

Illinois Section AWWA 2017 ELECTION PACKAGE



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The Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association is pleased to offer you a slate of candidates for election to Board and Trustee positions. This is your ballot package. In order to encourage you to cast your vote, the Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association is offering you a choice of voting procedures. The options are:

1. Paper ballot returned by U.S. Mail
2. Paper ballot faxed to the Illinois Section Office
3. Internet secure anonymous ballot via website at <http://www.isawwa.org/Election>

Whichever method you choose, you are allowed to vote only one time. In order to ensure that each member casts only one ballot, the ballots are numbered. When you cast your vote, please enter your ballot number. This number was sent to you via postcard. If you have misplaced your number, call 866-521-3595 ext. 3. Biographies have been submitted by the candidates. **This year there are no trustee elections for: Districts 2A, 2B, 4 and 5.** Those positions will be available in future years.

Paper ballot returned by U.S. Mail.

To vote via paper ballot, please mark your choices, your ballot number and mail your ballot to:
Laurie Dougherty, Exec. Director
Illinois Section AWWA, 545 S. Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174

Paper ballot faxed to the Illinois Section AWWA Office

To vote via fax, please mark your choices and fax your ballot to: 866-521-3591 toll free

Internet ballot via website

To vote online, locate your district and ballot number on the back panel of this issue of SPLASH, and use the appropriate url listed below:

LINK TO VOTE FOR DISTRICT 1: www.ISAWWA.org/District1
LINK TO VOTE FOR DISTRICT 2a: www.ISAWWA.org/District2a
LINK TO VOTE FOR DISTRICT 2b: www.ISAWWA.org/District2b
LINK TO VOTE FOR DISTRICT 2c: www.ISAWWA.org/District2c
LINK TO VOTE FOR DISTRICT 2d: www.ISAWWA.org/District2d
LINK TO VOTE FOR DISTRICT 3: www.ISAWWA.org/District3
LINK TO VOTE FOR DISTRICT 4: www.ISAWWA.org/District4
LINK TO VOTE FOR DISTRICT 5: www.ISAWWA.org/District5
LINK TO VOTE FOR OUT OF STATE: www.ISAWWA.org/OutOfState



Ballots must be cast by December 31, 2016

Illinois Section American Water Works Association

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Nomination Committee:

Kyla Jacobsen Terry McGhee
Nadine Miller Kevin Culver
Tony Cuzzone Jon Meyer
Greg Swanson, Nominating Comm. Chair

Illinois Section American Water Works Association CANDIDATES BIOGRAPHIES

CHAIR

(vote for one, one year term)

Chris Ulm



Chris Ulm graduated from Bradley University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1996 and accepted a position at Strand Associates in Joliet. At Strand he continuously sought additional responsibilities and became the head of the Joliet office Water Department in 2002 and held that position until 2007. In 2007, Chris became the Assistant Director of Operations for the Joliet office and retains that position today. Chris is a licensed Professional Engineer and remains actively involved as the manager of projects for both public and private water systems in the Northern Illinois region.

Chris has been an active member of ISAWWA since 1998. In 2001 he joined the Education Committee and served as Education Committee chair from 2006 to 2010. While serving as Education Committee chair, the committee increased the number of educational seminars offered and began issuing biannual training calendars. Under his leadership, the committee began offering webinars as a form of training and also recorded some

of the training events for future viewing by water professionals. The committee increased its activity to the extent that a new full-time ISAWWA staff member was brought in to greatly assist in the management of the education program. Chris' involvement in ISAWWA has also included serving on the Technical Committee and Membership Committee, attending all of the annual conferences since 2000, and presenting papers at many of the conferences. Chris was honored to receive the Section's Volunteer Appreciation award in 2009 and recipient of Kenneth J. Miller Founders Award for Water for People service in Illinois.

Chris is currently serving as Chair Elect and has served as Trustee at Large for the section where he led the charge to create four sub-districts for District 2. This effort was to provide better representation for District 2 members and more evenly distribute representation statewide.

Chris resides in Channahon Illinois with his wife, Amy, and three children. He is currently Past-President and active member of the Channahon Lion's Club and an active member of Minooka Bible Church.

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CHAIR - ELECT

(vote for one, one year term)



Lori Stenzel

Lori Stenzel is currently a Water Quality and Environmental Compliance Specialist II for Illinois American Water. Before joining Illinois American Water in 2011, she was employed by PDC Laboratories, Inc., named previously Daily Analytical Laboratories, as the Lab Drinking Water Project Manager. She has worked in the certified water laboratory industry for twenty four years developing, managing, and marketing the Drinking Water Program which consisted of 46% of the Illinois Public Water Systems. Lori has developed long term relationships and good rapports with both the IEPA and IDPH agencies. She is an Augustana Illinois College Graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Science along with having a current water operator's license for IDPH Non-community, Non-transient Water Systems.

Lori is a long standing member of ISAWWA, currently finishing her term as Vice Chair. She has previously served as District 4 Trustee. Lori is on the following committees: Water For People, Diversity and Member Inclusion, Outreach, WATERCON 2017 Conference Chair and 2016 WATERCON Technical Session Committee. Lori recognizes our industry's need for future growth. She is part of the ISAWWA Outreach team working on the Woodard Curran Grant Outreach program to bring education to our youth. Through her employer (Illinois American Water), she is an integral part of their Mobile Education Center (Field Trip On Wheels) providing students and adults education on water treatment, conservation, water cycle, the value of water, and from plant to tap.

Over the years, she has provided training at different water operators groups and conferences such as: Southwest Central Illinois Water Operators Association, Southern Illinois Water Operators Association, WATERCON, Clean Water Celebration (representing ISAWWA), Tazewell Health Department Environmental Days, Mississippi Earthtones Festival, Lewis and Clark Water Festival, Illinois Science Education Conference, Livingston County Ag Fair, 15 County Water Supply Operators Association, and Midstate Water Operators Group,.

She was the first recipient of the 2008 Illinois Section American Water Works Association Water Professional of the Year Award. In 2011, Lori was named Illinois Rural Water Association's Person of the Year Award. The criteria for this award includes being a friend and promoter of our water industry, which she goes above and beyond to help water operators and systems in complying with the regulations associated with testing of their water as well as helping them in other water issues, which is her passion.

Lori is also long standing member of the Illinois Potable Water Supply Operators Association, and Illinois Rural Water Association. She is the Secretary for the Southern Illinois Water Operators Association and the Secretary for the Southwest Central Water Plant Operators Association.

Illinois Section American Water Works Association CANDIDATES BIOGRAPHIES



VICE CHAIR

(vote for one, one year term)

Carolyn Grieves, P.E.

Following graduation from the University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana with a Bachelor in Science in Civil Engineering, Carolyn went on to obtain a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from the University of Iowa. She began working for Baxter & Woodman, Inc. after graduation and has focused on the planning and design of water supply, treatment and distribution systems.

Carolyn is currently Baxter & Woodman's Crystal Lake Regional Manager and Water Group Client Services Manager. Carolyn has been focusing on security issues for communities and their water systems and is the chair of the ISAWWA's Safety and Emergency Planning Committee and a member of the Illinois Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (ILWARN), the Water Efficiency Committee, and the Water for People Committees. Carolyn is also currently the ISAWWA Trustee at Large.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

(vote for one, one year term)

Robyn Doescher



Robyn Doescher has worked in the water industry for 35 years, since graduating from Illinois State University with a degree in Environmental Health and a minor in Chemistry. Robyn first worked for DuPage County Health Department's Environmental Division for five years, then moved on to McHenry County Health Department, working as a laboratory technician analyzing drinking water, wastewater, and raw water samples. Her career then took her to Fox River Grove, where she worked in the Public Works Department's Water and Wastewater Laboratory for eight years analyzing compliance samples for the Village's water and wastewater plants. Robyn then became the Water Superintendent for the City of Crystal Lake, where she oversaw five groundwater treatment plants and the distribution system for five years. She then took on the role of Water and Wastewater Operations Department Manager at Baxter & Woodman Inc, where she worked with many communities to troubleshoot and resolve water and wastewater operations issues, as well as completing dozens of water and sewer rate studies. For the last four and a half years, Robyn has served as the Water Utility Manager for the Village of Glenview. She is a Certified Class A Water Operator and Class 1 Wastewater Operator.

Robyn's work for ISAWWA includes participation on the WATERCON Technical Program Committee for many years. She is currently member of the Source Water Protection Committee. She has also contributed to several of the Section's past Strategic Plans. At the Association level, she is a member of the Source Water Protection Committee, Rates & Charges Committee and Small Systems.

Robyn's career experience in the laboratory and in utility management has enabled her to develop the attention to detail and organizational skills that are key to the Secretary-Treasurer position. Her experience in both the drinking water and wastewater fields will also be an asset as ISAWWA moves forward with implementing Total Water Solutions. As a committee chair, she is familiar with working with the Board and with the responsibilities of the Secretary-Treasurer position, and is well versed in the demands of leadership positions after holding several offices for the Fox Valley Operators Association.

DIRECTOR
(vote for one, three year term)



Theresa O'Grady



Dennis Ross



John VanArsdel

Illinois Section American Water Works Association CANDIDATES BIOGRAPHIES

DIRECTOR

(vote for one, three year term)

Theresa O'Grady

Theresa L. O'Grady, P.E. is a Senior Water Resources Engineer with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, where she serves as the Group Manager of the Water Resources Group in the firm's Aurora office. She has been with CMT for 22 years and has served as the project manager for water-related planning design and construction projects in Illinois and Missouri including water treatment plants, wells, well houses, ground storage tanks, elevated storage tanks, pump stations and water mains.

Theresa has been an active member of AWWA and ISAWWA since 1996. She has served on the ISAWWA Board for the past 8 years as Past-Chair, Chair, Chair-Elect, Vice-Chair and District 2 Trustee (2 terms). She has served on various ISAWWA committees over the past 20 years, including currently serving on the Diversity Committee and the Technical Program Committee for WATERCON. In addition, Theresa has authored and presented papers at the Illinois Section, Indiana Section and Missouri Section AWWA conferences. In addition, Theresa is currently serving on the AWWA Engineering and Modeling Applications Committee.

Theresa graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1994 and is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois.

Dennis Ross

Dennis Ross is the General Manager of the Otter Lake Water Commission in Virden. Otter Lake is a wholesale water system serving eight communities and two water districts in three counties. He has been with the Water Commission for 20 years.

Dennis is a 40-year veteran of the public drinking water industry working for both investor-owned and municipal water and wastewater systems. He has been a member of AWWA for 28 years. Dennis has served as the District 3 Trustee, Vice Chair, Chair Elect, Chair and Past Chair. He currently chairs the Section's Water for People Committee, is a member of the WUC and is a Past Chair of the Education Committee. He is also a member of the Program Committee for the Central Illinois Water Plant Operators Association, as well as a member of the Illinois Rural Water Association. Dennis is a past Board Member for the Illinois Lake Management Association where he served as President. Dennis has received the Fuller Award, the Miller Award and the Lake Guardian Award. He is a proud member of the Water Buffalos where he serves as the Sergeant at Arms.

Dennis holds a Class A water supply certificate in Illinois as well as a Class A water and wastewater, and Class III distribution certificates in Missouri.

John VanArsdel

John H. Van Arsdel is currently the Vice President for M.E. Simpson Co., Inc. He began his adventures in the water industry in May 1989. He graduated from Valparaiso University with a B.A. in Geography with an emphasis in Locational Evaluation, Planning, and Research Design. He has completed water operators' classes and seminars on Water Filtration and Distribution, Vulnerability Assessment Class for the Sandia Labs RAM-W method and the RAM-W "modified" for small to medium systems (currently licensed to use the Sandia Labs RAM-W Method, and licensed to teach the RAM-W "modified" for small to medium water systems).

He has over 27 years' experience directing projects for water utilities concerning water loss, water audits, mapping programs, metering programs, condition assessment programs, and flushing programs. He has presented seminars for water operators for over twenty years. This includes various topics for the ISAWWA Education Committee, several presentations at Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan AWWA Section meetings, as well as papers at a number of ACE conferences. He has maintained an active role in local and state water works organizations including holding offices on various boards and committees. As Vice President of M.E. Simpson Co., Inc., John serves as the main point of contact for client development and customer relations for the eastern U.S.

John has been a member of AWWA since 1990 and currently is a member in several sections including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Chesapeake, and Florida. In 2003 he was one of two trainers for the "RAM-W Modified" Vulnerability Assessment training for the Illinois Section. In 2014-2015 he helped set up the Train the Trainer class presentations on Water Auditing for the ISAWWA, and in 2016 helped with the Indiana Section AWWA Water Auditing training for the Indiana Finance Authority. He has served as the Illinois Section AWWA Chair, 2013, ISAWWA Chair for the Membership Committee (2006-2009) and received the national AWWA Zenno Gorder Award (2006 and 2009), Diamond Pin Membership Award (2006 and 2009), as well as the AWWA Ambassador Award (2009) for membership. John has also served on the Education Committee, Water Efficiency Committee, and Water for People Committee. In 2015 he received the ISAWWA Clifford Fore award and the George Warren Fuller Award. John is a past chair of the national AWWA Water Loss Control Committee (2010-2014), a member of the Apparent Water Loss subcommittee, and was involved with rewriting and editing the of the latest M-36 Water Loss Control Manual. Local water works memberships include the South Suburban, Mid Central, North Suburban Water Works Associations, and the West Shore Water Producers.

John continues to participate on various AWWA and ISAWWA committees.

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CANDIDATES BIOGRAPHIES

TRUSTEE, AT-LARGE TRUSTEE

(vote for one, two year term)

Randy Lusk



Randy has been employed with ME Simpson Co., Inc. since November of 2000. He previously worked in the retail business as a Regional Manager for 10 years then was given the opportunity to work in the water industry because he learned the value of water and wanted to

make a difference. Randy has attended many classes and lectures on the operations and maintenance of water systems, small and large. Before becoming a Regional Manager he worked in the field for 5 years where I had hands on experience with water systems and this is where he learned such skills and knowledge as valve location and exercising, hydrant flow testing and maintenance and how to find and successfully locate water leaks for communities. Randy is also an Illinois Class D Water Operator and this is his proudest accomplishment to date in the water industry.

Randy is also a certified teacher where he travels throughout the state of Illinois and offer CEU's through organizations that include ISAWWA, APWA, IRWA and local operator groups. He gives classes on Water Loss, Water Audits, Main Capacity Testing, Hydrant Maintenance, Leak Detection, Meter testing and calibration and Unidirectional Flow Testing.

Professional Associations that Randy is involved with are: South Suburban Water Works Association and Mid Central Water Works Association.

Randy serves as Membership Coordinator for the Illinois Section AWWA. He has been awarded the Zenno A. Gorder Award 3 years in a row, Volunteer of the Year Award, and Education Award. He serves on the Meter Madness Committee, Water For People Committee, Hydrant Hysteria Committee, and Member Social Events Committee.

On a national scale, Randy has served on the MEDC - Member Engagement and Development Committee, and attends the membership summit training every other year.

Paul May



Paul May is currently the Assistant Executive Director for the Northwest Suburban Municipal Joint Action Water Agency (NSMJAWA), which serves water to 500,000 consumers in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. Paul is a licensed Professional Engineer and Certified Water Operator, and has spent his career as a Civil Engineer and Public Works Director before joining JAWA in 2015. Paul has a passion for

water resources and has been honored to be a part of several advisory groups which have assisted in defining the direction for the future of water use in our region. Currently, Paul is overseeing the completion of a \$73M NSMJAWA relocation of water infrastructure associated with the Illinois Tollway expansion of the Jane Adams Expressway (I-90). As an active ISAWWA member, Paul has been a participating member of the Distribution Committee and the Water Efficiency Committee, and was a speaker at the 2016 ISAWWA Chapter Conference and the 2016 AWWA ACE. .

2017 Election Ballot - Illinois Section AWWA BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Districts 2a, 2b, 4, 5, Out of state

All Members vote for positions in this column.

CHAIR

() Chris Ulm

CHAIR-ELECT

(Vote for 1)

() Lori Stenzel

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VICE-CHAIR

(Vote for 1)

() Carolyn Grieves

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SECRETARY-TREASURER

(Vote for 1)

() Robyn Doescher

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DIRECTOR

(Vote for 1)

() Theresa O'Grady

() Dennis Ross

() John VanArsdel

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TRUSTEE, AT LARGE

(Vote for 1)

() Randy Lusk

() Paul May

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Members vote for trustee in **your** district only.
To locate your district and ballot number, see the
post card ballot mailing

No trustee races in districts...

2a, 2b, 4, or 5 this year. If you are interested in being considered for trustee in those districts next year, please email laurie@isawwa.org for more information.

Fax ballot to:

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Your Ballot Number: _____ **Your District:** _____