

Women in Water Committee

Chair: Brianna Huber, bhuber@eastmoline.com
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MISSION:

To empower women working in the water industry by inviting them into a safe and comfortable environment to mentor and be mentored, develop a woman-to-woman support network, and engage in woman-centered educational and leadership development opportunities.

GOAL:

To provide women working in water and wastewater utilities, engineering firms, laboratories, consulting firms, and all aspects of total water woman-centered opportunities to connect and interact.

PROFILE OF THE COMMITTEE:

We are an active and diverse group of women who have fun and create supportive opportunities for all women in the total water industry. We offer mentoring, networking, confidence building, camaraderie, depth of knowledge, expertise expansion, leadership development, advice and friendship.

WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS COMMITTEE?

Easy way to get involved with a fun group of women at the Illinois Section AWWA. As the saying goes, "no woman is an island". Regular interaction with like-minded and like-situational colleagues leads to learning, personal growth, and career progression. That is what belonging to Women in Water can do for you in a way that no other industry group can do.

FUN FACTS:

Some inventions by women include the electric hot water heater by Marion Donovan, 1950; the circular saw by Tabitha Babbitt, 1812; dam and reservoir construction by Harriet Strong, 1887; and a drinking fountain device by Laurene O'Donnell, 1985.

TIME COMMITMENT:

Committee members are expected to be active on the committee, attending a monthly call that takes 1-2 hours per month. An additional 3-4 hours per year for a scheduled event such as No Water No Wine or dinner can be expected.

COMMITTEE WEBPAGE: <http://www.isawwa.org/women>

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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- Irene Caminer
- Deborah Cueva
- Kate Despinoy
- Elizabeth Doellman
- Sara Gamaleldin
- Brianna Huber
- Yuna Kim
- Sophie Manley
- Lisa Perry
- Lori Stenzel
- Jackie Virden-Fritz
- Dawn Walker
- Amanda Withers

LIST OF VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE:

Please feel free to reach out to Brianna directly to learn about current activities happening with the committee!