It’s hard to believe the holidays are over and 2011 is upon us. Unfortunately, there is no rest for the weary! Your Florida Section leadership and staff have already been hard at work making plans for the coming year.

A calendar of events for 2011 has been developed and is available on our Web site at www.fsawwa.org. Included in that calendar are some key dates that affect most, if not all, Florida Section members.

February 28 marks the deadline for all Florida engineers to complete your PDH requirements for this renewal cycle. For utilities and operations personnel, May 1 concludes the current renewal cycle for licensed plant operators, meaning that all certified operators must have their CEU requirements met to maintain their license in active status.

New this year for utilities is the distribution operator certification requirement outlined in Rule 62-699.310. Effective on May 1, licensure for water distribution system operators becomes mandatory, meaning that utilities must have appropriately licensed personnel (based on system size) to perform specific functions within a distribution system.

To qualify for licensure, an applicant must meet minimum educational and work experience requirements for each class of license. Now is the time for utility managers and operators to review the status of your licensed professionals. Be sure all requirements are met and staff is fully compliant with licensure and renewal procedures.

The FSWWA is committed to helping our members succeed through education and training. Your local FSWWA regional chair or our Section staff are available to bring training classes to your utility that meet your specific needs before May 1, should the need arise. Visit our Web site or contact our administrative office in St. Cloud at 407-957-8448 for details.

An additional resource for training needs is the Florida Section’s Operators Council. The Operators Council was created in 2009 for the specific purpose of advancing educational and career opportunities for operations and distribution professionals around the state. Its mission statement is to increase member services to water and distribution system operators through increased opportunities for association leadership, participation, local networking, and expanded awards and recognition programs.

Long-term, the Operators Council will also provide direction on operator needs and priorities to the FSWWA Board of Governors and assist in developing training that meets the needs of utilities in the future. Marvin Kaden, 2011 Operator Council chair, states “The Operators Council is ready and willing to assist utilities across the state in implementing training programs that specifically

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address the needs of your organization.” The council has already achieved success on several issues, according to Kaden, including:

1. We have secured a reduced membership rate available to water and distribution operators and trainees, which is available on the FSAWWA Web site.

2. We are partnering with Regional Taste Tests and the MAC Council’s technical expos to provide information on membership, awards, and revised Top Ops rules at local events around the state.

3. We are part of the Section’s team helping guide the Banner Center for Water Resources at Florida Gateway College in creating an accredited online college degree program, allowing your license to be used as “life experience” toward an associate’s and bachelor’s degree.

4. With the advent of the new distribution operator certification, we are now able to include distribution operators as Top Ops team members and encourage all utilities to enter teams for the spring conference. Remember, the winning team receives a free trip to attend the annual ACE 2011 to be held in our nation’s capitol and to compete in the International Top Ops competition.

It is also AWWA awards time. This issue of the Journal contains an announcement on page 12 for the AWWA’s annual Outstanding Water Treatment Plant Award, Outstanding Water Treatment Plant Operator Award, and Operator’s Meritorious Service Award. We encourage you to take this opportunity to showcase your water treatment plants and recognize the outstanding operators within your organization.

Goals of the Operators Council:

- Operator representation on the FSAWWA Board of Governors
- More specialized service to a significant portion of our membership
- More visibility, active participation, and representation for operators in the FSAWWA
- Assistance with operator career advancement and exposure to new technology and products
- Local operator representation within each region and networking opportunities
- Possible liaison positions with the local chapter of other organizations
- Long-term operator planning to meet future needs of this membership sector

If you or your utility want to get involved in the Operators Council, contact Marvin Kaden at mkaden@gfnet.com for more information.

The Florida Section is blessed with tremendous talent and enthusiasm. We are looking forward to an exciting 2011. Here are some of the key events and dates for the Section. Regional and local events will, of course, be posted as they become available.

2011 FSAWWA Key Events

- February 10 – FSAWWA Strategic Planning Meeting, St. Cloud
- April 1 & 2 – RMSO for Region II, W. Virginia
- April 4 & 5 – AWWA Fly-in, Washington, D.C.
- May 1-4 – FWRC, Orlando
- June 12-16 – ACE, Washington, D.C.
- August – FSAWWA Past Chairs Summit, Orlando
- October – FSAWWA Annual Strategic Business Planning
- November 27-30 – FSAWWA Fall Conference

Finally, in the spirit of NOT re-inventing the wheel, we will continue the “Did You Knows” started by Past Chair Chuck Carden. His snippets were always timely and helpful. Hopefully I can continue that tradition with my own twist.

So, Did You Know

- It takes 28 gallons of water to produce one 12-ounce beer?
- It takes 39,000 gallons of water to build one automobile?
- The FDEP Operator Renewal cycle ends May 1?
- A 200-pound man’s body contains 14 gallons of water?
- Florida certified operators and distribution operators can join the FSAWWA for $25?
- The Florida Section is the third-largest AWWA section in the nation?

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