As a very proud member of Region IV and a soon-to-be past chair, I want to take this opportunity to showcase some of the fun activities and events the FSAWWA regions hold every year. I also want to personally thank all 12 regions, their leadership, and their volunteers for the impressive work they do throughout the year for the Florida Section and our industry. They are a key part of what makes this association run, and thanks to them, it runs very well!

Volunteering is a great way for a member to get involved in the section; that’s how I got started more than 25 years ago, by helping out for an event that I was passionate about. So, if you’re new to FSAWWA and want to get plugged in, there is no better way than at the regional level. Be sure to visit the website at www.fsawwa.org to see what upcoming activities your region has planned.

Mark Lehigh
Chair, FSAWWA

Region III “Wine for Us” Water For People benefit exceeded it 2015 goals. Last year, the event raised over $32,000, and this year, it raised more than $40,000. This brings the six-year total to $158,000 in donations for the organization.

Region III Annual St. Johns River Cleanup.
Above: Region IV Taste Test held on Honeymoon Island.

At right: Region IV Model Water Tower Competition attendees.

Judges at the Region VIII Water Taste Test (left to right): Susan Adams, mayor of Fellsmere; Keona Garner, TC Palm; and Ron Bowen, Port St. Lucie councilman.

Chair Brad Macek and David Voisinet, chief operator for Marin County Utilities, who accepted the plaque for the utility, which was the Region VIII Water Taste Test winner.

Pace Water Systems and Bay County Utilities won the Region IX and Region XII Water Taste Tests, respectively. Judges (left to right): Stephen Hemingway, Manufacturers/Associates Council representative, HD Supply; John Hofstad, Okaloosa county administrator; Amir Zafir, Hatch Mott McDonald; and Nathan Boyles, Okaloosa County commissioner.

An up-close look at the Region IV Model Water Tower Competition.

A demonstration at the Region IV Model Water Tower Competition.
All of the wonderful towers submitted for the Region II Model Water Tower Competition.

Richard Anderson, past FSAWWA Section chair, recognizes Bruce MacLeod for his work and contributions to the water industry and the section.

Region II Annual Water Quality and Treatment Workshop honored Bruce MacLeod (front). Behind him, from left to right: Dr. Christine Owen, Tampa Bay Water; Dr. Jess Brown, Carollo Engineers; Mark Simpson, water division manager for Manatee County; Phil Waller, HDR; Katherine Gilmore, Manatee County Utilities; and Dr. Steve Duranceau, University of Central Florida.

Participants in the 2015 Panhandle Golf Tournament included (left to right) Alicia Keeter, Region IX Volunteer of the Year; Monica Autrey, Region IX chair; and Don Hamm, Region XII chair.

Region II Annual Fishing Trip.

Judges putting the water to the test at the Region X Water Taste Test.