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## Chair's Message

**Mike Simpson**



Wow! I just spent five days in Chicago attending AWWA's Annual Convention and Exposition. My thoughts seemed to always revolve around water and our Association. Okay, "beer" and "where's the next party" was probably more prominent, but for the purposes of this article, let's assume it was all about water and AWWA. Since our beginnings, this organization has had a single vision and mission. Our vision is to be "the authoritative resource on safe water" and our mission is to "protect public health and to provide safe and sufficient water for all. Through collective leadership, AWWA advances technology, education, science, management, and government policies".

As you think about the statements above, consider this: "The amount of moisture on Earth has not changed. The water the dinosaurs drank millions of years ago is the same water that falls as rain today. But will there be enough for a more crowded world?" (Courtesy of National Geographic)

I love that statement and have often used it, though using my own creative and not in mixed company version, regularly when speaking to friends who are not in our industry. They're always amazed it's the "same water".

ACE10 was an amazing event. The knowledge shared with the attendees in the classroom and the technology in the exhibit hall was phenomenal. I was so glad to see so many of my fellow Hoosiers taking advantage of this event to broaden their knowledge base. For myself, I was able to review several new products and processes. The opportunity to network with peers is a worth while endeavor and I encourage each and every one of you to consider attending ACE11 in Washington, D.C. next June to be able to experience this grand event.

The competitions were fierce for the competitors and fun for the audience. Our Meter Madness contestant, Eric Smith, from Dubois Water Utilities did a good job representing our State. Good job Eric. Thanks for representing the Section and a big thank you to Dubois Water for supporting Eric in this adventure. The winner of Meter Madness was Brian Rodriguez, from the Florida Section with a winning time of 36.19. Second place, Ron Kemper from the Pacific Northwest Section delivered a 45.87 (raw time was 35.87 but he had a 10 second penalty for one loose bolt). 0.32 seconds apart! It was wild! Ask Jeff Morris, Dan Hood, Scott Ham, Alex Hood or Jeff Cunningham to describe it to you. They were all on stage timing, testing meters and/or volunteering. Our own Jeff Morris, Scott Ham and Jeff Cunningham were even on TV on WGN channel 9. They were the event timers in the background on the evening news in Chicago when AWWA did a demonstration of Meter Madness and Pipe Tapping outside at the old Water Tower along the "Magnificent Mile" on Sunday afternoon. You can find the clip on "YouTube". Just type in: Chicago Water Tower Meter Assembly Demo. Birmingham Water Works won the pipe tapping men's division with a time of 1:14.0 minutes. The women's pipe tapping division was won by Honolulu Board of Water Supply with a time of 2:12.47. To see pipe tapping on "YouTube" type: Chicago Water Tower Pipe Tapping Demo.

One of the most enjoyable events was the "Poster Session" put on by The Young Professionals. Some of these young people are still in college and their grasp and

**Special points of interest:**

- Water for People Announcement p15

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knowledge of water is amazing. I had the opportunity to participate in the session as a judge. Of course, I know what you're thinking, "how could you possibly judge a poster session", which is extremely technical. It had nothing to do with parties, golf, fundraising or plain old beer drinking. To tell you the truth, I was concerned as well. As it turns out, my job as judge was to just listen. The four young ladies and their posters that I judged were fantastic. They completed the explanation of their project and how they developed it into a poster, they explained the project in clearly and concise manner.

The Poster Session has inspired me to encourage our YP Committee with assistance from our Technical Research, Education and Small Systems Committees to develop a similar program for the Section and have it at our annual meeting in February.

As for your Section, it is moving along nicely. I attended each of the Spring District meetings and enjoyed the fellowship with all the attendees at each meeting. I want to thank each of the district officers for their hospitality and working so hard to put on educational programming for our operators. I was fortunate enough to attend the "open house" for Jackson County Water's new water storage tank. It was an enjoyable event with great "hotdogs", cold soda pop and wonderful fellowship. I appreciated Darrell Baker including me on the invite list and giving me a personal tour of his facilities. If you get a chance, swing by Brownstown and see Darrell's facility and new tank.

The Education Committee, lead by Paul Johnson and Elizabeth Patz, as well as the Small Systems Committee, lead by Odetta Cadwell, are providing workshops in all five districts to assist Utilities and Operators further their education in the water field.

The golf outing is approaching quickly and I hope everyone has gotten their materials in. This year's event will be as outstanding as all the ones in the past have been. Tim Hill and his Golf Committee have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to bring you an event you can really enjoy and raise a little money at the same time.

Kudos's to Jim Williams and his Water For People Committee! Those folks have been working hard to raise funds for Water For People. I commend them for a job well done by the Valpo Concert group; the Carmel Concert group; the South Bend Wine into Water group and all who helped to make those events successful. Watch your calendars and check the website because there are three events yet to come.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for all your efforts with our industry, AWWA and the Indiana Section. It is truly appreciated. Please remember, we are all water professionals and it is our job to continue what was started in 1818. It is up to us to insure that AWWA remains the preeminent and authoritative organization on safe water as we all continue to protect the public health through safe water.



Jim Williams, Marty Wessler (holding 2010 Corporate Challenge trophy), Sarah Hudson, Mike Simpson

# Direct from the Director

**Dan Hood**

If you're reading this then chances are very good that AWWA has a volunteer position for you! Every year AWWA seeks volunteers for councils, divisions and committees to meet the challenges facing the water industry in the years ahead. There are hundreds of opportunities for you to volunteer.



If I've peaked your interest then take a look at the list below. This is just a sample of the many openings for volunteers. You'll find the group name, number of openings, and the number of members eligible for reappointment in parentheses. AWWA members interested in volunteering for one of these positions should fill out the on-line application.

It's easy, I've done it. Several years ago I gave it a try for the first time. I submitted my name for two different committees. The nominating committee selected me for one of them and not the other. It was that easy. Many volunteer duties can be done through email and/or conference call; while some do involve travel to a meeting.

Go to the web site [www.AWWA.org](http://www.AWWA.org) and select publications and then streamlines. Click on the [Volunteer] button down on the left side. You'll find answers to all of your questions about volunteering.

Volunteer Unit	Number of Vacancies	Staff Contact
Diversity & Member Involvement	6 (4)	Christopher McGinness
Finance	2 (0)	Lynn Laskey
Administrative & Policy Council	2 (1)	Paula Macllwaine
Membership	8 (5)	Melanie Penoyar
Public Affairs Council	3 (0)	Greg Kail
Technical & Educational Council	4 (1)	Tim Worley
Distribution & Plant Operations Division	1 (1)	Lois Sherry
Engineering & Construction Division	4 (1)	Lois Sherry
Management & Leadership Division	1 (0)	Lois Sherry
Small Systems Division	6 (3)	Lois Sherry
Water Conservation Division	2 (0)	Linda Moody
Water Utility Council	6 (3)	Tom Curtis

The AWWA committees that I've been involved with met once each year, in person, and a few times by conference call. The staff contact person for each committee or council can tell you how many times they meet and if it's by phone or in person.

If you're still not certain that you're what AWWA is looking for then give one of the section officers, committee chairs, or me a call. We can tell you how rewarding it is to volunteer.

# Committee Reports

## Membership

**Philip Smith, Chair**

In the third quarter of this year, 13 new members signed up with the Indiana Section. Please welcome these water professionals by congratulating them on their wise decision to become AWWA members.

Dustin Bennett,	Chesterfield	Ben Freck,	Fort Wayne
Tim Braun,	Goshen	Heather Garay,	Hammond
Charla Cain,	Zionsville	Josh Kanagy,	Goshen
Frank Didelot,	Indianapolis	David Marszalec,	Saint Joseph (MI)
Benjamin Finnegan,	Chicago (IL)	Jeffrey Moseley,	Terre Haute
Ryan Sidler,	Indianapolis	Debra Zachelmeyer,	Whitestown
Marshall Whitmer,	Hammond (LA)		

### Why I Joined AWWA

So, why did you become an AWWA member? Here's why I signed up. I went to work for an Indiana utility in 1972 and received a mailing from AWWA announcing its annual conference at Chicago, IL. It looked interesting and I had a whole lot to learn about the water works industry. The boss said OK, and off I went. It was awesome. Never had I seen such a large trade show or even gone to a hospitality suite. These conferences are still impressive. Just ask anyone who made it to Chicago AWWA this year.

Anyway, while standing in front of the exhibit hall one morning I heard sirens and saw a bunch of limousines with flashing lights and a police escort. Someone asked, "is it the governor?" Another retorted, "no, it must be the mayor." They were both wrong. IT WAS THE WATER BOARD. It was at that moment that I knew I had to work in the water industry. It hasn't been quite as glamorous as I had hoped for, but I'm glad I made the decision and stuck with it and I'm happy that AWWA has been my partner on the journey.

What's your story about AWWA membership? Send me an email at [psmith@smithgroupconsulting.com](mailto:psmith@smithgroupconsulting.com) and we'll publish one or two of them in a future *Newsleaks*. I'll see to it that the winners will get some sort of AWWA thank you gift. We'll also post received stories on the Section's Website, [www.inawwa.org](http://www.inawwa.org).

## Nominating Committee

**Dan Hood, Chair**

The nominating committee of the Indiana Section AWWA has duly selected and is pleased to present the following proposed Slate of Officers for the 2011-2012 term:

Chair	Jeff Peters
Chair Elect	Duane Gilles
Vice Chair	Ted Miller
Secretary-Treasurer	John Seever
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer	Alan Wiseman



# Safety

**Pete Bastasich, Chair**

## ***Brrrrrr...It's Really Cold Out There!***

It's that time of year again when temperatures are getting frigid and concerns are raised relative to keeping the body warm when outdoors. When the body is unable to warm itself, serious cold related illnesses and injuries may occur including permanent tissue damage and even death in extreme cases.

Two cold weather conditions of concern for humans are frost bite and hypothermia.

Frost bite is a condition resulting in freezing (in deep layers) of skin and tissue. Signs of frost bite include pale, waxy-white skin color, and hardening and numbness of skin, usually affecting the fingers, hands, toes, ears, and nose.

Hypothermia is a more serious condition that results when body temperatures drop below 95 degrees resulting in fatigue and drowsiness, uncontrolled shivering, cool bluish skin, slurred speech, clumsy movements, and irritable, irrational, or confused behavior.

### ***How to Protect Workers***

- Train the workforce about cold related illnesses and injuries
- Select proper clothing for cold, wet, and windy conditions. Layer clothing to adjust to changing environmental temperatures. Wear a hat and gloves
- Take frequent short breaks in warm dry shelters to allow the body to warm up
- If possible, perform work during the warmest part of the day
- Avoid exhaustion or fatigue because energy is needed to keep muscles warm
- Use the buddy system and work in pairs
- Drink warm, sweet beverages (sugar water, sports type drinks). Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol
- Eat warm high calorie foods like pasta dishes

### ***Workers Are at Increased Risk When...***

- They have predisposing health conditions such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and high blood pressure
- They take certain medications. Check with your doctor, nurse, or pharmacy and ask if any medicines you are taking affect you while working in cold environments
- They are in poor physical condition, have a poor diet, or are older

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# Annual Golf Outing

**Tim Hill , Chair**

The summer of 2010 will always be remembered as one of the hottest ones on record. Fortunately, the hot weather did not slow down one of the hottest IN Section events of the year. Once again, the Indiana Section Golf Outing was a sell-out. On Wednesday July 28, 2010, all 36 holes at the Eagle Creek Golf Club were filled with water professionals from across Indiana and beyond. While the heat was a little challenging, fun and friendship prevailed. When we thought that a brief shower might cool things off, we were taught a lesson in humidity. Regardless of the little "hurdles" that our golf games had to overcome, we are always reminded of the huge challenges that many people have to overcome to have the safe, clean drinking water that we all, too often, take for granted. To help meet those challenges (as always), all of the proceeds from this event are donated to Water For People. This year we raised an impressive \$27,340.00. As in past years, the golf committee will recommend to the Executive Board that 50% be donated to Water for People strictly for use on our supported projects in Bolivia and that the remaining funds be used by WFP wherever there is an immediate need.

Following are the prize winners. Be sure to congratulate them and, most importantly, thank all of the sponsors who help make this worth-while event so successful.

## The Pines Course

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wessler Engineering
2 <sup>n</sup>	Neptune Technology
Last	Wessler Engineering
Closest-to-the-Pin	Jeff Heard
Longest Drive	Ryan Griffin
Longest Putt	Erich Nugent

## The Sycamore Course



1 <sup>st</sup>	J.D. Petro
2 <sup>n</sup>	HD Supply
Last	American Water
Closest-to-the-Pin	Steve Bruns
Longest Drive	Kurt Wheeler
Longest Putt	Keith Kelsey

Jim Jackson, Logansport Utilities, presented his check and trophy by Tony Alley, representing Ortman Drilling & Water Services, Putting Contest Sponsor




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# Water for People

**James Williams, Chair**

On August 21, 2010, the Fourth Annual Running for World Water 5K Fun and Walk was held along the Indianapolis downtown canal. The rain clouds cleared about an hour before the race started and stayed away until the last walker crossed the finish line. After expenses, the event raised \$12,690! Over 345 runners, walkers, kids and pooches enjoyed the event.

The 2010 Corporate Challenge Winner was Wessler Engineering! American Structurepoint was the runner-up. Together, these teams brought over 100 participants! Thank you, Marty Wessler and Jim Kovacs – is a 2011 show-down in the works?!?! Other Corporate Challenge teams with good participation were HNTB and Indiana-American Water.

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The Running for World Water 5K has consistently increased Water For People donations, participants and sponsors. Join us in 2011 and keep the momentum going!

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Donation to WFP	<b>\$8,756</b>	<b>\$7,555</b>	<b>\$10,270</b>	<b>\$12,596</b>
No. of Participants	120	190	267	345
No. of Sponsors	11	9	15	18



2010 Corporate Challenge Winner,  
Wessler Engineering

2010 Corporate Challenge Runner-up,  
American Structurepoint



# ***Water for People, continued***

## **“WINE INTO WATER” MAJOR SUCCESS**

June 3 was the night of our annual Wine Tasting Event in South Bend to benefit *Water for People*. John Stancati, John Wiltrout and Cathy Lance worked tirelessly to make this a big success. Last year the event raised over \$5,000, and in 2010 the contribution was an amazing \$13,905.00! Congratulations to the entire committee for such a fun and worthwhile event.



Duane Gilles welcoming the crowd

The 5th annual Water For People Benefit Concert that was held at the Victory Theater in downtown Evansville on September 16, 2010 was a great success.



Soundproof, a local barbershop quartet opened the show with the National Anthem, the Browne Sisters followed with a high energy performance and then the Van Dells performed with a combination of song, music and comedy that had the audience dancing in the aisles. More than 1400 people enjoyed this performance, participated in the silent auction, a live auction and raffles. They were even able to receive massages provided by The Massage Institute for donations to Water For People. Local television weatherman, Ron Rhodes broadcast his show live from the concert and Signature School students sold T-shirts and collected donations.

Attendees came from all parts of Indiana, Tennessee and as far away as Florida. Special guest Maya Casa Grande with Water for People headquarters in Denver was also in attendance.

This year's concert raised nearly \$28,000 for Water For People. A special Thanks goes out to the sponsors and committee members that all work together to ensure that every year's is bigger and better than the year before.

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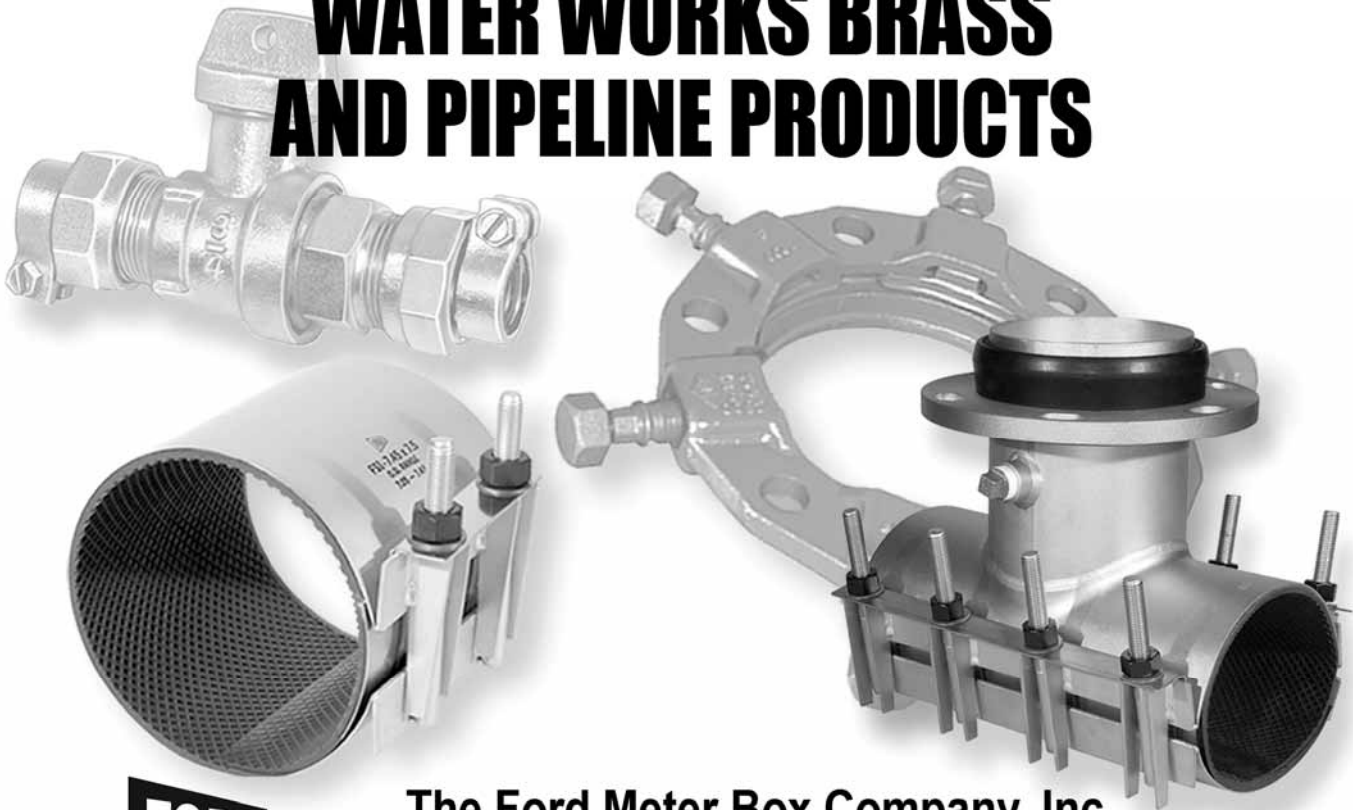
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- When to Apply: The Awards Committee will review all applications. Applications will be accepted until January 14, 2011. Applicants will be notified of the Committee’s decision by January 28, 2011.
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Mr. Besozzi passed away, at 95, in December 1997. In his will he instructed that \$10,000 of his estate be given to the Indiana Section AWWA to invest. The interest from this investment is to be used to "pay the expenses of a young delegate or delegates to the annual meeting of the American Water Works Association. The executive committee of the Indiana branch of the American Water Works Association is to select a young delegate or delegates who have never been to an annual meeting of this Association. They are to gather water supply and water treatment information..." This \$10,000 has been invested in a mutual fund, and the earnings are anticipated to be \$500-600 per year to be given as grants.

## **INDIANA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION**

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) is an international, non-profit, scientific and educational society dedicated to the improvement of drinking water quality and supply. Founded in 1881, the Association is the largest organization of water supply professionals in the world. Our 55,000 plus members represent the full spectrum of the drinking water "community": treatment plant operators and managers, environmentalists, scientists, academicians, and others who hold an interest in water supply and public health. Our membership includes over 3,900 utilities, which represents approximately 75 percent of the nation's drinking water supply.

The Indiana Section AWWA was organized in 1908. Presently the membership consists of about 1,300 members. The Indiana Section is one of over 30 sections who are a part of the international organization of American Water Works Association, headquartered in Denver, Colorado.

The Indiana Section AWWA is organized to advance and disseminate knowledge and to improve the practice of designing, construction, operating, and managing water works to provide safe, potable drinking water.

## Water For People Announcement

DENVER – August 26, 2010 – Water For People ([www.waterforpeople.org](http://www.waterforpeople.org)) announced today the individuals who will join the newly structured Water For People Board of Directors.

In line with Water For People's 2010-2014 Strategic Plan released in March, the new Board will complement the strategic direction of the organization moving forward. Moving away from the philanthropic norm of simply reporting annual beneficiaries, Water For People is committed to annually measuring the long-term impact of its water and sanitation projects, through in-depth mapping, monitoring, and evaluation.

Water For People celebrates the contributions of its previous Board of Directors and the achievement of its 2011 goals two years earlier than anticipated, and in June the Board voted for visionary and far-reaching governance changes. Water For People is the designated nongovernmental organization (NGO) partner for the North American water and wastewater community. The organization was founded in 1991 by leaders of the American Water Works Association.

"Water For People owes its very existence, and its unique place in the water and sanitation sector, to the wisdom and foresight of leaders in the North American water and wastewater community," said Elisa Speranza, President of CH2M HILL's O&M Business Group and current chair of the Water For People Board of Directors. "The grassroots support we get from water and wastewater utilities, suppliers, consultants, and other partners forms the strong platform from which we operate. Now we are adding some new perspectives to our Board to complement the guidance and wisdom of Board members who have served in the past. This new governance model will enable the organization to continue pioneering solutions to end water and sanitation poverty in the developing world."

The new members joining Water For People's Board of Directors are: Paul Bowen, Water Technology Director and Director of Strategic Business Initiatives, The Coca-Cola Company; Erich Broksas, Senior Vice President, Innovation and Investments, The Case Foundation; Monica Ellis, Chief Executive Officer, Global Environment and Technology Foundation and Global Water Challenge; Mary Kay Kaufmann, Chief Marketing Officer and Vice President Sales – Americas, Nalco Company; Pat McCann, President and Chief Executive Officer, Weston Solutions, Inc.; Harold MacNeil, Engineering Information Engineer, Halifax Regional Water Commission; David Nastro, Managing Director, Morgan Stanley; Darwin Nelson, Senior Vice President, CDM; Connie Roesch, Superintendent, City of Cincinnati – Greater Cincinnati Water Works; and **James Williams**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Peerless-Midwest, Inc.

Continuing Board members include: Charles DiLaura, President, Neptune Technology Group; Mark Premo, Managing Director, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility; and Elisa Speranza, President, CH2M HILL's O&M Business Group.

"The past achievements of Water For People are a true testament to the invaluable drive, direction, and inspiration that the members of our previous Board of Directors have provided us," said Ned Breslin, Chief Executive Officer of Water For People. "As we move forward guided by our 2010-2014 Strategic Plan, the compilation of the new Board members in alignment with the direction set forth by the plan will allow Water For People to achieve maximum, lasting impact in the quest to end global water and sanitation poverty worldwide."

"Water For People's reconfiguration of their Board of Directors, to more closely align with the objectives of their strategic plan, is a great example of the focus and discipline they demonstrate across the entire organization," said Marjorie Schaffner, Principal, The Wellington Group. "Having worked with numerous not-for-profit organizations on Board structure and governance, I recognize the powerful impact this alignment will have on the organization's work and look forward to following Water For People's successes in the future."

Orientation of the Water For People Board of Directors will take place in September, and the first full Board meeting is scheduled for January 2011 in Honduras.

For more information about Water For People, contact Peter Mason, Director of Marketing and Communications at [pr@waterforpeople.org](mailto:pr@waterforpeople.org) or visit the website at [www.waterforpeople.org](http://www.waterforpeople.org)

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# ***Hurty Awards***

**John Hardwick, Chair**

## ***The Hurty Awards Continue.....***

As you may know by now, especially if you've attended your Fall District meeting, IDEM has relinquished its control of the John N. Hurty Awards. IDEM advised us early this year, that due to budget cuts, they would no longer be able to administer the program.

The IN Section Executive Board met and decided to continue the program on a trial basis for the year of 2010. The Executive Board appointed me head up the Hurty Awards for the year.

I attended all five Fall District meetings for the purpose of handing out Hurty Awards to qualified water utility operators. I also took the opportunity to remind attendees who John N. Hurty was and the history of the John N. Hurty Service Award. I was assisted in the handing out of the awards by a representative of IDEM.

We handed out 86 total awards, 26 – 25 year pins and certificates; 36 – 30 year pins; 16 – 35 year pins; 7 – 40 year pins; 1 – 40 year pin.


IDEM has been especially helpful in the transition of administration of the Hurty Awards. IDEM also provided assistance at the Fall District meeting is presenting the Hurty Awards.

Valparaiso City Utilities' staff members Cathy Fejer and Peggy Busse have been of great assistance to me.

At its October 14, 2010 meeting, the Executive Board confirmed to continue the John N. Hurty Service Awards in the future. A committee has been set up to assist in the administration of the program. The Hurty Awards will continue to be presented at the Fall District meetings.

The John N. Hurty Service Award has been bestowed to operators who have worked in the drinking water field for 25 year or greater. Hurty was the first commissioner of the Indiana State Board of Health and was considered an early pioneer in the field of drinking water and sanitation.

In 1908, he helped to organize "the waterworks people of the state into an active and aggressive group bent on improving conditions." This organization was a fore runner of the IN Section of the American Water Works Association.



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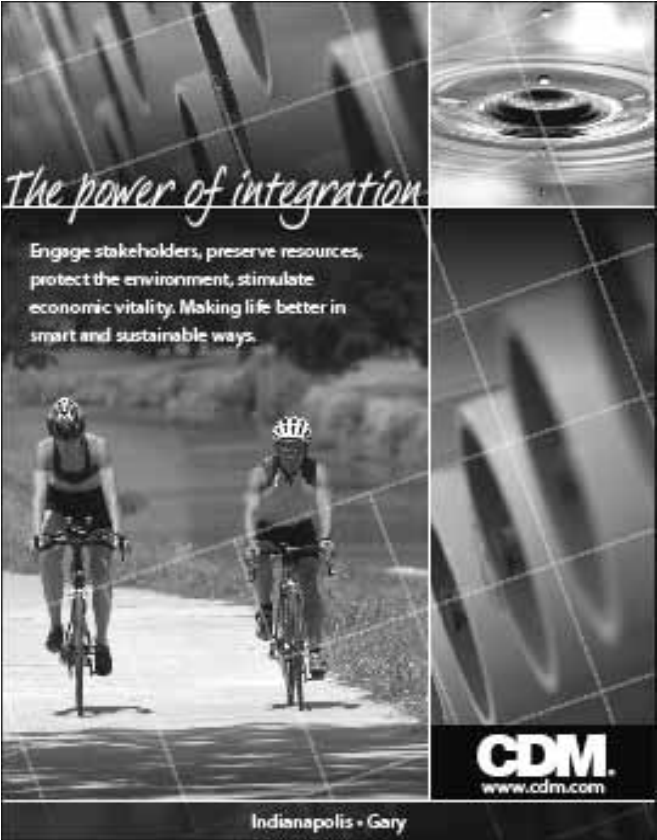
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# District Updates

## **Northwest District**

**Randy Wynn, Trustee**

Hello from the Northwest District, hope everyone had a great Summer and looking forward to an awesome Fall and mild Winter, keep our fingers crossed anyway. We held our Fall meeting in Plymouth at Cristo's. Attendance was down but we still had a great meeting with excellent speakers. Thanks to all our speakers. We held our elections for the upcoming year with the follow results: Paul Hanson President, Pete Bastasich Vice President, Dave Tungate Sec/Tres, and Randy Wynn Trustee. We would also like to thank our outgoing President Nick Wood for all his time and effort over the last three years. The Northwest planning team will be getting together soon and start working on the 2011 plans, if anyone has any topics or ideas for next year please let us know. Remember these meetings are for your benefit so if there is something you want to learn about let us know. Look forward to seeing everyone at the annual conference in Indianapolis coming up in February. See you then.

## **Southeast District**

**Kurt Riedman, Trustee**

The fall meeting of the Southeast District was held at Timbergate Golf Course located in Edinburg on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was opened by outgoing president Darrell Baker of Jackson County Water. Jim Wary was the first speaker addressing "Selection, Operation, and Maintenance of Water Storage Facilities". Filling in as the next speaker was Roger Riddle of JCM Industries, Inc. giving a presentation on repair clamps and their types, styles, materials, and multiple uses. Thanks for filling in Roger and adding to your many other duties with AWWA!

The following updates were then given by: Mike Simpson, Chair AWWA Section, Stacy Jones, IDEM, and Odetta Caldwell, IRWA. Following these updates John Hardwick of Valparaiso Utilities, who has taken over the Hurty Awards for IN AWWA since budget cuts forced IDEM to discontinue the program, gave a brief history of how the awards came about and who they are in honor.

This year's 30-year pin recipients from the Southeast District are:

Joel (Jody) Blasdel of Tri-Township Water Corp.

Steven Kloepfer of Kent Water Company, and Keith Reeves of Columbus City Utilities.

A 35 year pin was awarded to John Thompson of Columbus City Utilities, and a 40 year pin was awarded to Roger Maynard of Indiana American Corp. [Congratulations to all.](#)

Meter madness was cancelled at this time as only one of the four contestants attended due to a scheduling mix up. However, Jeff Morris, Chair of Meter Madness indicated that the default winner was willing to meet any of the competitors at a later date to have a competition if any are willing.

The final order of business was the election of officers for 2011. The results are as follows:

President	Scott Stirn, Hoosier Hills Water
Vice President	John Wampler, Columbus City Utilities
Secretary/Treasurer	Lindsay Wheatley, Commonwealth Engineering
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer	Phil Bonneau, Ortman Drilling and Water Services
Program Director	Roger Riddle, JCM Industries, Inc.
Trustee	Kurt Riedman, Brookville Utilities

The meetings for next year haven't been finalized but will be posted when available. Hope to see everyone at the state meeting in February!

## ***Northeast District***

**Curt Kent, Trustee**

Attendance rebounded from our spring meeting probably due to the fact that our host Town (Hamilton) provided superior accommodations on a beautiful setting at the Hamilton Fish & Game Club. Despite one of the Officers dropping the power-point projector (broken bulb) 5 minutes before the meeting; the Hamilton 5-O (Police Dept.) came to the rescue and brought us one of their projectors which enabled our program to go on without a hitch! The weather was beautiful while we were in class, but rain came in right after our scrumptious lunch. Even with this weather, some got out to fish, golf and trap-shoot.

Our program incorporated talks centered on the following subjects: " The use of Phosphate for Corrosion & Sequestering " by Carus Phosphate, Inc ; "Well Video Inspection: How it benefits your Utility" by Peerless-Midwest, Inc.; Lean & Mean – Managing efficiently during tough times; A roundtable discussion by the Town of Hamilton, The City of Goshen and Indiana-American Water. Finally, the IDEM Update by Liz Melvin.

Elections took place and the Officers for 2011 are as follows:

President:	Chris Harrison of Indiana-American Water
Vice President:	Marvin Shepherds of Goshen Water
Sec/Treasurer:	Justin Stouder of Hamilton Water
Trustee:	Jim Clevenger of Dixon Engineering

The Executive team will be meeting soon to plan for our 2011 meetings. We will keep you posted of our future plans.

## ***Southwest District***

**Ed Hollinden, Trustee**

The SW AWWA held its fall meeting at the Casino Aztar Hotel in Evansville, Indiana on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. 45 people attended with 3.5 CEU's available.

The Program included Cla-valve maintenance and troubleshooting, a safety presentation by Sherman Greer, the director of Evansville/Vanderburgh Co. Emergency Management Agency, and Auto meter reading by Chris Downs of Johnson Controls. IDEM updates along with Hurty Award presentations were given. Meter Madness also took place with a good showing from the employees of the Dubois Water Utility. Of course, the Madness did take place before a wonderful buffet was had by all.

See you all in the Spring!



# Central District

**Tom Speer, Trustee**

This year's Central District Fall Meeting was held in Lawrence Indiana on Friday September 10 at the Sterrett Senior Center. If you couldn't or didn't attend you missed a lot of good sessions and a FANTASTIC lunch.

Shane Calvert from Veolia Water was first up with a very motivational talk on safety called "Safety – A State of Mind". Shane had the group literally moving and shaking to dance music during his high energy safety talk.

Up next was Gary Prehm from BL Anderson. Mr. Prehm gave an informative talk on water filters.

And last by not least, was Mike Simpson from M.E. Simpson, who gave us some advice and guidance on unidirectional flushing.

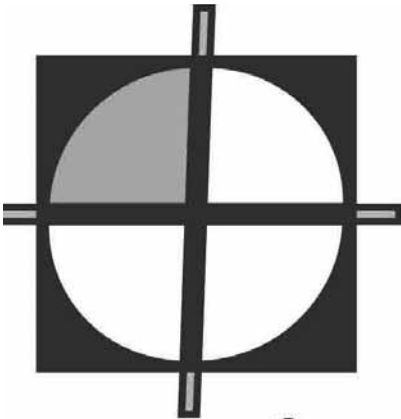
Election of Officers: Your new officers for 2011 are: President – Tim Hill, Peerless Midwest, Vice-President – Steve Clossin, Colfax Utilities, Secretary / Treasurer – Jeff Morris, M.E. Simpson, Programs Director – Jeff Heard, Tipton Utilities and Trustee – Tom Speer, City of Lawrence Utilities.

Meter Madness winner from the Central District is Jerry Smith from Carmel Utilities. Congratulations Jerry!

A big thank you goes out to Dave Harvey and Gary Reynolds from Water Solutions Unlimited. Dave and Gary provided and cooked our hog for lunch. If you've never had a taste of this wonderful pork, you are really missing out.

And finally, as my position as President comes to an end, I'd like to thank all the current and past individuals who I have had the privilege of serving with in the Central District. You have all been a great pleasure to work! Finally, a huge thanks to all of you who continue to support the Central District.

See you all at the spring meeting in 2011!



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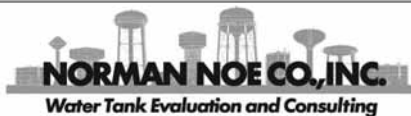
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# News from Around the State

## “Drop by Drop: Protecting Indiana’s Water Supply”

Laura Vidal and Leigh Ann Cross

Water is essential to sustain all life; the water we have on Earth today is the same water that was on Earth millions of years ago. We have a responsibility to take care of our water in order to sustain life in the future. The problem is, however, most of us view clean water as an unlimited resource, always readily and easily accessible. That is why it is crucial to educate people about the importance of upgrading and / or replacing water and wastewater infrastructure. That is the purpose of the Documentary, “Drop by Drop: Protecting Indian’s Water Supply” produced by WFYI public broadcasting.

The WFYI crew took their cameras all across Indiana and collected over 500 hours of footage. With comments from everyday citizens to Public Health Department Directors, Professors, and Legislators, “Drop by Drop” does a great job of telling the story of Indiana’s water supply and how to protect it in a concise, fast-paced, twenty eight minute documentary. They captured the stories of people who don’t have convenient access to water in rural areas, failing septic systems, and the state of Indiana’s water and wastewater infrastructure. They filmed the processes utilities use to deliver safe drinking water and return it to the environment in a responsible way. Some problems throughout the state are highlighted as well as some good news about how some cities are improving their infrastructure to maintain clean drinking water to their residents while using cost effective methods. From the story of sewage bubbling up at the surface 100 feet from the city square in Orland, Ind. to Garden City Mobile Home Community near Richmond, Ind. finally getting city water piped to their community, “Drop by Drop” thoroughly tells Indiana’s story.

“Drop by Drop” invokes Hoosiers to start thinking about water. Not just our water that comes from the tap, but how we “treat” our water, too. The documentary impresses the importance of what happens when we flush the toilet, pour something down the drain, and how we use the land. Wastewater treatment plants and properly functioning septic systems are critical to keeping pollution out of our water supply in conjunction with being aware of what you put on the ground will eventually end up in a water supply. In order to keep our wastewater and water infrastructure running at healthy levels, we have to start valuing our water. We are so accustomed to inexpensive water and wastewater treatment methods, that we just don’t view water as such a precious resource. We argue we can’t afford price increases to update and upgrade water and / or wastewater systems, but the fact is we can’t afford NOT to... our lives depend on it.

If you would like more information about the documentary visit: [www.dropbydropindiana.org](http://www.dropbydropindiana.org).

# Calendar of Upcoming Events



**Note:** If you have any water industry related events you would like to add to the calendar, please contact Phil Bonneau at [pbonneau@ortmandrilling.com](mailto:pbonneau@ortmandrilling.com).

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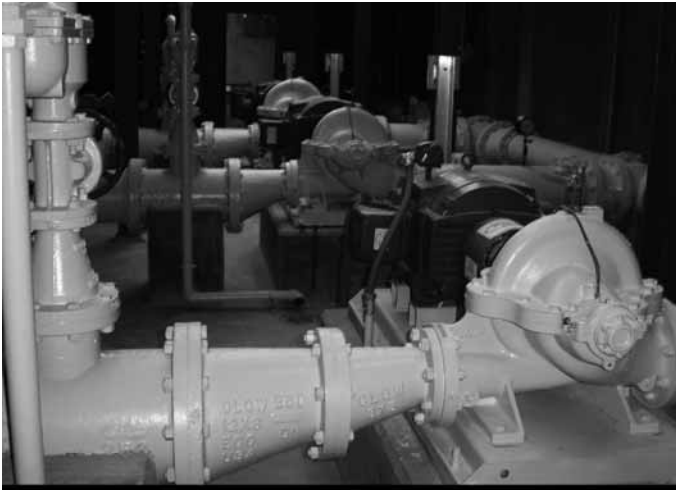
December 6-8 Winter Water Institute Columbus, IN

## Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Upcoming Events

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