ACE 2020: Call for Volunteers

The American Water Works Association’s Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE20) will be held in Orlando, from June 14–17, with the theme, “Future So Bright!”

The association provided the following information about the conference:

Water professionals are optimistic about the health of the sector as they try to solve global water challenges. Recent successes in developing solutions to effectively manage water are fueling this outlook. Despite the many challenges in the water sector, such as infrastructure renewal, supply, quality, resiliency, affordability, and workforce, providing safe water transcends these challenges. Water professionals are leveraging innovation, advocacy, and new programs to address the critical issues to protect the world’s most important resource. We expect more than 12,000 attendees to come to AWWA’s Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE) to learn the leading-edge solutions and exchange knowledge to help ensure that we create a “Future So Bright” for our profession and people around the world. The last time ACE was held in Orlando was 2004; it was also held there in 1988. Make sure to join us for the third visit in 2020!

We’re excited that FSAWWA is the local host section for 2020. The section has assembled a very energetic and dedicated group of volunteers to make up our Local Host Committee. It’s the responsibility of the committee to work as an advisory group to the AWWA headquarters staff to inject the local “flavor” of the host city into the conference planning. Although AWWA staff is responsible for the coordination and management of the conference, the local committee assists with several key areas to help make the conference a success. These areas include:

- Development and planning of facility tours.
- Being local ambassadors at the welcome/information booth.
- Providing helping hands during the conference competitions.
- Helping host international visitors at the conference.
- Incorporating a professional session tract to appeal to the local audience.
- Providing volunteers—up to 150—for the professional sessions as room monitors.
- Managing the Young Professionals Scavenger Hunt.

With over 12,000 attendees, 100 technical sessions, and 1,000 exhibit booths, this year’s ACE20 in Orlando will surely be the highlight of the water industry in 2020.

As you can see there are a lot of events happening during ACE20, and the Florida Section could use volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering at ACE20, please contact Terri Holcomb at tholcomb@regionalwater.org for a list of volunteer opportunities and requirements.

This is an exciting time for the Florida Section, and we hope to see all of you at the conference!