The Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association is pleased to offer you a slate of candidates for election to Board and Trustee positions. This is your ballot package. In order to encourage you to cast your vote, the Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association is offering you a choice of voting procedures. The options are:

1. Paper ballot returned by U.S. Mail
2. Paper ballot faxed to the Illinois Section Office
3. Internet secure anonymous ballot via website at http://www.isawwa.org/Election

Whichever method you choose, you are allowed to vote only one time. In order to ensure that each member casts only one ballot, the ballots are numbered. When you cast your vote, please enter your ballot number. This number was sent to you via postcard. If you have misplaced your number, call 866-521-3595 ext. 3. Biographies have been submitted by the candidates. This year there are no trustee elections this year for: Districts 1, 2C, 2D, 3 or Trustee At Large. Those positions will be available in future years.

**Paper ballot returned by U.S. Mail.**
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Laurie Dougherty, Exec. Director, Illinois Section AWWA, 545 S. Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174

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**Ballots must be cast by January 31, 2020**
CHAIR
(vote for one, one year term)

Jeffrey W. Freeman, P.E., CFM, LEED AP

Jeff would be honored to represent the ISAWWA members as Chair of the Section. He has worked in the water, wastewater and stormwater industry for over 23 years. He is currently a Vice President with Engineering Enterprises, Inc. (EEI) in Sugar Grove.

Jeff has been an active ISAWWA member for approximately 17 years. After spending some time on the Education Committee helping with projects, he was the Education Committee Chair from 2012 – 2016. He served on the ISAWWA Board as the District 2B Trustee for two years and has represented you as the Vice Chair and Chair Elect for the last two years. He also is a member of the ISAWWA Water Utility Council, Annual Conference Technical Program and Succession Planning Committees. Jeff helped organize the Annual Regulatory Update Mini-Conference in the past and has been a co-presenter for the ISAWWA Lead Service Line Replacement seminar series.

Jeff has enjoyed presenting at the ISAWWA Annual Conference a number of times. He was honored to receive the Thurston E. Larson annual conference best paper/presentation award twice. At the 2014 annual conference, He was thrilled to receive the Robert T. Sasman Volunteer of the Year Award.

Jeff obtained his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign. His wife (Val) and three kids (Maxwell, McKenzie and Mason) call Burlington, Illinois home, although the two older ones have followed in their Mom and Dad’s footsteps to Champaign for a portion of the year. Val and Jeff love to travel as a family with the goal of seeing new places every summer vacation. They also have had fun sharing their joy of live music with the kids, including family outings to see AC/DC, Van Halen, Def Leppard, Poison, Metallica, Queen and Aerosmith in concert.
CHAIR-ELECT
(vote for one, one year term)

Randy Lusk

Randy has been employed with ME Simpson Co., Inc. since November of 2000. He previously worked in the retail business as a Regional Manager for 10 years then was given the opportunity to work in the water industry because he learned the value of water and wanted to make a difference. Randy has attended many classes and lectures on the operations and maintenance of water systems, small and large. Before becoming a Regional Manager he worked in the field for 5 years where he had hands on experience with water systems and this is where he learned such skills and knowledge as valve location and exercising, hydrant flow testing and maintenance and how to find and successfully locate water leaks for communities. Randy is also an Illinois Class D Water Operator and this is his proudest accomplishment to date in the water industry.

Randy travels throughout the state of Illinois to offer Illinois EPA approved training CEUs through organizations that include ISAWWA, APWA, IRWA and local operator groups. He gives classes on Water Loss, Water Audits, Main Capacity Testing, Hydrant Maintenance, Leak Detection, Meter testing and Calibration and Unidirectional Flow Testing.

Professional Associations that Randy is involved with are: South Suburban Water Works Association and Mid Central Water Works Association.

Randy has served as Membership Coordinator and Vice Chair for the Illinois Section AWWA. He has been awarded the Zenno A. Gorder Award 3 years in a row, Volunteer of the Year Award, and Education Award. He serves on the Meter Madness, Water For People, Hydrant Hysteria, and Member Social Events Committees.

On a national scale, Randy has served on the MEDC - Member Engagement and Development Committee, and attends the membership summit training every other year.
Brian Jack

Brian is the current sitting Trustee for District 2C for DuPage County and is the Utilities Superintendent for the Village of Lombard for his day job. Brian has been an AWWA member since 2005 and has 22 years of experience in the Public Works sector, 14 of which are in water and wastewater. He started his Public Works career as a summer seasonal employee for the City of Oakbrook Terrace in his high school years of 1988 – 1990. After studying Aviation Management at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Brian began his full time career in Public Works in 1997 as a Maintenance Worker in the Streets Division for the Village of Lombard where he progressed through the ranks in Lombard and Oak Park to eventually become a Superintendent. He was a member of the inaugural class of the Illinois Public Service Institute in 2002 and a graduate in 2006. He also achieved the Advanced Safety Certificate form the National Safety Council in 2003.

Brian continues to be active in section activities and committees as the Co-Chair of the ILWARN/Safety and Emergency Planning Committee in which he was presented the 2017 E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Award - Webinar for the outstanding educator of the year for the Safety Series Webinars. Brian also is a member of the Water Efficiency and Membership Committees. As a member of the Water Efficiency Committee, Brian has strived to build a relationship with the IL Department of Natural Resources Lake Michigan Allocation Program Directors to better serve the IL Section members and develop a cohesive message regarding the LMO and AWWA audits. Brian also continues to present seminars regarding the AWWA Water Audit and to be an advocate for non-revenue water.

If you have been certified in Flagging for Illinois, Brian may have been your instructor. He is currently a certified Flagger Instructor through the National Safety Council and holds two to three certification classes per year for ISAWWA.

Chad Laucamp

Chad Laucamp is a Project Manager at AECOM. His responsibilities include project management of water treatment plant, water distribution system and sewer infrastructure design projects, as well as master planning, hydraulic modeling, utility rate studies and conducting risk assessments for water infrastructure. He has over 21 years of experience working in the water industry, 19 of which are with AECOM.

Chad has been a member of AWWA for over 19 years and has previously served on the ISAWWA Board in Secretary-Treasurer and Trustee positions. In addition, Chad was previously a member of the Technical Program Committee for 7 years, and served on the Young Professionals Committee for 6 years, including the Chair of this committee for 4 years. Over the past 4 years, Chad has also served on the national AWWA Ductile Iron Standards Committee.

Over the past 10 years, Chad has presented at several AWWA events, including: “Water Treatment Around the Great Lakes,” Treatment Operations Seminar, WI Section AWWA, 2018; “Waldo Pumping Station and Reservoir Rehabilitation,” IL and MO Section AWWA Conferences, 2018; and “Chicago Uses Hydraulic and CFD Modeling to Assess the Effect of Future Water Demands,” IL Section Watercon, 2012.

Chad attended The University of Iowa where he received his Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering in 1996 and his Master’s Degree in Environmental Engineering in 1998. His Graduate Thesis was entitled ‘Bio-aerosols: Fate and Transport, Health Effects, Sampling and Control.’ Chad is a Registered Professional Engineer in Illinois and Iowa.

Chad is a 3-time Ironman finisher, and still occasionally finds time to enter triathlon and running races despite his ‘advancing age.’

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...continued Brian Jack

Brian and his wife Stephanie still reside in Jefferson Park on the northwest side of Chicago and are now empty nesters as their son Kevin is off to college at Western Michigan University to study Political Science and play Division 1 Club hockey. Kevin continues to work as a seasonal worker for the Village of Oak Park Water and Sewer Division during summer breaks and plans to take his Water Operator License test next spring to become an Operator-in-Training. Maybe a future water professional in the family to come?

No Water No Hockey continues to grow each year. Brian brought his love for the game to AWWA in 2018 with the first ever No Water No Hockey event was held featuring the IL Section Water Hammers versus the Chicago Police FOP Stars as well as an events at WATERCON19, and the versus the Chicago Fire Department Hockey Club this past October grossing over $12,000 for the section charities. The Water Hammer team is comprised of section members including; Municipal employees from Maintenance Workers, Engineers, to Directors; Consulting Engineers; and Manufacturer/Service Providers. Brian continues to use the spirit of this initiative is to grow and promote our industry and the incredible work our members do, increase the awareness of good stewardship in total water to the public, and to enhance the value of membership and engage new volunteers. He even looks to broaden No Water No Hockey Nationally to ACE 2023 in Toronto. In 2019, Brian was recognized and awarded the Robert T. Sasman Volunteer of the Year Award for his continued dedication to AWWA.

I thank you for your trust and support as the Trustee for District 2C and I would be committed to continue to move the IL Section forward into the future as your Vice Chair, Brain Jack.
SECRETARY/TREASURER
(vote for one, one year term)

Robyn Doescher

Robyn Doescher has worked in the water industry for 35 years, since graduating from Illinois State University with a degree in Environmental Health and a minor in Chemistry. Robyn first worked for DuPage County Health Department’s Environmental Division, then moved on to McHenry County Health Department, working as a laboratory technician analyzing drinking water, wastewater, and raw water samples. Her career then took her to Fox River Grove, where she worked in the Public Works Department’s Water and Wastewater Laboratory analyzing compliance samples for the Village’s water and wastewater plants. Robyn then became the Water Superintendent for the City of Crystal Lake, where she oversaw five groundwater treatment plants and the distribution system. She then took on the role of Water and Wastewater Operations Department Manager at Baxter & Woodman Inc., where she worked with many communities to troubleshoot and resolve water and wastewater operations issues, as well as completing dozens of water and sewer rate studies.

For the last 6.5 years of her career, Robyn was the Water Utility Manager for the Village of Glenview. She is now retired. She is a Certified Class A Water Operator and a Class 1 Wastewater Operator. Robyn’s work for ISAWWA includes participation on the WATERCON Technical Program Committee for many years. She is the past Chair of the Source Water Protection Committee, a member of the Top Ops committee and the Water Utility Council. She has also contributed to several of the Section’s Strategic Plans and is the current Secretary/Treasurer for the Section. At the Association level she is a member of the Source Water Protection Committee, Rates and Charges Committee and the Small System Committee.

She has been active with the Fox Valley Operators Association, and has held the positions of Secretary-Treasurer, Vice Chair, and Chair of that organization. Robyn’s career experience in the laboratory and in utility management has enabled her to develop the attention to detail and organizational skills that are key to the Secretary-Treasurer position. Her experience in both the drinking water and wastewater fields will also be an asset as ISAWWA moves forward with implementing Total Water Solutions. As a committee chair, she is familiar with working with the Board and with the responsibility of the Secretary-Treasurer position, and is well versed in the demands of leadership positions after holding the position of Secretary/Treasurer for 2015 - 2019 is looking forward to continuing in the position.
DIRECTOR
(vote for one, three year term)

John VanArsdel

John H. Van Arsdel is Vice President of M.E. Simpson Co., Inc. He graduated from Valparaiso University with a B.A. in Geography. He has completed water operators’ classes and seminars on water filtration and distribution. He has over 30+ years’ experience directing projects for water utilities concerning water loss, water audits, leak detection programs, metering programs, and condition assessment programs. He has presented seminars for water operators for over twenty three years including various topics at several AWWA Section meetings, papers at ACE since 2007, and papers since 2010, at the WIC (formerly AWWA Distribution System Symposium). He is a past Chair for the Illinois Section AWWA, Past Chair of the AWWA Water Loss Committee (2010-2014), and a George Warren Fuller recipient.
TRUSTEE, DISTRICT 2 A - COOK COUNTY

(vote for one, two year term)

Paul May

Matt Overeem

Catharine Richardson

Paul is the Assistant Executive Director for the Northwest Suburban Municipal Joint Action Water Agency (NSMJAWA), which serves water to 500,000 consumers in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. He is a licensed Professional Engineer and Certified Water Operator, and has spent his career as a Civil Engineer and Public Works Director before joining JAWA in 2015. Paul has a lifelong passion for water resources and has been honored to be a part of several advisory groups which have assisted in defining the direction for the future of water use in our region, including work with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC), and the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT).

Recently, Paul was involved with the completion of a $73M NSMJAWA relocation of water infrastructure associated with the Illinois Tollway expansion of the Jane Adams Expressway (I-90). Paul is honored and inspired by the service that is provided by our industry, and each day enjoys his career as a steward for water resources and delivery in the Chicagoland area. He is an active ISAWWA member, and has been a participating member of the Distribution, Water Efficiency, and the Finance Committees; and has been an occasional speaker at AWWA events and conferences.

Matt Overeem has been the Water and Sewer Superintendent for the Village of Wilmette since 2017. He has over 25 years of direct experience in public works, focusing primarily on water and sewer. His previous positions have been as Water & Sewer Superintendent for the Village of Mount Prospect for 12 ½ years, Director of Public Works and Planning for the Village of South Elgin, Public Works Superintendent of Administration and Project Manager for the Village of Lincolnshire, engineering intern for the Village of Wilmette and summer intern for RJN. Matt’s intern experience with the consulting firm is where he developed his interest in public works and particularly in water and sewer operations. Matt obtained his class C Illinois water operator certification in 1989 which remains active today. Matt has been a member of the ISAWWA for over 20 years. He has chaired the ISAWWA Water Fountain Trailer Committee since its inception and sits on the Water and Sewer Collection committee. He has volunteered, presented and moderated sessions at WaterCon over the years. He has moderated several webinars for the Water and Sewer Collection committee. Working with Randy Patchett of Burns McDonnell; they developed the widely popular ‘Water Sewer Plans 101’ seminar.

Ms. Richardson is the Waukesha Office Director and a project manager at Greeley and Hansen, a leading environmental consulting engineering firm dedicated to the water and wastewater industry. She has worked on large, innovative and challenging water and wastewater engineering planning, design, and construction projects as well as serving as a field inspector for water and wastewater design projects all over the country. She has degrees from the University of Wisconsin and University of Minnesota and is also a certified EnvisionTM Sustainability Professional.

She has also served several roles in the association and section including currently serving as Outreach Committee Chair since 2018 and sitting on the National Water Equation committee as well as UW-Madison Student Chapter President (2010-2012), YP Summit Programming Committee (2016-2018), ACE 2016 YP Scavenger Hunt Chair, Illinois Section American Water Works Association ACE Local Host Committee 2016 and Education Committee (2016 -2018).

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TRUSTEE, DISTRICT 2 A - COOK COUNTY
(vote for one, two year term)

continued Paul May

Paul lives in Oak Park, and has twin 12-year olds. In his spare time, he serves on the Oak Park Plan Commission, Oak Park School District Facilities Advisory Committee, and enjoys woodworking, camping, hiking, and paddling the waters of our region.

continued Matt Overeem

Matt started his education as a civil engineering student at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, ultimately graduating with a dual degree in Urban Planning and Geography. He obtained a Master Degree in Public Administration from Roosevelt University and a Graduate Certificate in Geographical Information Systems from Ferris State University. He has certifications in Electronic Technology and in Construction Project Management. As a career and as a hobby, Matt has been involved in renewable energy; installing small wind turbines in the western United States for a family company. Matt continues that hobby and interest today and obtained a certificate in Wind Energy Technology from Gotland University, Visby, Sweden. Matt continues to speak on the topic and to promote the use of renewable energy. In 2018, he received the Volunteer of the Year award at the Small Wind Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Early in his career, Matt was the Director of Building for Niles Township High School District 219 during their massive $150 million capital expansion project spanning 1.2 million square feet, including approximately 400,000 square feet of new space for the estimated 4,500 students and staff. At another point in his career Matt spent three years managing a team of travelling geographers who mapped the 13 Midwestern states for vehicle navigation systems and computer software programs such as the digital Rand McNally. During this time, Matt worked for a small startup, ETAK, which then was sold to Rupert Murdoch’s News Corporation who then sold it to Sony. The firm has been resold and is now called Tele Atlas. You will see a bit of his efforts in every digital map you use. Matt also worked as an electrician for a family electrical contracting firm where their specialty was in building complete independent power systems for drilling rigs and remote camps. Did you want to hear about his paper routes? Matt has lived in Glenview, Illinois for 30 years and has four children who have grown up to be wonderful, loving and caring people. Right now, Matt has two grandsons who will take your breath away as the precious beings they are.
Elisa Bonkowski is a Project Manager with Baxter & Woodman in Crystal Lake, IL. She helps municipalities plan, design, and obtain funding for their water supply, treatment, and distribution projects as well as wastewater and solids treatment projects. After earning her B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, she got her first job in Fort Worth, Texas where she worked with Freese and Nichols. After a few years, she moved to Oregon where she was a project engineer for Brown and Caldwell. She moved back to Illinois to be closer to family in 2003. Elisa strives to maintain a good work-life balance and makes time for family, friends, work, hobbies, and volunteering. She has been an AWWA member for many years and became involved with the Illinois Section Education Committee in 2011. She served as the chair of the Education Committee from 2016 to 2018. As the chair, Elisa helped to develop new training resources for the Section; coordinate mini-conferences such as the Meter Symposium and the Plant Maintenance Technologist Mini-Conference; participated in planning the WATERCON technical program, Meet the IEPA Q&A Session, Operator Day Track, Joint Committees Booth, Stretch Your Education Track, and E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Award; and managed the committee’s various activities. As a former committee chair, Elisa understands the commitment required for a leadership position. In addition to the Education Committee, Elisa is active with the Illinois Junior Academy of Science (IJAS) State Fair, Model Water Tower Building Competition, and the Technology Committee. Elisa was awarded the Robert T. Sasman Volunteer of the Year Award in 2018. Elisa lives and works in McHenry County and is running for District 2B Trustee to give back to the water industry and to help make ISAWWA a great resource for members, non-members, and anyone who uses water.

Melissa Olinek has excelled in her position as the Laboratory Supervisor and Safety Coordinator at Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency, a water treatment facility in Lake Bluff, IL. In her current roles, Melissa is in charge of ensuring water quality, water treatment plant optimization, education and outreach, as well as overseeing the safety training and OSHA compliance program. Prior to working at CLCJAWA, Melissa was in Lakes Management and the Environmental Health Laboratory at Lake County Public Health Department, where she completed water quality assessments of inland lakes. Melissa schooling began at Bradley University where she gained her Bachelor of Science in Biology. She went on to get a Master of Science in Ethology from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, where her thesis work focused on the eutrophication of wetlands resulting in a decline of wild rice. Melissa plays an active role in the AWWA Partnership for Safe Water as both PEAC (Program Effectiveness Assessment Committee) Vice-Chair and a reviewer. In this role, Melissa leads committees who are selected to review and award water treatment plants acceptance into the Partnership for Safe Water. Melissa has been an active member of ISAWWA for the last 8 years and has presented at many conferences and seminars including Watercon, Regulatory Update, IPSWQA and T-Con. Melissa is excited to begin teaching the Water Distribution System O&M C/D Class in 2020 to bring more certification opportunities to the Lake County Area. Born and bred in Lake County, Melissa is intimately familiar with the area and all that District 2B has to offer. She would like to become even more involved in ISAWWA and would enjoy the challenges and growth opportunities if elected to District Trustee.
TRUSTEE, DISTRICT 4
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Dean Swingler

Dean Swingler is the Water Utility Superintendent of E J Water Cooperative, Inc. where he has been employed for 21 years. He started his career with E J Water part time and after six months was hired full time. Dean started in plant operations and distribution maintenance and after 4 years was promoted to Utility Superintendent. Dean has an Associates Degree in Electronics from Lake Land College and a Bachelor’s Degree in Organizational Leadership from Greenville College. He has a Class A Water Treatment License and Class 4 Wastewater License. Dean oversees day to day operations, which includes two Water Treatment Plants, a 3MGD surface water plant and a 1.5MGD ground water plant, maintains 3,000 miles of water mains, 3,500 valves, 1,800 flush hydrants, and 12,000-meter service connections. He is also the ROINC for 12 other water districts/communities.

Currently, Dean also serves as the President of the Fifteen County Water Supply Operators Association and past board member of the Southern Illinois Water Operators Association. EJ Water Cooperative is a regional rural water system providing drinking water to a twelve-county area. Under Dean’s leadership, EJ Water’s Delbert Mundt Water Treatment Plant was awarded the Best Tasting Water in Illinois in 2013 by the ISAWWA and in 2015 by Illinois Rural Water Association.

Andy Curry

Andy Curry, P.E. started his professional career as a Project Engineer and Surveyor for Frontenac Engineering Group, St. Louis, MO. The time spent working with many communities in the St. Louis area provided great exposure working through various permitting/zoning requirements for each community, and storm and sanitary sewer development through MSD’s rigid design standards.


Andy has overseen and designed various multi-million dollar Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants and Distribution Systems for many Illinois municipalities and Rural Water Districts, some of which are: Nashville, Roxana, East Alton, Casey, Gillespie, Morton, Salem, Fountain Water District, Kaskaskia Water District, and Hamilton County Water District. Besides Water and Wastewater Projects, Andy has also designed and overseen many residential, commercial and industrial developments for several communities.

Currently, Andy serves on the Civil and Environmental Engineering Professional Advisory Board for Southern Illinois University – Carbondale. He is also a member of the American Water Works Association, the American Society of Civil Engineers, Water Environment Federation, and the Illinois Rural Water Association.
TRUSTEE, DISTRICT 5
EASTERN ILLINOIS (vote for one, two year term)

Elizabeth Doellman

Elizabeth Doellman is the Supervisor of Water Quality and Environmental Compliance for the Champaign District of Illinois American Water Company. She has been with Illinois American Water Company for just over 13 years and has a Class A drinking water operator’s license. She started as a laboratory technician in 2006 and was promoted to Water Quality Supervisor in 2009. She has also obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from Manchester College in Indiana.

She was the IPWQA Groundwater Operator Runner up in 2015 and has been active in ISAWWA. She is a part of the Education Committee, Outreach Committee, Women in Water Committee, and Chair of the Illinois Junior Academy of Science Committee. She enjoys presenting not just at the ISAWWA annual conference but to various organizations and ISAWWA classes throughout the year.

Keith Alexander

Keith Alexander is the Water Production Manager and has been with the City of Decatur, Illinois for 30 years. He considers it an honor to work with the 20 dedicated employees in his division that supply the City of Decatur and Village of Mt. Zion with high quality drinking water at an affordable price. Keith also oversees Lake Decatur operations, dredging and watershed management program.

He is a graduate of Michigan State University, BS; Arizona State University, MS; and the University of Illinois, MPA. Yes, his blood still runs Spartan Green. Keith is also a Class A Drinking Water Operator in Training. He has made numerous professional presentations at WATERCON, Illinois Water Environment Association and Illinois Lake Management Association annual conferences, and many other water resources events. If elected, he is excited to represent District 5 members and continue the advancement of ISAWWA’s Vision and Mission.