

# Education Committee

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## MISSION STATEMENT

**Dedicated to the development and delivery of low-cost and convenient educational opportunities for water, wastewater, and stormwater industry professionals.**

### GOALS:

- J Increase the attendance at training events by at least 3% each year.
- J Develop new or improve current training opportunities.
- J Maximize relationships with other groups and associations.
- J Support other committees on technology-related topics.

### PROFILE OF THE COMMITTEE:

We are a mix of water system managers, operators, engineers, manufacturer representatives, retirees, and technology professionals.

### WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS COMMITTEE?

- J Become known as an expert in your field.
- J Have a say in planning new training events.
- J Network with others in your field!

### FUN FACTS:

- J The E.D.U.C.A.T.E. (Educating the Drinking water Utility Commendation Award for Training Excellence) award is shaped like an apple to recognize outstanding volunteer educators.
- J ISAWWA provided almost 7,200 hours of training in 2017 with seminars, webinars, and mini-conferences!



Elisa Bonkowski presents the E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Award to Michelle Harrod at WATERCON 2017.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:** This committee meets once a month via conference call, on the second Wednesday of the month at 11:00 am. There are two in-person meetings per year, one of which takes place at WATERCON.

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## WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME? Can you spare a day to moderate?

- ) Understanding Electrical Drawings March 28, 2018 8am-12pm
- ) Water Operator Exam Refresher for Class A/B August 29, 2018 8am-12pm
- ) Water Operator Exam Refresher for Class C/D Sept 25, 2018 8am-12pm
- ) Customer Service I: Building Customer Relationships June 28, 2018 8:30am-3:30pm
- ) Customer Service II: The Business of Customer Service August 15, 2018 8:30am-3:30pm
- ) Customer Service III: Utility Industry Operations October 16, 2018 8:30am-3:30pm

Love to present? We're looking for TRAINERS:

- ) Introduction to Wastewater — presentation of materials that are already prepared.
- ) Electrical Fundamentals — presentation of prepared training materials - 24 hours spread over several days.
- ) Pumps & Pumping Workshop — presentation of prepared training materials—24 hours spread over several days.

Too shy to present? Help us PLAN!

- ) Help program the annual Meter Symposium. This year, the mini-conference will be held on August 18 in Oswego and November 13 in Crystal Lake.

Want to help, but not right now? Think about NEXT YEAR'S WATERCON:

- ) Volunteer to staff the Joint Committee booth
- ) Moderate the Operator Day Track

Want to go BIG? Ask how you can be Chair or Vice Chair!



Andy Caselli of Cla-Val at the Control Valves Application, Operation, and Maintenance seminar.

**We are always looking for volunteers with ideas for training or to present at seminars, webinars, or mini-conferences.**

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Joe Ahlvin	Geza Ehrentreu	Rodney Phillippi	Mark Siefert
Elisa Bonkowski	Jeffrey Freeman	Dan Raddatz	Brandon Thomas
Matt Cowell	Colton Janes	Katie Richardson	David Trais
Elizabeth Doellman	Cindy Munger	Brent Studnicka	Christa Van't Hul
Leath Drake	Robert Madura	Doug Strempek	David Vavrek
Jeffrey Duley	Ron Papa	David Said	Brett Wright

Contact any of our Committee members if you'd like to get involved!