

## 2019 / 2020 Model Water Tower Competition





Why should Illinois Section do this Outreach Competition?

- 1) It is a great way to get schools and school districts involved in the Water Industry.
- 2) It is important to reach students early in life to educate them on the opportunities the Water Industry can offer them.
- 3) It builds community with the municipality and the students.
- 4) It gives the student something to take pride in.
- 5) It is a fun way for students to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (***STEM***)

What other AWWA Sections have this competition?

- 1) Florida
- 2) Georgia
- 3) Pennsylvania
- 4) North Carolina
- 5) Illinois
- 6) Missouri





How would this Competition get started in Illinois?

- 1) We currently have an annual competition held in Westmont. Our goal is to have 5 district competitions and a statewide final each year. I will be having meetings soon and hope to distribute info to anyone interested by Winter Break.
- 2) Moving forward contacting other school districts, Stem Clubs, getting ISAWWA Outreach Committee involved, Board Members involved.
- 3) Goal is to have the first statewide competition by 2019.
- 4) We have 5 Districts at ISAWWA and I thought District 2 would send two competitors to Water Con, So a total of 6 would compete at the state level each year.



So what needs to be done moving forward?

- 1) Ask the board for support of this competition and to have a budget of \$1,000 each year for advertising, medals and scholarship money.
- 2) Spread the word throughout the state.
- 3) Get a champion for the event in each district of the state.
- 4) Get support from schools and stem clubs.
- 5) Get buy in from students and teachers.

QUESTIONS ?????

