



American Water Works Association

**Michigan** Section

# Volunteer Open House

Virtual – December 2016

# AWWA



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Association

- 50,000 members around the world
- Sections across North America and in India

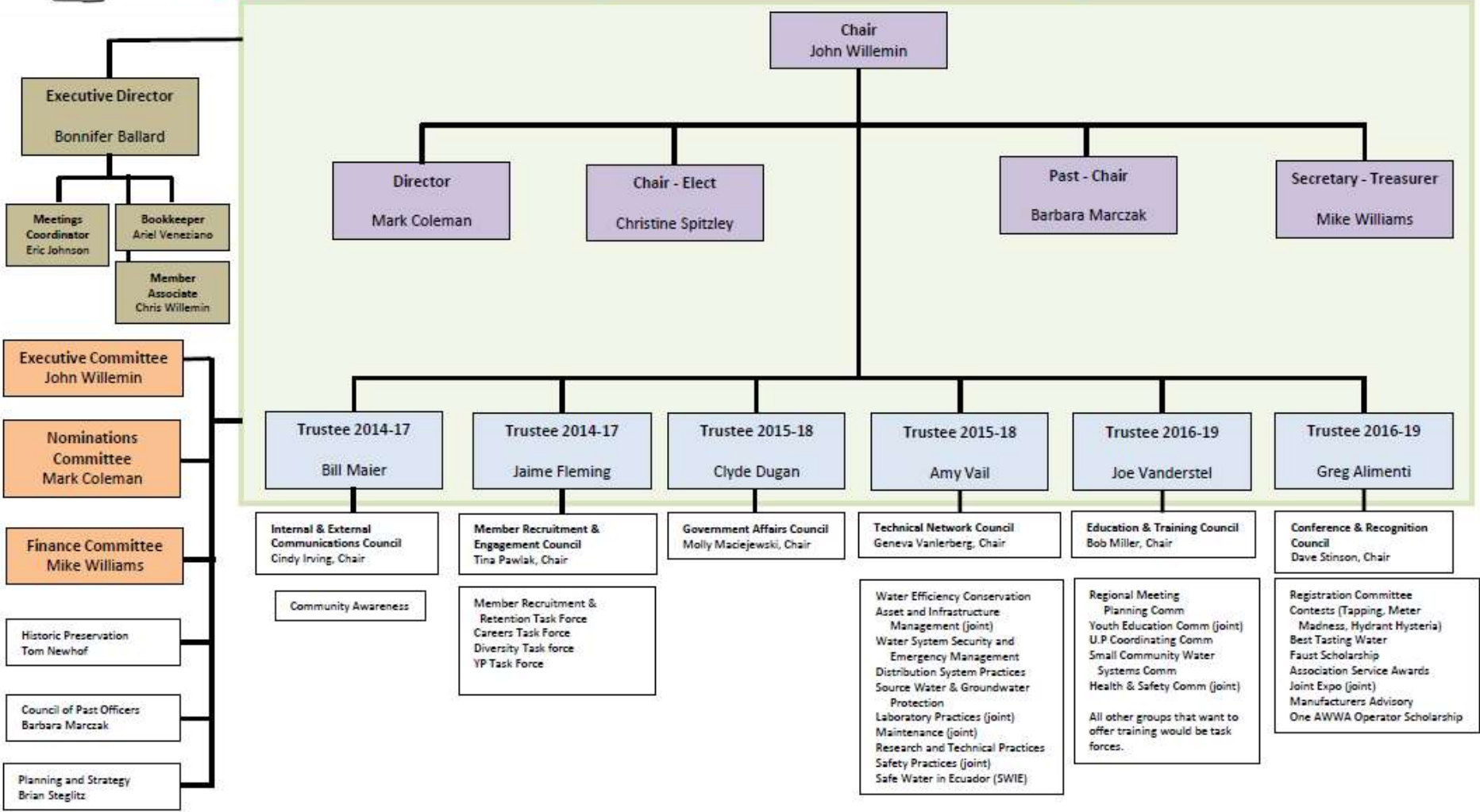


# Michigan Section

- MI-based virtual office
  - 2 full time, 2 part time
- ~1650 members
- 11<sup>th</sup> largest Section
- Trainings and conferences in Michigan
- Networking events
- State policy issues



**2016 – 2017 Organizational Chart  
Michigan Section, AWWA**



- Legend**
- Board
  - Board Officer
  - Board Trustee
  - Staff Member, Executive reports to Board
  - Standing Committee, reports to Board
  - Council/Committee, reports to Board or Trustee as indicated

# What do volunteers do?

- Focused on subject matter related work
  - Program planning for trainings, seminars, conferences, and member networking forums
  - Program creation like youth ed, communications, government affairs, etc.
- <http://www.mi-water.org/?page=Governance>



# How do I get involved?



- Raise Your Hand!
  - Volunteer coordinator
  - Council member
  - Committee members
  - Task Force members
  - Board member
- Fill out the Volunteer Form online



**X**  
Start  
Here

What Interests You?

Participate

Vice Chair a  
Committee

Pick an activity or a  
committee.

Chair a Committee



Board of Trustees

Appointments and  
Nominations

Council Membership

Council Vice Chair

Council Chair



# We need you!



- Need member perspective
- Need member expertise
- Need diversity of thought





# Why volunteer?

Perspective from current volunteers

# Things Section Volunteers should know

- Roles & Responsibilities give scope of commitment
- Board policies
- Expenses
  - Budget for activities
  - Reimbursements
  - Travel authorization
  - When in doubt, check with your council chair
- <http://www.mi-water.org/?page=PoliciesForms>
  - Login required



# When and where are meetings held?

- Teleconference
  - GoToMeeting
  - Lansing – FTCH
  - Grand Rapids – FTCH, Prein & Newhof
- also
- Find own location
  - Host at your business/utility
  - Ongoing email threads



# Upcoming Opportunities

- Spring regional meeting program planning
- Joint Expo registration
- Joint Expo Section booth
- AWWA Inorganics Symposium info table
- Articles for *Water Works News*



# Questions?



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