Message from the Region IV Chair

I want to thank our Region IV board committees for their hard work and dedication. The over 40 volunteer board members continuously provide activities that serve our Region IV members and the community. Thank you to our FSAWWA section partners in St. Cloud who support our activities, advise on events, coordinate payment for events and many other things to many to mention. And thank you our 31 annual sponsors for making many of these activities and events possible.

We held our first Region IV fishing tournament on June 8, 2018. The event was resoundingly successful! Thanks to Nestor Murray, Special Events Chair, Vice Chair Dave Adams and the committee volunteers for their vision and determination to make this event happen. For our Florida Licensed Professional Engineers, we will be sponsoring a Laws, Rules and Ethics training event on August 10 at the Pinellas County Florida Botanical Gardens Welcome Center. The workshop will provide the required two hours for the 2019 licensure renewal. This is an unscheduled event, but Region IV annual sponsors can claim two passes to the workshop – an additional benefit to annual sponsorship! The next evening, August 11, is our annual membership appreciation baseball and fireworks event at the Clearwater Threshers Spectrum Field that includes two tickets for members and sponsors, food and beverages. Watch for the flyer because it’s first come, first served with only 100 tickets available.

We’re in the middle of the year and there will be many more events! Feel free to email or call me at any time with ideas and questions.

Have a great summer!

At your service,

Dan Glaser, Chair
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Interested in becoming a member or more active in Region IV?
Contact: dglaser@co.pinellas.fl.us
Committee Events!

Region IV Utility Committee Compliance Training Workshop

City of Tampa hosted the Utility Committee Workshop on May 3, 2018.

The Utility Committee fulfilled one of their primary goals this year—focusing on affordable and practical utility staff training. This training concentrated on areas of interest identified by operations staff and included regulatory reporting and inspection with a special session on fluoride.

There were three presenters: Therese LaDouceur, Florida Department of Health (FLDOH), James Brock, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and Sean Isaac, FLDOH Tallahassee. The presenters provided about three hours of guidance on everything regulatory from boil water notices to chemical spill reporting to documenting fluoride levels.

The City of Tampa hosted this event including a round-table question and answer session with the speakers and a fantastic tour of the facility afterward. The training was well attended with 66 participants, and licensed operators represented nearly one-third of the attendees.

The Committee is currently working on a Plans, Specs, and Inspection 101 workshop so please look for AWWA training notifications. If you have ideas for future trainings, we’d love to hear them. Please send any questions or training ideas to Paul Smith, psmith@ctsfl.us.

Young Professionals Networking Event | AWWA Region IV

Florida Section AWWA Region IV recently hosted a Young Professionals Networking Event at 81 Bay Brewing in Tampa on May 15, 2018.

The event was organized by the Young Professionals (YP) Committee and the Student Committee, and provided a great opportunity for our professional and student members to get together.

There were about 29 total attendees consisting of YPs, USF students, and upper level engineers from the industry. Everyone was able to network, drink craft beer, and eat pizza. The USF students were also able to connect with the engineers from the industry about potential jobs out of school. Some of the attendees also got into playing one of the arcade games in the reserved section for the event.

St. Pete College Event

Florida Section AWWA Region IV recently hosted AWWA event for the first time at St. Pete College on May 19, 2018.

Saturday May 19th was our first event with St. Pete College. Our SPC Committee Chair, Lindsey Bohmann, coordinated with four Region IV members who set up a table at the Eco-Expo and spoke to St. Pete College students about the benefits of FSAWWA, how to become a member, and how to get involved in the organization. This was the perfect first event at SPC where our Region IV volunteers had a chance to interact with many students, staff, and community members!
First Annual AWWA Region IV Fishing Tournament

On Friday, June 8, 2018 launching from Island Way Grill in Clearwater.

On behalf of AWWA Region IV we would like to thank all the participants and sponsors of our 1st Annual FSAWWA Region IV Fishing Tournament. The day was a great success with 14 teams competing in the tournament!

The day started early for the anglers, launching from the Island Way Grill in Clearwater and fishing most of the morning. Landlovers networked and enjoyed the DJ music and delicious appetizers. Upon returning at noon, beverages and food were enjoyed during an awards ceremony that rewarded top placed teams with prizes.

Special thanks to Doug Calderon and George Joyce (George F. Young), Kris Samples (McKim & Creed), Tim Smith (CDM), Pamela London-Exner and Amber Kiger (Veolia), and Michael Bick (Tampa Bay Water).

We look forward to next year event in May 2019. We are expecting more teams and bigger prizes!

1st Place - Snook Division
Team GHD (38”)

1st Place - Redfish Division
Team Keeping it Reel (31”)

38” Snook

1st Place - Wild Card Division
Team Castaways (14 3/4”)

1st Place - Trout Division
Team McKim & Creed (18”)

Committee Members

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Dan Glaser
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Young Professionals Committee
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SPC Student Chapter Committee
Lindsey Bohmann, Chair
Youth Education Committee
Katherine Williams, Chair
SWFWMD Liaison
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Taste Test Competition Committee
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Cybersecurity Guidance, Tools and Updates

On June 20, 2018 a Cybersecurity Lunch and Learn was held at Brio located at the International Mall.

In response to growing concern with protecting our networks and system data, the T&E Committee organized a lunch-and-learn on Cybersecurity Guidance, Tools and Updates. Two prominent professionals, Abdel Hussein with Tampa Bay Water and Norm Anderson with Carollo Engineers presented. Both are active in FSAWWA and knowledgeable in the areas of SCADA, cybersecurity, cloud based systems and the like. This event had a full house, and attendees included utility owners, engineering consultants, and product representatives and vendors with a background in the water industry, network infrastructure or both. We all left with a better understanding of the basic architecture of “the cloud,” and SCADA, how SCADA and network infrastructure can be compromised and protected, how important having a response team and procedure in place before an attack occurs, where your data actually is when it’s in the cloud, and the basic guidelines that AWWA has issued on “Process Control System Security Guidance for the Water Sector.” Hosted at Brio in the International Mall, the food was delicious and ended (as usual) with a hot chocolate chip cookie for everyone! Look for upcoming T&E events to provide continuing growth of understanding of our business and to network with other local professionals, all while enjoying a delicious meal.

Young Professionals Networking Event | AWWA Region IV

Florida Section AWWA Region IV recently hosted a YPs Networking Event at Thirsty Pelican in Tampa on June 26, 2018.

On June 26th, Region IV held another fun networking event with Thirsty Pelican Tours visiting local breweries. This is the third year in a row that Region IV has partnered with Thirsty Pelican. On this trip, 20 FSAWWA members visited Hidden Springs Ale Works, Six Ten Brewing, and 7venth Sun Brewing, all located in Tampa. The event was held to encourage participation among first year members and young professionals. Overall, the attendees had a great time meeting other members and finding out about upcoming events and workshops. Attendees also got tours of SixTen and 7venth Sun and learned about the role of water quality in brewing processes. We hope to continue holding this event for several years to come.

Laws, Rules and Ethics Workshop

On Friday, August 10, 2018 at the Pinellas County Extension Services building.

Come join us as we learn about the new Laws, Rules and Ethics for engineering:
https://www.fsawwa.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1119430&group=

✓ August 10th, 9-1:30, 9-10 check in networking, 10-12 program, 12-1:30 lunch.
✓ The meeting would be held at Pinellas County Extension Services Magnolia Room, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo Florida  33774
1. Why did you join FSAWWA?
Within my first few months as a new employee at Pinellas County Utilities, I was invited to a Region IV meeting by Steve Soltau. I was impressed by the dedication of volunteers and the diversity of events organized by the group. The Journal and Fall Conference are a great resource for advancements in the water industry and networking.

2. What is the most important thing you've gained from FSAWWA?
The most important thing I have gained from FSAWWA is the “sense of belonging”- everyone in the community is willing to share information and work together to improve the product and educate the public about the water sector. Volunteering on different committees has been very fulfilling and provides the opportunity to work with people from different sections of the industry. The website, Journal and conferences help me stay updated on new technology, regulations, training and networking opportunities.

3. How did you get into the Water industry?
I was a postdoctoral researcher in a water quality lab at USF and we usually collaborated with local wastewater treatment plants on research projects. A colleague forwarded the job posting for my current job at Pinellas County Utilities. I was excited about the prospect of working in the industry that I had partnered with and understanding the day-to-day functioning and challenges faced by the water industry. I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to work on research projects covering most aspects of the water sector-drinking water, wastewater and reuse.

4. What is the last book, newspaper, magazine, etc. that you read?
Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel García Márquez.

5. What activities do you enjoy in your free time?
I love going for long walks in my neighborhood where we have a beautiful view of the sunset. I would love to travel to other countries and study different cultures but since I don’t have that luxury I read fiction by international authors - I travel the world through books.

Upcoming Events

Region IV Charity Golf Event

Location: Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club
Date: October 5, 2018
Information: Ron Parker at (813) 207-7940; parkerre@bv.com

The thirteenth annual Region IV charity golf tournament is scheduled for Friday, October 5, 2018. This year’s event will be played on the North Course at Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club in Pasco County. Last year, we had a record number of teams that played the South Course. Both courses at Lake Jovita are very challenging and well maintained for an enjoyable day of golf and socializing. This years event will include team, a $10,000 hole-in-one prize, closest to the pin, long drive, door prizes, a grand prize; along with an excellent Continental breakfast and Italian lunch buffet. Golf registration flyers will be sent out in early August 2018. If you are a Region IV sponsor your sponsorship automatically includes one-foursome (if you sign up) and special recognition at the tournament. Proceeds for the event help sponsor the Likins Scholarship Fund and Water for People.
# Calendar of Events

## July 2018

- **Monday, July 9th**: Region IV/X Joint Seminar on Membranes
  - [Details](https://www.fsawwa.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1119874&group=)

## August 2018

- **Friday, August 10th**: Region IV Laws, Rules & Ethics
  - [Details](https://www.fsawwa.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1119430&group=)

- **Saturday, August 11th**: Members’ Appreciation Networking
  - Baseball event, Spectrum Field in Clearwater.
  - Clearwater Threshers vs. the St. Lucie Mets, with the first pitch at 6:15 PM

## September 2018

- **Wednesday, September 12th**: MAC Showcase
  - Event in Oldsmar - details to follow.

- **Wednesday, September 19th**: Maintaining Public Confidence
  - Brio Tuscan Grill

- **T&E Committee Fall Seminar**
  - Date and details to be confirmed.

- **USF Career Fair**
  - Date and details to be confirmed.

## October 2018

- **Friday, October 5th**: Charity Golf Tournament
  - Lake Jovita North Course
  - Ron Parker at (813) 207-7940; parkerre@bv.com

- **Oktoberfest in Palm Harbor**
  - Date and details to be confirmed.

- **Tentative Lightning Hockey game**
  - Date and details to be confirmed.

## November 2018

- **Saturday, November 3rd**: Model Water Tower Competition
  - At Walker Middle School in Odessa. Volunteers needed. Details to follow.

- **Regional Sponsors’ Appreciation and Networking**
  - Event - date and details to be confirmed.

## December 2018

- **Monday, September 12th**: Regulatory Updates
  - Brio Tuscan Grill - date and details to be confirmed.

- **Winter Workshop**
  - Date and details to be confirmed.

- **2019 Region V Board Planning Kickoff**
  - Date and details to be confirmed.