eligible.

The 2018 Water Wheel Award Recipients:

Bill Carpenter

Joe Sutherland

Darlene Shireman

Bill Reedy

Dave Abel

Kirk Bouche

2017/2018 Hoosier Water Award

The Indiana Section of AWWA has a very close relationship with the Indiana Rural Water Association. We have teamed successfully to serve the needs of small systems through many endeavors and partnerships, to provide education and technical assistance. An award was created in 2005 to honor this alliance. The Hoosier Water Award recognizes those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service in support of the principles of both organizations by providing better water for the people in Indiana. 2018 marks the 14th year that this two-part award has been presented.

In December, the IRWA had the privilege of recognizing this individual by presenting the 1st half of the award. Many of you know this year's winner. It is now our privilege to present the 2nd half of the Hoosier Water Award to Roger Riddle.

AWWA Hoosier Crew

The Indiana Section is like a boat on the water. The Officers provide direction during their term at the rudder. The rudder is useless without forward motion. There can only be forward motion with dedicated volunteers pulling at the oars. Those members who volunteer for the good of the Section year after year make up the crew and they are responsible for forward momentum of the Indiana Section.

These individuals belong to a select group—the **AWWA Hoosier Crew**. **CREW** is an acronym for **Creative Resourceful Energetic Workers**.

The Crew has called the following people to join them. This year oars recipients:

Jennifer Coon

Laurie Webb

John Wiltrout

Ed Hollinden

Liz Melvin

Joe Loughmiller

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 your attendance at the District level. In the spirit of competition, the Fassnacht Award recognizes the District 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 attendance increase remains secret until announced at the Awards Luncheon at the Annual Conference. The name of the District and year will be placed on the District Achievement Award plaque. With a 37% increase in attendance from 2016 to 2017, the Central District is this year's winner.

Young Professionals

Rachel Runge, Chair

Heading into 2018, we already have exciting plans in the works! We kicked off the year at the AWWA Annual Conference with two poster competition applicants: (Mabi) Teimouri Mahboobeh, Graduate Research Assistant – PhD Candidate, and Kyungyeon Ra, First Year Ph.D. Student in Civil and Environmental Engineering, both from Purdue University. The posters were displayed on the floor of the AWWA Conference. It was great to meet both students and discuss their research posters! Both plan to be at ACE Annual Conference this year and look forward to seeing some familiar faces there. Congratulations!

You may have noticed that the Young Professionals (YP) Committee has been functioning as a Joint Committee with the IWEA YPs for over a year now and the transition has been extremely positive!

On February 11, we had a well-attended shop tour of Phoenix Fabricators in Avon presented by Andy Odorzynski with Induron Costings. Thanks to both Phoenix and Induron for having us!

On February 20th, we held a Lunch and Learn on erosion control. These events are geared toward developing young professionals in the industry (under 35,



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or with less than 10 years of experience); but, they are open to anyone wishing to attend!

Our first YP Summit was in Indianapolis on March 14th. YPs attended a variety of presentations led by outstanding leaders in water and wastewater. Attendees also toured either a water or wastewater treatment plant after the presentations. The IWEA and INAWWA YP Summit was held in conjunction with the 2018 Water Environment Federation Member Association Exchange (WEFMAX) meeting on March 14 – March 16.

We try to keep our website and Facebook page up-to-date on happenings and we send out periodic emails to keep everyone informed! Please reach out to me by email at rrunge@contactcei.com if you'd like to be added to the contact list!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at one of our upcoming events!

National AWWA YP suggestions for attending conferences:

- Before you pack your bags (and a ton of business cards) for the AWWA conference, make a list of the goals you would like to achieve in visiting the exhibit hall.
- Is there a new technology of interest?
- Do you want to actually see a plug valve?
- Does your company have a new initiative that a manufacturer could help explain?
- Download a list of the exhibitors that will be at this conference so you can plan your “must see” booths before you get there. If you have time, research some companies of interest. This allows you to prepare questions in advance of the conference.

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One AWWA Operator Scholarship 2018 Guidelines and Application

Purpose of the Award

The One AWWA Operator Scholarship is funded through the support of AWWA's The Water Equation Campaign and the Indiana Section AWWA. The One AWWA Operator Scholarship will be awarded to up to five individuals each year based on merit. One scholarship will be awarded in each of the five Districts of the Indiana Section. Funds must be used to attend Operator School in preparation for the Water Treatment and Water Distribution operator certification exams.

Eligibility

- ◆ Applicant must be a current water operator or seeking to enter the water operator profession.
- ◆ Applicant must be pursuing an Operator's License in the State of Indiana.
- ◆ Applicant must reside or work within the geographical boundaries of Indiana.
- ◆ Acceptance of scholarship constitutes permission to use recipient's name and story for purpose of promotion.

Application Process and Deadline

- ◆ Complete application form including an essay of career objectives.
- ◆ Application to be submitted by June 30, 2018 to:
Dawn Keyler, Executive Director, Indiana Section AWWA; dawn.keyler@inawwa.org
Mail – IN Section AWWA; 2680 East Main Street, Suite 106; Plainfield, IN 46168

Scholarship Amount

- ◆ A minimum of five (5) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded, to one applicant in each of the five Indiana Section AWWA Districts. Funds will be used for the registration for the 2018 Operator School training, the cost of books for the course, and mileage and meals for the recipient. Funds for the course will be paid directly to the Operator School Training and to AWWA for the purchase of the books on behalf of the recipient. Reimbursement will be made directly to the operator for mileage/meals upon completion of the course and submission of a mileage log and receipts. Operator School will begin on or around August 1, 2018.
- ◆ Scholarship money must be used by the recipient only and is non-transferable.

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One AWWA Operator Scholarship 2018 Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employment Information

Employer _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Current Position: _____

Number of Years at Job: _____ AWWA Member #: _____

Attach the following to this application (all are required to be eligible):

- One page essay of career objectives and how the scholarship will enhance your ability for professional development and bring value to the water industry
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation / reference

Certification

I certify that the information included in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and I grant permission to AWWA's the Water Equation Campaign and sponsoring Section to release my name and award for promotional use.

Signature: _____ Date _____



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Small Systems

Bryan Forkner, 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. It is the intent of our Committee to facilitate and empower utilities to become effective stewards of our water resources.

Our issue of "FYI-Small Systems" will be coming out in April. If you are not currently receiving this biannual publication, please let us know and we will add you to the mailing list, or you can access copies through InAWWA's website (www.inawwa.org) – click on the "Resources" tab.

Our Small Systems Committee is working with Indiana Rural Water Association to assist with this year's Operator Boot Camp at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Peru on August 8. We are also working with the AWWA Education and Safety Committees to have some workshops across the state.

Additionally, we will help facilitate an EPA grant workshop with Indiana RCAP who will provide the instruction for the day. The location, date and time will be announced when they are finalized.

Your Small Systems Committee is looking for workshop ideas or other initiatives to help small systems. 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 (<http://www.inawwa.org/about-us/committees/small-systems/>) with your thoughts and ideas.



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Competition

Matt Brown, Chair

We had a fast and furious evening of Meter Madness and Hydrant Hysteria competitions. The competitions were held on Wednesday, January 24th during the 2018 Indiana Section Annual Conference in Indianapolis. The following winners from each of the five districts were present and ready to compete against the returning champ, Wade Friedman of Dubois Water Utilities.

- NE District - Justin Shaffer, Monroe Water
- NW District - George Peterson, Hammond Water
- Central District - Jerry Smith, Carmel Water
- SE District - Emily Hobson, Silver Creek Water
- SW District - Isaac Heeke, Dubois Water

After a close competition and only one penalty during this year's event, the top 3 places were:

1. Wade Friedman, with an excellent time of 32.16 seconds
2. George Peterson
3. Emily Hobson

Competition

Continued

Congratulations to Wade for a fast time and for winning this year's event. Wade will represent the Indiana Section at the national Meter Madness competition during ACE in Las Vegas.

I would like to thank our contestants for competing and their utilities for supporting them. Also, a big thank you to Neptune Technology Group and Utility Supply Company for sponsoring the plaques given to the District winners and the 2018 champion.

This year, we had our 2nd annual Hydrant Hysteria competition with 5 teams competing in the preliminary round on Wednesday afternoon. The preliminary rounds determined the teams that would compete in the finals. The five teams were:

1. Fort Wayne City Utilities
2. City of Carmel Utilities
3. Valparaiso Water Department
4. Dubois Water Utilities Inc.
5. Team Minion

These teams completed in two heats to determine the top two times that would compete at Wednesday night's main event. There was only six-tenths of a second difference between the top times by Fort Wayne and Valparaiso. Fort Wayne was victorious in the final competition with a raw time of 1:57. They will now get to compete in the Hydrant Hysteria competition at ACE 2018. Congratulations to Fort Wayne for winning this year's event!



Meter Madness Competition (left to right) Matt Brown, Wade Friedman—Champion, and Erich Nugent

Thank you to all the teams that competed in this year's event and their utilities for supporting them. Cheer on Wade and Ft. Wayne at the national competitions if you are attending ACE 2018 in June!



Hydrant Hysteria Champs (left to right) Lenny Solomon, Ross Gillespie, Herb Banks, Dave Gillespie and Bill Hunt

Northeast District

Tim Brown, Trustee

Hello from the Northeast District! May 16th is the big day for the spring District meeting. It will once again be held at Parkview Field with the Tin Caps. Please mark your calendar. The District is looking forward to a beautiful day of training and baseball. We are going to have a technical session on hydrants plus two other ones that are still being developed. Let's have our best turnout ever for a spring District meeting. See you in May.

Northwest District

Derek Snyder, Trustee

This year's spring meeting for the Northwest District will be held in Plymouth at Christo's Banquet Center, located at 830 Lincolnway East. The meeting will start promptly at 9:00 AM Eastern (8:00 AM Central) on Friday, May 18. The program will include informative presentations on Pump Station Design Advancements, SCADA/Cloud Systems and Safety.

Feel free to visit the Events tab at www.inawwa.org for the latest meeting agenda updates and to register online.

We hope you can attend!

Southeast District

Shawn Kietzman, Trustee

The Southeast District spring meeting will be held in Jeffersonville on Wednesday, May 3rd. The District Officers are now in the planning phase for this meeting with details to follow. We plan on having our full meeting schedule with details out soon. Emily Hobson did a fantastic job representing the Southeast District in her first attempt at Meter Madness Competition at the Annual Conference! Thanks Emily for representing our District! For updates, please check the AWWA site at: <http://www.inawwa.org/events/category/district-meetings/>.

Southwest District

Jeff Cunningham, Trustee

The Southwest District spring meeting will be hosted by the City of Vincennes Water Utilities, at their new water treatment plant, on May 2nd. The program is still under development. We are planning several informative presentations and a tour of the City's new plant. At the January Annual Conference, two SW District members were awarded the Water Wheel Award for their long-time support of the District and Section. The awards were presented to Dave Abel and Kirk Bouchie of Vincennes Water Utilities.

On March 1st, the SW District helped to organize and support Jazz Night in Evansville. This event was a fundraiser for AWWA's Water Equation. This fund includes the Operator Scholarships and several other industry supporting endeavors. Please mark your calendars for the fall Meeting. It will be held on September 5th. The location will be announced at our spring meeting. We'll see you at Vincennes on May 2nd.

Central District

Carla Mann, Trustee

Happy spring from the Central District! We are busy planning for our 2018 spring District meeting. Our proposed location is Grand Park in Westfield. The meeting is on May 9. This will be a great location and centrally located for our members. Proposed guest speakers are the Mayor of Westfield, who will make a presentation about Grand Park. We are hopeful to have a Colts player, since their training camp will be at Grand Park for 2018. Our confirmed presentation on the agenda will be about safety. The presenter will be Bryan Thais, a Safety Consultant for the Indiana Department of Labor/INSafe. He will cover frequent OSHA Standards citations and common concerns in the water industry.

It will be a great meeting that will include breakfast and lunch. Hope to see many of our Central District members on May 9th!

Calendar of Upcoming Events



Note: If you have any water industry related events you would like to add to the calendar, please contact Dawn Keyler at dawn.keyler@inawwa.org.

Indiana AWWA

- May 2 SW District Spring Meeting, Vincennes Utilities
- May 3 SE District Spring Meeting, Jeffersonville
- May 9 CN District Spring Meeting, Grand Park, Westfield
- May 16 NE District Spring Meeting, Fort Wayne (Tin Caps Game)
- May 18 NW District Spring Meeting, Christo's Banquet & Catering, Plymouth
- June 6 WFP Wine into Water, Palais Ball Room, South Bend
- June 11-14 WFP Water Buffalo Ride to ACE18
- July 25 WFP Annual Golf Outing, Eagle Creek, Indianapolis
- July 28 WFP Sunset Cruise, Syracuse
- August 25 WFP Run for World Water, Indianapolis
- September 27 WFP Concert, Evansville, IN

Please see inawwa.org for additional dates of significance

Indiana Rural Water Association

- April 16 Annual Golf Outing, Ironwood Golf Course, Fishers NEW LOCATION
- April 16-18 Spring Conference, Marriott East, Indianapolis NEW LOCATION
- June 7 Operator Symposium North, Culy Contracting, Winchester, IN
- June 28 Operator Symposium South, Utility Supply, Huntingburg, IN
- December 3-5 Fall Conference, French Lick, IN **50th Anniversary**

Please see IndianaRuralWater.org for additional opportunities.

Alliance of Indiana Rural Water

- May 17 Southern Operator Expo, Huntingburg
- May 24 Northern Operator Expo, Akron
- August 2-3 Leadership Summit, Bloomington
- October 17-18 Fall Conference, Fort Wayne

Please see inh2o.org for additional training opportunities.

District Meeting Dates (subject to change)

	Spring	Fall
Northeast	May 16, Tin Caps, Ft Wayne	September 20
Northwest	May 18, Christo's, Plymouth	September 21
Southeast	May 3, Jeffersonville	September 6
Southwest	May 2, Vincennes Utilities	September 5
Central	May 9, Grand Park, Westfield	September 14

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