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## Chair's Message

**Don Barnes**



I have always known we have a great group of professional people in this organization. I found out just how good they are when the 2009 Conference came together so well.

Almost every speaker I dealt with provided quality information and put on a top quality presentation. The very few (3, I think) that were not able to be there, provided for their own replacement. In spite of the economy, attendance was well above my expectations and not far from last year's record. Roger Riddle and the MAC did their usual great performance. Every exhibition space was taken with quality Vendors and products. Wes Hyden and his Bluecoats were on top of their game. When the hint of a problem came up they let me know immediately. Fortunately everything worked out and there were no major glitches with the scheduled speakers. The Folks at the registration desks kept their operation running smoothly as usual. Odetta Caldwell was responsible for finding our Keynote Speaker; I don't think we could have done any better anywhere. Thanks Odetta. In case you were not there or haven't heard, Odetta is our 2009 Fuller Award winner, congratulations Odetta. Each year the 50/50 raffle grows a little bit and this year was no exception and as always Water For People is the big winner. Thanks to all the folks that donated to the raffle.

On Tuesday at the Keynote Luncheon Gale Gerber brought up the fact that our membership is getting older by the day and we need to be working on getting

younger faces into the organization. Since I am one of the "older" people he was picking on I have been giving him a real hard time. However, Gale is correct, we need fresh faces to begin filling in and taking over. I was very pleased to see that several of the Moderators came from the Young Professionals Committee. We have a start, let's keep it going with several more, new, young members.

You should have received a letter and ballot regarding a Section Assessment in March. Hopefully you read it carefully and returned the ballot right away. We also hope you voted in favor of adding the assessment. We all know how everything is getting more expensive every day and the Section is feeling the pinch as well. We want to continue to serve the membership in the best professional manner possible. Currently we do not have any volunteers that can devote almost full time to our business needs so we have had to revert to contract help to provide some of the services that were formally handled by volunteers. We have a contract with IRWA to act as Section Staff and they are providing excellent service that we could not do without. The needs for other services are becoming more apparent every day. The assessment will be a major step toward keeping the services you deserve available in the future. As this edition of *News Leaks* is going to press the votes are being counted.

The Spring District meetings are coming up in May; I'll be there, and I hope to see you there.

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# Direct from the Director

**James Williams**

Congratulations to Don Barnes, Gale Gerber, the MAC, the Arrangements Committee and everyone else who had a hand in our successful section meeting in February. Jerry Stevens (the Association Level Vice President in attendance) said it was one of the best section meetings he had seen. We have a good thing going in Indiana because of the dedicated volunteers and staff working together to make it go.

selected as our next President-Elect. I predict Joe will do an excellent job leading AWWA into the future.



Here are some of the highlights from the Association Level Board Meeting held in Tucson, Arizona on January 24 and 25:

The next Association Level Board Meeting will be in conjunction with the Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE) in San Diego on June 14. That will be my last meeting as Dan Hood will take over as our Director on July 1.

- The 2009 budget was approved with a projected income of \$33.4 million.
- The revisions to our Indiana Section Bylaws were approved. This allowed the section to vote on approval in February which also passed.
- Eighteen (18) new standards were approved.
- Joe Mantua from the Chesapeake Section was

By now everyone should have received (and hopefully sent back) the ballot concerning the proposed section assessment. This measure would allow the section to continue providing the services we expect while maintaining financial stability. The Executive Board recommended voting in favor of this so we can properly support the Water Industry we all serve.

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# Committee Reports

## Competition

**Jeff Morris, Chair**

The 2008 Meter Madness Competition was held February 18, 2009 in Indianapolis during the Indiana Section AWWA Annual Conference. The contest was very close again this year. The following participants, representing each of the five districts competed and won at the district competitions held at the individual fall meetings:

- Tim Sensibaugh, City of Ft. Wayne (NE)
- Jason Kessler, Logansport Municipal Utilities (NW)
- Jerry Smith, Carmel Water (CN)
- Joe Miller, Jackson County Water (SE)
- Robert Evans, Knox County Water (SW)
- Dan Smith, City of Ft. Wayne. 2007 Returning Champ

First place went to Jason Kessler with a time of 46.07 seconds with no penalties. Tim Sensibaugh delivered an assembly time of 57.01 seconds with no penalties earning him a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish. Jerry Smith came in a respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a time of 58.01 seconds.

Jason Kessler will proudly represent the Indiana Section at the final competition to be held June 16<sup>th</sup> during the AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE) in San Diego, CA. GO Jason!!!

Thanks to all of the contestants for participating and thanks to their supervisors and managers for allowing them to attend the meetings and participate in the competition.

A big thank you also goes to Ed Nugent, Phil Hepburn

and the entire staff of Utility Supply Company along with Neptune Technology Group for supplying the Neptune T-10 meters, outstanding trophies and shirts for the 2008 competition.

The 2009 Meter Madness Preliminary Competitions will be held at each of the fall district meetings. This year's meter is the Sensus Model SR II 5/8 X 3/4 displacement meter supplied by EJ Prescott and Sensus Metering Systems. To obtain a practice meter for this competition, contact Jeff Morris, M.E. Simpson Company or Jeff Cunningham, Sensus Metering Systems.

Thanks, again to everyone involved with this great competition. Everyone get your meters and let's get practicing!



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## Membership

Our recruiter of the year is Stephen Geschke of the Northwest District. Steve endorsed 52 members during the year. Immediate Past Chair Gale Gerber will provide Steve with two tickets to the Elkhart County Fair (one of the largest 4-H fairs in the United States), plus two tickets to a really big entertainment show at the fair and \$100 in spending cash. Way to go Steve, and thank you Gale for sponsoring the recruiting contest.

At AWWA, we appreciate having members who value education. This is why there is a special membership

## Philip Smith, Chair

category for students, allowing them to enjoy the benefits of AWWA membership without putting further strain on their often-limited finances. To qualify for AWWA Student Membership, you must be currently enrolled in a minimum of 9 credit hours/units at an accredited learning institution.

If you are a student or know someone who might qualify for student membership, you can sign up online at <http://www.awwa.org/Membership>. Or, you can contact the membership committee by emailing Phil Smith ([psmith@smithgroupconsulting.com](mailto:psmith@smithgroupconsulting.com)).

## Operators School

Each year, the Indiana Section AWWA Operator School Committee holds 12-week classes to help prepare people to take the IDEM Operator Certification Exams. The classes start in early August and are held at various locations throughout the state through the end of October. This year, the Operator Exam will be held on Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup> 2009. Information about the Operator School will be mailed out to all community and nontransient noncommunity water

## Vicky Zehr, Chair

systems and transient surface water systems in May. The course announcement and registration forms will also be posted on the Indiana Section AWWA website at [www.inawwa.org](http://www.inawwa.org). The deadline for registration is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Acceptable forms of payment include check or money order. No credit card payments will be accepted. For more information about the course, you can contact Vicky Zehr at (260) 427-1303.



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# Awards

## Dan Hood, Chair

The 2008 Awards Committee consists of the following persons:

- Chair - Dan E. Hood, M.E. Simpson Co., Inc., Valparaiso
- Paul Hartman, Logansport Municipal Utilities, Logansport
- Phil Smith, Smith Group Consulting, Indianapolis
- Steve Fickle, AquaSource, Fort Wayne
- Doris Morris, M.E. Simpson Co., Inc., Indianapolis
- Odetta Cadwell, IRWA, New Palestine
- Tim Nelson, Midwestern Engineers, Loogootee
- Neal McKee, American Water
- Stacy Jones, IDEM Drinking Water Branch, Indianapolis

Following are the awards coordinated by this committee.

### 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. Recipients of the 2008 Prime Mover Awards:

- Mark Jones, Town of Remington - Northwest District
- John Crider, City of Berne - Northeast 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 2008 Water Wheel Award recipients:

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Randy Wynn       | Steve Blaugh   |
| James Jackson    | Vicki Zehr     |
| Beverly Hoagland | Odetta Cadwell |

### 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 years total. The District with the highest 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. The 2008 District Achievement Award recipient:

The Central 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 2008 Hoosier Water Award recipient:

Fred Sink

### Kenneth J. Miller Water For People Founders' Award

Kenneth J. Miller Water For People Founders' Awards may be presented annually by Water For People/Water For People-Canada in honor of the untiring efforts of Kenneth J. Miller to help people of the world through Water For People. The purpose of this award is to recognize volunteers for their outstanding service and leadership in the advancement of the Water For People mission. Eligibility for the Award: any person who has provided exemplary service to Water For People through project facilitation, fund raising, education and/or raising the awareness of Water For People activities. A visiting WFP representative or the visiting AWWA Association officer will present the award and pin during the Awards Luncheon at the Annual Section Meeting. The plaque will be presented at the WFP annual AWWA meeting in June. The 2008 Kenneth J. Miller Water For People Founders' Award recipient:

Duane Gilles

## Awards (continued)

**Dan Hood, Chair**

### Water Industry Hall of Fame Award

Presented to Crone Knoy

During the awards luncheon on Wednesday of the annual conference we were able to share with our members the Water Industry Hall of Fame Award that was presented posthumously to one of our members at the last AWWA conference.



Ernest Crone Knoy  
May 19, 1936 – March 26, 2000

Our visiting dignitary Jerry Stevens Vice President of AWWA read the introduction that was were read by Gary Zimmerman, AWWA Executive Director, at the AWWA wards ceremony in June.

Our Hall of Fame Honoree is Ernest Crone Knoy, founder of Tank Industry Consultants in Indianapolis, Indiana. Crone is receiving the award posthumously – accepting on his behalf is his widow, Cindy Knoy, accompanied by his daughter Beth Brock, and Steven P. Roetter, managing principal of Tank Industry

Consultants. Known for his engineering expertise in water storage, crone spearheaded the development of AWWA's manual on water tanks, which still serves as the benchmark for water tank evaluations. He has been honored throughout his career with numerous awards from the water and engineering industries.

It gives AWWA great pleasure to posthumously induct Ernest Crone Knoy into the Water Industry Hall of Fame.

The plaque commemorating Crone's Hall of Fame award reads:

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## Silent Auction

Enthusiasm and support for the Water for People (WFP) Silent Auction was evident throughout the Indiana Section's conference in February. The WFP

## Cathy Fejer, Chair

Silent Auction once again was hugely successful raising nearly \$6,000.

The Indiana Section of AWWA and Water for People wish to thank the following companies, organizations and individuals for their generous support in contributing to our 2009 Water for People Silent Auction.



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# Annual Golf Outing

**Tim Hill , Chair**

## GOLF !

Spring is here and it is time to brush off the golf clubs and get ready for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Indiana Section AWWA Golf Outing, with proceeds going to Water for People.

You still have 3 months to practice on your swing and putting to get ready. The Golf Outing will be held on **July 29, 2009** at Eagle Creek Golf Course.

Registration forms for the outing will be going out via E-mail in early May. We do sell out each year and have a limited number of foursomes available, so be sure to return your registration form early.

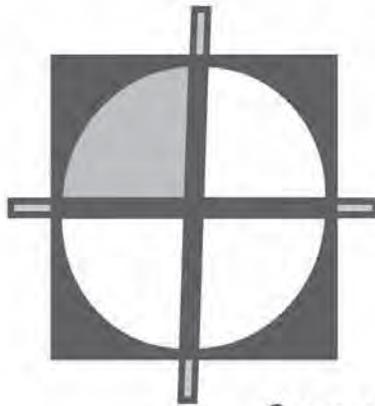
We have many openings for Hole Sponsors and for Corporate Sponsors.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Indiana Section AWWA Golf Outing and Water for People fund raiser.

Oh, for those of you who are counting...we are 119 days or 171,360 hours away from teeing off!

Thank you for your support of the Indiana Section AWWA and Water for People!

We look forward to seeing you in July!



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# Water for People

## James Williams, Chair

The Annual Section Meeting in February provided the venue for many generous donations to *Water For People*. The 50/50 drawings netted \$2,830, the Silent Auction pulled in \$5,703 and Chair Gale Gerber authorized a \$2,500 donation in lieu of conducting the Chair's Dinner. The folks from Mishawaka Water also delivered a check for \$1,600 from their monthly luncheons and first annual Pie Sale. Thank you to all the volunteers coordinating these events. This provided a great start in 2009 toward our goal of 100K in donations.

We have a great line-up of activities planned this year. Each is designed to offer excellent promotion and networking opportunities for our corporate sponsors along with the fun and entertainment of the event. Our goal is to have events in each of the Indiana Section Districts to spread things around and allow broader participation.

Here is the WFP Calendar of Events for 2009.

### **Baseball in Fort Wayne at the Tin Caps Stadium (downtown) / Saturday, May 30, 2009**

Contacts: Ruth Marsh, City of Huntington  
ruth.marsh@huntington.in.us  
260-356-1400  
Bill Etzler, Aqua Indiana  
wetzler@aquaamerica.com  
260-489-1502

### **Wine and Beer Tasting at the Summit Club in South Bend / Thursday, June 4, 2009**

Contact: Cathy Lance, Peerless-Midwest, Inc.  
cathy.lance@peerlessmidwest.com  
574-254-9050

### **Golf Outing at Eagle Creek Golf Course in Indianapolis / Wednesday, July 29, 2009**

Contact: Tim Hill, Golf Committee Chair,  
Peerless-Midwest, Inc.  
tim.hill@peerlessmidwest.com  
317-695-9221

### **Running For World Water 5K Fun Run at the NCAA Hall of Champions at the Indianapolis Water Canal / Saturday, August 29, 2009**

Contacts: Sarah Hudson, Committee Chair  
Indiana Dept. of Environ. Mgmt.  
sahudson@ifa.IN.gov; 317-408-7094  
Amanda Rickard, Malcolm Pirnie  
ARickard@pirnie.com; 317-594-0989

### **Duke Boys and Brown Sisters Concert in Evansville at the Victory Theater / Thursday, September 24, 2009**

Contact: Duane Gilles,  
American Water Services  
dgilles@amwater.com; 812-305-6684

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# District Updates

## ***Northeast District***

Greetings from the Northeast District! Spring is coming to Indiana and if you don't believe it, just come to our District meeting on May 21, at La Fontaine Golf Course in the gentle rolling terrain of Huntington, Indiana. A strong meeting is planned and our flyer with the day's agenda went out the first of April. After an informative meeting we will close with good food and fellowship. Golf is scheduled on site for those who can enjoy the remainder of the afternoon. Mark your calendars and come out, there's something for everyone. Remember to pre-register to get the discount; it will also help in planning catering services.

At our spring meeting we will bring up the subject of a membership dues assessment which will increase the annual AWWA membership fee we all pay. There will be discussions at our meeting regarding the proposed

**Curtis Kent, Trustee**

dues assessment, the amount of proposed increase and reasons why this move is necessary. Every member of Indiana AWWA is expected to cast a vote and you'll be asked to submit yours. If AWWA is to remain strong and continue to provide normal services we are used to getting, we need your support. Your vote is needed, so please take this request seriously and do not automatically "round-file" it.

The Northeast District wishes to congratulate the Central district for winning the attendance award for 2008. I think this makes two in a row! Great job Central District! Members of the Northeast: Take note and see if we can't be the top District this year! Good luck to all districts, until the next time; make every drop count!

## ***Southeast District***

The Southeast district is planning our spring meeting for May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Seymour Country Club. Our speakers are Jim Lary of Corpro who's topic is pipe corrosion, Paul Hanson of Ductile Iron Pipe Research on what's new with Ductile Iron Pipe and David Mohler of Commonwealth Engineers discussing a win/win approach to construction projects.

Registration begins at 7:30AM with Call to Order at 8:00AM. Lunch will be at noon, with golf available for those interested.

**Tony Alley, Trustee**



**Bill Devitt**  
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# 2010 Annual Conference Program

**Michael Simpson, Chair**

I've had lots of people telling me what presentations they want to make and what they want to talk about. What I need now is for you to tell me what you want to hear. If there was one presentation that you could request for the February 2010 conference what would it be? This is your chance, your opportunity to influence the program.

I know what I'm interested in and the kind of presentations that I'd be willing to sit through, on those hard chairs. I'd probably start each morning with presentations on "how water influences beer making", "how to use water to cure your hangover", and "how water in its frozen form improves a single malt scotch". Of course, in the afternoon we'd start with the "how to

use water to make happy hour truly happy" and we'd finish off with a hands-on workshop like "tell me what water was used in this beer".

Seriously though, I need your input. I'm not an operator and as you might have guessed my area of interest is very specific. So please speak up! You really need to let me know what you want to learn about. You can email me at: michael@mesimpson.com, fax me: (888)531-2444, call me: (800) 255-1521, or even drop me a post card at: M.E. Simpson Co., Inc., 3406 Enterprise Ave., Valparaiso, IN 46383. I really want to make this program have something for everyone.

## REQUESTS FOR ABSTRACTS FOR THE INDIANA SECTION AWWA 102nd ANNUAL MEETING February 16-18, 2010 Marriott Hotel – Downtown Indianapolis, Indiana

The Program Committee is requesting abstracts for presentations during the Indiana Section AWWA Annual Meeting, to be held **February 16-18, 2010** at the **Marriott Hotel in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana**. The theme for the 2001 meeting is "**Preserve to Conserve**". Anyone interested in presenting at the meeting is encouraged to submit an abstract (the abstract submission form can be found on page 17 of this issue of *News Leaks*).

The program will likely include sessions covering regulatory, distribution, production, safety, and a range of topics that will help to enhance our education program. This year the Program Committee is requesting papers specific to conservation and customer service, as well as the "normal" topics. Presentations should be 30 or 60 minutes in length (including a few minutes for questions and answers). We will also consider full or half day workshops.

All of the requested information on the abstract form is essential for attaining Continuing Education credit approval from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), as well as Professional Development Hours. Please submit all abstracts and requested information **by June 5, 2009** to:

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# What is AWWA?

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) is the world's largest educational and scientific organization dedicated to the promotion of safe drinking water. The Association's 60,000 members, including more than 1,200 members in Indiana, work as community water providers, federal and state regulators, environmentalists, academics and scientists, and reside in all 50 states, Canada and Mexico. Our 4,700 utility members serve 80 percent of the U.S. population.

The Indiana Section of AWWA has more than 1,200 members, including representatives from 380 drinking water providers and 340 vendors, consultants and independent engineers. The organization is dedicated to the education of the public on the importance of safe and adequate water and to keeping its members up-to-date on requirements, regulations and technology in the industry. A significant number of our members are active participants in the State's rule-making process. The time and expertise they contribute to that process raises the quality of the rules that our State government promulgates.

Projects and partnerships with the Indiana Rural Water Association (IRWA) include:

- Security Tabletop Exercises – One to be conducted in each of Indiana's ten Homeland Security Districts. These exercises will include water/wastewater utilities, as well as local, county, and state emergency personnel. (2009)
- Facility Specific Operator Training -- Developing a program to train Facility Specific Operators in Indiana consisting of a reference manual, PowerPoint presentations, and conducting 24 workshops. (2009)
- Grandparented Operator Training -- Developed Indiana Water Operator Training (workshop lessons, reference manual, Web site, and other materials) for 900+ grandparented water operators and newly certified operators. AWWA/IRWA members conducted 145 workshops and establish a mentoring system to ensure high standards for operators. Over 1,200 water operators attended these workshops. This program won the 2006 Small Systems Award from National AWWA. (2005-2008)
- Drinking Water Guidance Manuals -- Wrote two Drinking Water Guidance Manuals (one for Community Water Systems and one for Nontransient Noncommunity Water Systems) and conducted 12 workshops around the state. The DWGM won the 2004 Small Systems Award from National AWWA. (2003-2004).
- Water Sampling Workshops -- Developed and conducted 24 workshops to present IDEM's "Water Monitoring Requirements & Proper Sampling

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Techniques for Transient Noncommunity Water Systems" handbook. (2001-2002).

- Toll-Free Drinking Water Help Line -- Established and supported a toll-free Drinking Water Help Line, a resource for water systems to call with issues and concerns. (1999-2001)

In addition, the Indiana Section presents the Clarity in Reporting awards each year to journalists who do outstanding work covering drinking water issues and scholarships to schools so teachers can develop waterrelated curriculum. The Indiana Section also raises funds for improved systems and water quality for third world countries with our Water for People program.

AWWA is ready to provide Indiana state and federal legislators with the best information available on the status of drinking water today and the challenges that remain. Whether the issue is water rights, water quality, conservation, infrastructure, source water protection, contaminant listing, health research, or treatment practices, the AWWA has materials and experts ready to assist you. Feel free to contact any of the Water Utility Council members (on the back of this page) when your work turns to drinking water issues.

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# News from Around the State

The Town of Brownsburg is currently seeking a candidate for the Water Superintendent Position. The Superintendent is responsible for: planning, organizing, scheduling, and supervising the daily operations of the Water Treatment Plants, Wells and Water Towers. Plans, budgets and supervises current and future town projects; responds to customers requests; prepares reports and records for department in accordance with Federal and State requirements. Attends all Tech Review, Staff Plan Review, Management and Team meetings.

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science or related field and/or 5-10 years experience in a related position with 5 years experience in a supervisors roll. A Water Treatment 3(WT3) Certification and Distribution System Large (DSL) State of Indiana Certification are required. Salary position - \$40,000 - \$69,000 plus benefits

(salary depends on experience). Please e-mail resume to [dbrown@brownsburg.org](mailto:dbrown@brownsburg.org) by April 30<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Matthew Klein, formerly with Bose McKinney & Evans, has become the Executive Director of the Department of Waterworks for the City of Indianapolis.

Christopher Gale, with HNTB Corporation, was promoted to Associate Vice President.

HNTB is proud to announce the following newly LEED-Certified Engineers: Kellen Hurst and Ben Warner.

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## Sustainability and Energy Management **Amrou Atassi**

Managing natural resources and development to minimize current and future impacts is not only highly valuable, but is a fundamental responsibility to future generations. The water industry has an opportunity to incorporate sustainability elements in water systems for triple bottom line benefits – economic prosperity, environmental quality and social responsibility.

Water and power are closely related. You cannot produce water without power. In addition, water and wastewater facilities represent a significant portion of any city's energy use (primary pumping and aeration).

Last month, the Department of Energy announced a \$3.2 billion Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG), which provides grants to the State of Indiana and local governments (cities over 35,000 people and counties over 200,000 people) to fund projects that reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency. Therefore, this is an opportunity for Indiana cities and counties to identify energy efficiency projects that will reduce energy use, reduce greenhouse gases, and reduce operating costs.

City-owned water utilities can take advantage of this DOE grant by identifying pumping efficiency projects, and ways to recapture wasted energy, as well as evaluating renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar. Water conservation and/or water reuse programs would also apply since both involve reducing water pumping. Other example activities related to the water industry that can be funded with this Program, includes (from DOE's EECBG Website):

- Development of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy
- Energy distribution technologies that significantly increase energy efficiency
- Material conservation programs including source reduction, recycling, and recycled content programs that lead to increases in energy efficiency.
- Reduction and capture of methane and greenhouse gases generated by landfills or similar waste-related sources.
- Renewable energy technologies (such as wind and power) on government buildings,
- Other activities as approved by DOE

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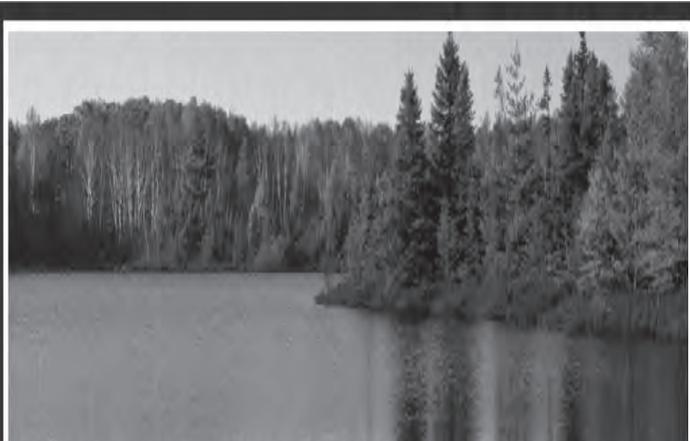
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## April

**20-21 IRWA Spring Meeting, Columbus**

17 Northeast District Fall Meeting, Warsaw  
18 Northwest District Fall Meeting, TBD

## May

5 Southeast District Spring Meeting, Seymour  
6 Southwest District Spring Meeting, Vincennes  
14 Central District Spring Meeting, Speedway  
21 Northeast District Spring Meeting, Huntington  
22 Northwest District Spring Meeting, Wanatah

## October

4-7 IACT, French Lick

## July

28 Executive Board Meeting, Indianapolis  
29 IN Section AWWA Annual Golf Outing, Eagle Creek Golf Course, Indianapolis

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2 Southwest District Fall Meeting, Patoka Lake  
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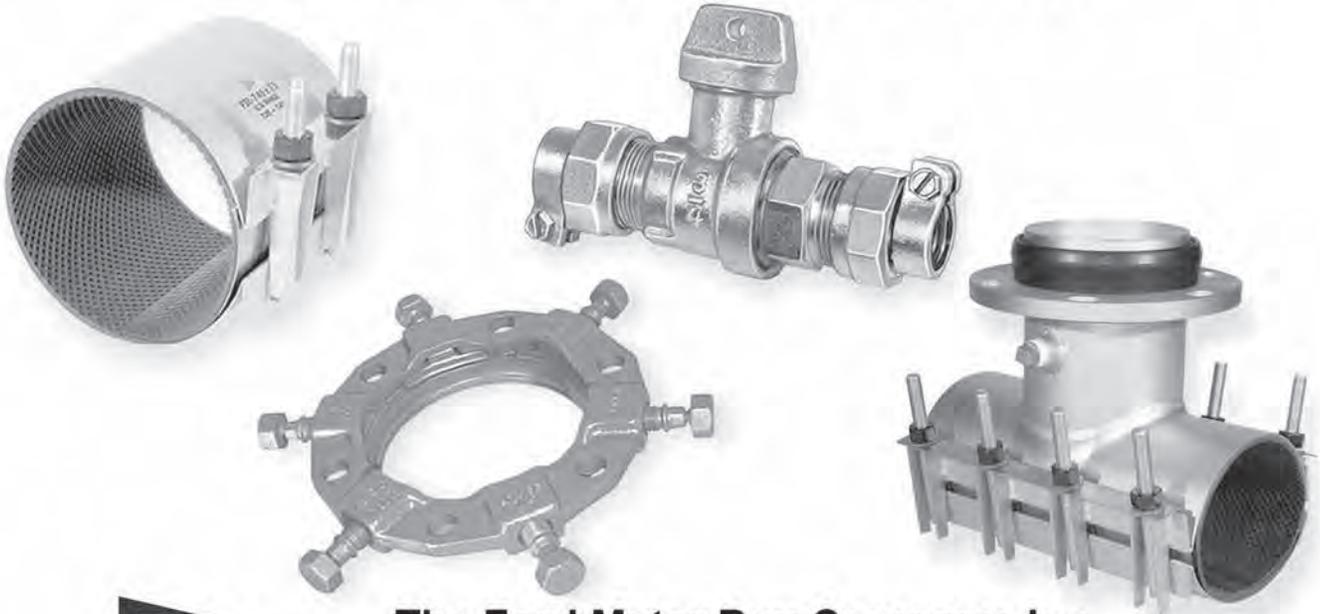
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