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Chair's Message

Mike Simpson



Efficiency for Proficiency

It is truly an honor to serve as your Section Chair this year. I am keenly aware of the issues facing our members and their respective organizations in 2010. I realize that difficult decisions have been made and are most likely going to continue to be made.

In fact the "recession" that continues to slow our economy was the biggest driver for the theme of "Efficiency for Proficiency".

Our Association was formed in 1908. Here we are 102 years later, with unimaginable strides in technology, water quality, purity and we still protect the public health. I'm sure our fore fathers faced similar issues. They may have been different in some aspects, but the same in many more.

Our history is what makes us who we are and the Indiana Section today is truly the authoritative resource on safe and clean drinking water. What makes us that resource is all of you, your extensive knowledge, hard work and dedication to our profession. What will make our Utilities, Companies and Association more Efficient and Proficient is our strength, talent and continued drive to be successful.

This year we have the exciting prospect of having the Associations Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE10) in Chicago. Our Section is looking at renting buses that will leave from both Indianapolis and Ft. Wayne on Tuesday, June 22nd and take you to the conference in Chicago. We have arranged for a discounted badge from AWWA. The cost of the bus ride and a badge will be \$135.00. Though it will be a long day, I highly recommend that you give this serious consideration. It is an exciting event with classrooms (CEUs) and an exhibit hall with over 500 different companies exhibiting their wares. Please watch News Leaks, FYI Small Systems and your e-mail for more information.

It is my plan to attend each of the district meetings this Spring and share with all of you the current news of the Section. I will be talking about the "Bus to ACE10" as I've mentioned above, but more importantly I want to hear from you. What would you like the Section to be doing for you to make your membership more valuable and effective. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Spring meetings.

In my office hangs a plaque that I look at everyday. "Risk... You cannot discover new oceans unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore." *Author Unknown*. I make every effort to follow that quote.

Take that "Risk" and make efforts to make yourself and your Utility/Company more efficient. Use your wealth of knowledge and that of the Section's to make your water system or company a proficient organization. Make sure you take that "Risk" with the Section as well. What makes this a great association is its member/volunteers. The leadership team needs you on all levels, Committee, District and the Association. I know we always ask you to join, today I ask you to volunteer and participate. That truly will help us achieve Efficiency for Proficiency.

Finally, as we move forward, I know we all will continue to be faced with the ever present "do more with less" credo that our leaders and managers seem to throw out every time changes are made or budgets are cut. However, with our talents and dedication I have no doubt that we will persevere and continue to protect the public health and provide clean and safe drinking water.

Special points of interest:

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- Abstract Submission Form - pg. 12-13

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Direct from the Director

Dan Hood

In the middle of January I attended the Mid-Winter Board of Directors' Meeting. I was forced to leave knee deep snow in Valparaiso and travel to St. Petersburg, Florida for a weekend. It was tough duty and my wife volunteered to accompany me so that I wouldn't have to endure it on my own. She enjoyed the sunny days and nearly 70 degree weather, while I enjoyed sitting, and sitting, and sitting in the special session on Saturday and the board meeting on Sunday.



The Sunday board meeting was packed with information and discussion. Here's a short summary. The following policy statements were approved: Cross Connections, Finance, Accounting and Rates, Operator Certification, Safety, Research, Diversity and Nondiscrimination, and Climate Change. We approved changes to the bylaws for a couple of sections. Several amendments to the Association Bylaws and Governing Documents were approved.

The primary change was to eliminate Water For People from the AWWA Executive Committee. Water For People has come a long way from its start within AWWA. There comes a time when every parent realizes their child has grown up and it's time to cut them loose. Water For People has become an entity onto itself and gathered supporters from outside of the water industry and AWWA membership.

One of the Approved amendments to Governing Documents was Article IV. Language was added for the Standards Council, to comply with ANSI requirements. This will prevent a discrepancy between AWWA Standards and ANSI requirements from occurring.

The board approved eighteen standards. Six of the standards were water meter related, a couple were related to pipe and a couple were for tanks. The rest were standards for Liquid Chlorine, Calcium Chloride and others for those of you interested in water treatment and production.

Being Indiana's Awards committee chair I was very interested in the approval of award recipients. There was one for a utility in Indiana. You will have to wait until June and the Association's Annual Conference (ACE 10) in Chicago to find out who!

The Association's Treasurers Report and 2010 budget were approved - all 240 pages. It's an amazing organization to which we belong. Although sales and revenues were down due to the economy, our professional staff managed to get the job done and keep expenses down ending the year with a small profit. Our staff can be commended for their efforts working short handed and doing what was needed often outside of their own job classification. They deserve our appreciation and thanks.

Also deserving of our thanks are those directors who volunteered for a much heavier work load by running for board positions. It was very tough to pick who to vote for from a slate full of excellent candidates. I have to believe that every one of the candidates would have done a fine job for our association and our membership. We elected four new vice presidents. One was our neighbor to the west, my good friend John Donahue from the Illinois section. Another also from the Midwest was my new friend Jim Chaffee from the Wisconsin Section.

The Mid-west is further represented on the Executive board with the election of Jerry Stevens from Iowa to serve as the Association's President-Elect for a one-year term beginning in June 2010, followed by a one-year term as President beginning in June 2011. I would have liked to have vote for all three of the fine candidates for President Elect. I had to vote for just one and it was Jerry. You should remember Jerry; he was our visiting dignitary at our February 2009 annual conference. I thought Jerry gave a very powerful, energetic, and presidential like speech. Apparently, the majority of directors felt the same way.



Committee Reports

Membership

Philip Smith, Chair

Please welcome the 18 new members of Indiana Section AWWA who joined in the first quarter of 2010:

Diehl, Kevin	Orland	Mosley, Scott	Kendallville
Gibson, Anthony	Evansville	Petroy, Vince	Indianapolis
Hammons, David	Beech Grove	Poole, Dale	Tell City
Helfrich, Kyle	Indianapolis	Reister, Jason	Seymour
Keeslar, Chris	Brownsburg	Rice, Nick	Kokomo
Kuns, Greg	Flora	Rudhman, Jaclyn	Plymouth
Lawlor, Stephen	Warsaw	Schroeder, Gregory	Warsaw
Lewis, Bennette	Kokomo	Warner, Torrence	East Chicago
Malekmarzban, Ali	Indianapolis	Yoho, Edward	Roscoe (IL)

Please say hello to our new members and welcome them into our association.

Indiana Section Website Membership Features

Our newly-revised Website (<http://www.inawwa.org/>) offers many features that are useful to our membership. Here are a few links:

If you need to update your membership information go here <http://www.inawwa.org/pages/membership.html> and click on the *Change Membership Information* link.

District meetings are the place to meet with your neighboring operators and to obtain continuing education contact hours. Here's a link with a list of this year's meetings: http://www.inawwa.org/pages/dist_meetings.html.

Have you ever needed to contact a vendor, but misplaced the telephone number? There is a great list of these folks on the Website: <http://www.inawwa.org/pages/vendors.html>.

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Operators School

Invitation to attend a 1-Day Course On April 30rd to Prepare For Operator Certification Exams

Water Operator Certification Exams will be offered by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management on May 6th, 2010. To assist candidates in preparing for the exams, the AWWA - Indiana Section's Operator School and Education Committees, in cooperation with IDEM will hold a 1-day course on April 30th. The course will be divided into three sections, water distribution, water treatment and math. The morning session will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The afternoon session will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch is on your own. **Registration is \$50.** The course will cover a wide range of subject matter, with time to solve problems and ask questions. **Please bring a note pad, pencil, and calculator.**

The course will be held at: IDEM-Conference Room C, 2525 N. Shadeland Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219.
IDEM is on the east side of N. Shadeland Ave., one block north of I-70.

___ To sign up in advance for this 1-day course please complete the attached registration and mail it with your check to the address listed below. **Make checks payable to AWWA-IN Section.** **You will not receive a registration confirmation prior to the course. Walk-in registration may be available if space permits.** Questions about the course registration should be directed to Vicky Zehr at 260-427-1303. Questions about IDEM's water operator certification exams should be directed to Ruby Keslar at 317-234-7431

REGISTRATION
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AWWA-IN Section,
Attn: Vicky Zehr C/O
Three Rivers Filtration Plant



Awards

The 2009 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 2009 Prime Mover Awards:

- Gary Fath – Northwest District
New Durham Estates in Westville
- Benjamin Eldridge – Northeast District
Town of Millersburg

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

Dan Hood, Chair

Luncheon at the Annual Section Meeting.

The 2010 Water Wheel Award recipients:

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Jim Clevenger | Stephen P. Geschke |
| Jeffrey G. Robinson | Martin A. Wessler |
| Daniel L. McVay | Bruno Trimboli |

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.

The 2010 District Achievement Award recipient:

The South East 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 2009 Hoosier Water Award recipient:

John Mugford from the Town of North Manchester.

Awards (continued)

Dan Hood, Chair

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 2010 Kenneth J. Miller Water For People Founders' Award recipient:

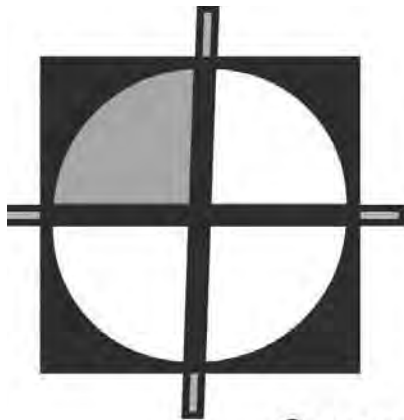
Sarah Hudson

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.

The 2010 Award of Merit recipient:

Senator Beverly Gard



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Annual Golf Outing

Tim Hill , Chair

The 12th Annual Indiana Section AWWA Golf Outing will be July 28, 2010, at Eagle Creek Golf Course on the west side of Indianapolis.

All proceeds will go to benefit Water for People.

Registration forms will be sent out via E-mail and may be found in the AWWA webpage by the middle of May. Your completed registration form will need to be turned in by June 18th.

We are limited to 240 golfers, so get your registration in early!

There are many opportunities for hole sponsors and corporate sponsorships.

Thank you for your support of Water for People.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the golf outing, July 28.

For those of you on the countdown to the golf outing, the official time is on the AWWA section webpage: <http://www.inawwa.org/>

Education Committee

Paul Johnson, Chair

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is presently finalizing new regulations for sanitary surveys for Community and Non-Community water systems. While the basic criteria for sanitary surveys have not radically changed, one important new component is the definition of "significant deficiencies". If a deficiency is identified during a sanitary survey, compliance will be determined based on a water system's correction of these deficiencies. The Education Committee is planning to conduct three workshops this spring to provide operators information on the sanitary survey process, preparing for your next sanitary survey and how to identify and correct deficiencies in the eight elements of a sanitary survey.

The workshops are currently being developed and will be held as follows:

- May 11, 2010 – Rochester, Indiana
- May 18, 2010 – Indianapolis, Indiana
- May 25, 2010 – Huntingburg, Indiana

Please mark your calendar for the workshop closest to you. Informational flyers and registration forms will be sent out in early April. Please contact Paul Johnson at (317) 547-5580, or pjohnson@structurepoint.com for more information. See you in May!

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Water for People

James Williams, Chair



It was a great honor to present Sarah Hudson with the Kenneth J. Miller Award at the 2010 IN Section meeting. This is the highest recognition for outstanding volunteer service to *Water For People*, and Sarah is a most deserving recipient. In 2007 she formed a strong committee to manage the Inaugural 5K Run/Walk, and in the first three years this event has raised a total of over \$26,000. Each year the event has gotten bigger and better with over 300 participants in 2009. Be sure to sign up for the 4th Annual Event to be held on Saturday, August 21, 2010. You will see firsthand what a great celebration this is and why Sarah is such an outstanding champion for *Water For People*. Lori Geres provided the Miller Award pin in Indianapolis, and the formal presentation will be on Monday, June 24, 2010 at A.C.E. in Chicago. Be sure to congratulate Sarah when you see her.

Great job Cathy Fejer and the Silent Auction Committee for another successful fundraiser at the Annual Conference. Over \$5,000 was raised thanks to the hard work of the committee and the generous spirit of the auction item donors. Randy Wynn once again managed the successful 50/50 drawings at the conference and \$3,500 was raised for the cause. Most of the credit should go to the new ticket salesman on the job, but Randy deserves an "attaboy" as well.

Please check out the complete list of events for 2010 below. The line-up provides opportunities for involvement throughout the state, and corporate sponsorships for recognition and exposure.

Thanks to all in the Indiana Section for your continued support. If you would like additional information about the work of our committee, contact me at james.williams@peerlessmidwest.com.

Greg Trooper in Carmel

April 21

Jaimie Foreman – jforeman@carmel.in.gov

Greg Trooper in Valparaiso

April 22

Elizabeth Patz – Elizabeth.Patz@amwater.com

Wine Into Water South Bend

June 3

John Stancati – jstancati3414@sbcglobal.net

John Wilttrout – jwilttrou@southbend.in.gov

IN Section AWWA Golf Outing

July 28

Tim Hill – tim.hill@peerlessmidwest.com

5K Run for World Water Indianapolis

August 21

Sarah Hudson – SJReymann24@yahoo.com

Evening with the Ft. Wayne Tin Caps

August 21

Bill Etzler – Wletzler@aguaamerica.com

Ruth Marsh – ruth.marsh@huntington.in.us

Van Dells / Brown Sisters in Evansville

September 16

Duane Gilles – Dgilles@amwater.com

District Updates

Northeast District

Curtis Kent, Trustee

The Northeast District will have their spring meeting on Thursday May 20th at the Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds in Peru, IN. We have a great program lined up so get registered early for this event. Call us or e-mail us to pre-register. Now that we are taking credit-cards at the door, there has never been an easier way to fit this meeting into your schedule.

The executive committee looks forward to finalizing plans for our fall meeting in Hamilton, IN on Thursday, September 16th at the Hamilton Conservation Club. Bring your tackle box and/or your shot gun as fishing and skeet-shooting will follow the meeting. So mark your calendars for these dates and don't forget to pre-register! It helps our planning committee immensely.

Southeast District

Kurt Riedman, Trustee

The Southwest District Spring meeting will be held May 12th at the Brown County State Park. The Fall meeting will be September 7th at Timbergate Golf Club located in Edinburg. Please mark your calendars. Flyers will be mailed in advance with details on costs, speakers, and credit hours pending IDEM approval. If you do not receive, or have not been receiving, a flyer for these meetings, please contact Lyndsay Wheatley at lwheatley@contactcei.com or call (317)888-1177. I would like to encourage all operators, board members, and any other interested parties to attend.

This is my first year as trustee of the Southeast District, having taken over these duties over for long time Southeast District officer Tony Alley, who has moved on to take over new duties for our Indiana Section publication "News Leaks". I would personally like to thank Tony, as I'm sure the whole Southeast District would, for his many years of service to our District and IN AWWA as well. Tony is still serving our District by giving me advice and guidance, as well as helping with our meetings. Thanks Tony!

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Southwest District

Ed Hollinden, Trustee

The SW District Indiana AWWA Spring Meeting will be held May 4th. It will be at the Lakeview Conference and Training Center at Crane and hosted by Crane Naval Warfare Center.

Speakers and/or topics for the day will be:

- Crane NSWC Base Commander will welcome the district and give a brief overview of the history and mission of Crane NSWC.
- Nancy Dollar with IDEM will discuss how recent amendments to Indiana remediation statutes impact might affect local government and water utilities.
- Speakers talking about new hydrant quick connects and automatic flushers.

After the meeting, Representatives from Crane NSWC will be giving the district attendees a tour of the Small Arms/ Training Center, The Night Vision Center, and Jack Terrell's Unit #41 where Humvees are currently modified for various missions.

2011 Annual Conference Program

Jeff Peters, Chair

I'm honored to be tasked this year with the development and preparation of the technical content of the 2011 Indiana Section AWWA Annual Conference. I'm also somewhat intimidated. Check that make that greatly intimidated. You'd think a guy that has helped plan the Annual Section Meeting for the past five or six years and has attended these meetings for the last twenty years or so would have a pretty good idea of how to put together a conference or at least is well enough informed that he could identify and select a program that is educational, interesting, stimulating and practical. Well that is my precisely my hope and my goal, but I still feel intimidated and I'm going to need help. Specifically, I need your help; the help of our Section's members.

Our industry covers such a wide and diverse range of subjects and topics, from resource protection and watershed planning to asset management, process evaluation and design, equipment repair and maintenance, customer service, job safety, rate making and capital financing, with a whole lot of other stuff in between. And most everyone involved in our industry has to be somewhat knowledgeable of the full range of subjects that we encounter throughout the course of any given day. I feel this is precisely why the Annual Section Meeting proves to be of such important value to all of us regarding the day to day activities that engage us in the drinking water business.

I do have the benefit of attending almost twenty years of Annual Section meetings, being involved in the planning of this outstanding event for the past several years and having almost 30 years of water utility design and operation experience, but that doesn't mean I know precisely what interest our members and what information and subjects that they want to learn more about....need to learn about.....so that they can do what they do best, which is serve the public with the safest and best quality product that we as an industry can provide; one safe enough that we don't think twice about putting it into our body.

I encourage each and every one of you to contact me to let me know what interests you, to tell me what tools, skills and training you want to have in order to do your job better. You may email me at JeffP@WesslerEngineering.com, fax me at (317) 788-4553, call me at (317) 788- 4551 or drop me a note in the mail at 6219 South East Street, Indianapolis, IN 46227. I hope to make this year's program one which we will all remember and benefit from for years to come.

REQUEST FOR ABSTRACTS
103rd ANNUAL MEETING
INDIANA SECTION
AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
February 23-25, 2011
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The Program Committee is requesting abstracts for presentations during the Indiana Section AWWA Annual Meeting, to be held **February 23-25, 2011** at the **Marriott Hotel in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana**. The theme for the 2011 meeting, **“Tomorrow’s Results Begin Today”**, will focus on planning, troubleshooting and mentoring. Anyone interested in presenting at the meeting is encouraged to submit an abstract.

The program will likely include sessions covering regulatory, distribution, production, safety, financial and a host of other topics that will help to enhance our education program. This year the program committee is requesting papers specific to proactive approaches, long and short range planning, mentoring, and new this year, a track dedicated to wastewater will be included. Presentations should be 30 or 60 minutes in length, which should include a few minutes for questions and answers at the end of the presentation. 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 4, 2010** to:

Jeffrey R. Peters, P.E.
Wessler Engineering
6219 South East Street
Indianapolis, IN 46227
<mailto:JeffP@WesslerEngineering.com>

The submittal form can be found on www.inawwa.org. If you have any questions, please contact me at (317) 788-4551. Thank you for your interest and support of the Indiana Section AWWA.



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Thank you

From Past Chair Don Barnes

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone that has sent emails, cards, letters, flowers, fruit, and most especially prayers for my recovery. I am doing fine and pretty much on schedule for getting back to normal. The Doctors seem to think I should be able to play a little golf and even be in better shape than I was, by the first of April. I never realized how many friends I have until this episode in my life. I can't wait to see each and everyone of you to thank you in person.

The Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance (OPPTA) could use your assistance in promoting the 2010 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence. If you could, please inform your staff we are currently accepting nominations. Additionally, if you have listservs or electronic newsletters, please include information about this award program during your regular communications. You may also nominate any companies that you think may deserve an environmental excellence award. (See announcement below.)

Thank you for your time and help in promoting this year's Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence.

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Competition

Jeff Morris, Chair

The 2009 Meter Madness Competition was held February 17th, 2010 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)
- Mike Morgan, Logansport Municipal Utilities (NW)
- Jerry Smith, Carmel Water (CN)
- Scott Ham, Silver Creek Water Corp. (SE)
- Eric Smith, Dubois Water Utilities (SW)

Jason Kessler, Logansport Municipal Utilities. 2008 Returning Champ

First place went to Eric Smith with a time of 40.78 seconds with no penalties, Jason Kessler delivered an assembly time of 46.77 seconds with no penalties earning him a 2nd place finish. Jerry Smith came in a respectable 3rd place with a time of 50.58 seconds.

Eric Smith will proudly represent the Indiana Section at the National Competition to be held in June during the AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE) in Chicago, IL. GO ERIC!!!

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 Jeff Cunningham, Sensus Metering Systems for supplying the Sensus SR II meters, outstanding trophies and shirts for the 2009 competition, along with the entire staff of Team E.J. Prescott for making this a fun, exciting and successful competition.

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INDIANA SECTION AWWA 2010 FULLER AWARD WINNER

I am honored to present to you the Indiana Section's 2010 Fuller Award Winner and I will get to that in a few moments. First, as is tradition, I will share some stories and information about our Awardee.

When our award winner and his wife were dating, he was responsible for overseeing the construction of a new wastewater treatment facility; aka, "poop plant." His idea of a hot date was to take her on a tour of the plant every week to assess the construction progress. Once was interesting; twice was okay. After that, to her it was pretty boring. It was summer. It was hot. It was smelly! But he was so proud of the facility that she continued to feign interest long after it had waned. As far as she was concerned, one poop plant tour would have been enough!

He apparently has figured out that his wife is not so excited about "poop" plants. Now, wherever they travel he simply points out interesting water towers!

Now for a bit of data:

Our awardee was born in 1949 and raised in Winchester, Indiana. He moved to his current city of residence to go to college for a B.S. in Civil Engineering, and never left. Our awardee was a single parent for a few years before meeting his present wife. The first time they met was the day she joined their church. They decided to marry (so she says) only two weeks after they started dating. They were married on June 2, 1984.

They have two sons. Mark, age 41, is an attorney in their home city, and Matthew, age 37, is a scientist at the National Institute of Health in Washington, D.C. They have four grandkids.

Our awardee began working for his current city of employment as an intern. He became City Engineer at 21. Except for a six-year period with a private firm, he has been with the City his whole working life. He was the Dept. of Water Works General Manager and is currently the Director for the City Utilities.

Our awardee is an active member of his community: the United Methodist Church, the Boys & Girls Club, the Chamber of Commerce and, as you would expect, a very active member of AWWA serving as NW District Trustee, WFP Silent Auction Committee Chair, Water Utility Council Chair, and recently appointed to Indiana Environmental Quality Service Council (EQSC).

I believe that is enough data. If you do not know who our awardee is by now, our last story should clinch it. Our awardee is very active in supporting Water for People: Sponsoring annual fund raisers and getting the word out about clean water needs in under developed countries. He experienced one of his most embarrassing moments when he was in his car, waiting for his turn to have the car washed at a WFP fundraiser. While sitting there, he spotted a banana peel that had been left on the car floor. As he reached down to pick it up, he took his foot off the brake. Several employees called out to him but could only watch as his car drove right into the vehicle ahead of him. I wonder if he asked his insurance adjustor for a donation to WFP? !



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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. Cathy Fejer reported that the (WFP) Silent Auction once again was successful raising over \$5,000. Again, without the support and participation of the committee, businesses and donators it would not be a success. As outlined in the letter we are printing the list of donators. On behalf of the entire committee, I would like to thank everyone who had a hand in the WFP Silent Auction success achieved at the conference.

Cathy Fejer, WFP Silent Auction Chair

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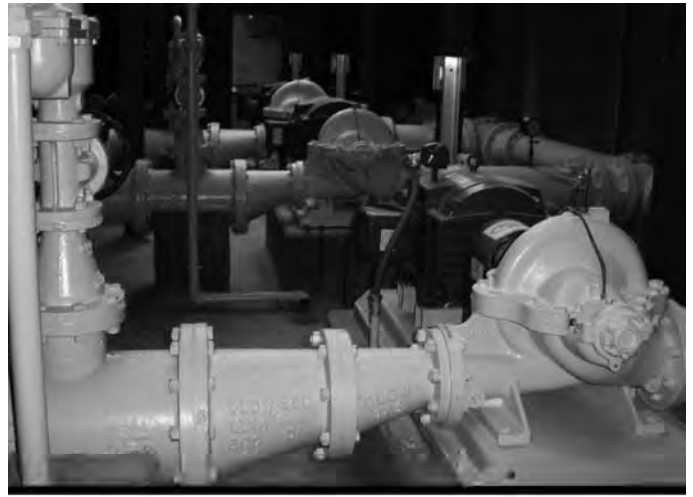
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NORTHEAST Contact: Curt Kent (574) 254-9050	May 20th (3rd Thursday) Peru	September 16th (3rd Thursday) Hamilton
NORTHWEST Contact: Randy Wynn (574) 223-3412	May 21st (4th Friday) La Porte	September 17th (3rd Friday) Plymouth
SOUTHEAST Contact: Kurt Riedman (765) 647-2906	May 12th (2nd Wednesday) Brown Cty St Park	September 8th (1st Tuesday) Edinburg
SOUTHWEST Contact: Ed Hollinden (812) 482-2010	May 4th (1st Tuesday) Crane Navel Base	September 8th (2nd Wednesday) Evansville
IRWA Contact: Odetta Cadwell (317) 402 - 7349	April 19 - 21 Conference	December 6 - 8 Conference
ALLIANCE OF INDIANA RURAL WATER Contact: Jim Soper 317-789-4200	March 16 & 17 Conference	October 20 & 21 Conference
AWWA Water for People Golf Outing Contact: Tim Hill 317-896 - 2987	July 28 th Eagle Creek	
IWEA Contact: Gary Price (317) 685 - 0009		November 16 - 18 Indianapolis
IACT Contact: Matt Grueller (317) 237 - 6200		Oct. 3 - 6 Conference
AWWA ACE 10 Conference	June 20 - 24th Chicago, IL	

The Trustee is the Contact given for each District

June 8, 2010 - Indiana Rural Water Association -- W3 Symposium for Water and Wastewater Operators - Culy Construction in Winchester, Indiana. Contact: IRWA; 866-895-4792 or www.indianaruralwater.org

June 9, 2010 - Indiana Rural Water Association -- Excavation Safety Competent Person Training - Hope, Indiana. Contact: IRWA; 866-895-4792 or www.indianaruralwater.org

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