

Minnesota American Water Works Association

2026 Young Professionals Summit

Summit Agenda

- 7:30-8:15– Coffee/Registration/Table Ice Breaker
- 8:15-8:30– YP Opener/Introduction
- 8:30-8:45– Ice Breaker
- 8:45-9:00– AWWA Introduction - Scott Anderson, Section Past Chair
 - Brief overview and summary of MN councils and committees
- 9:00-10:00– Keynote - TJ Stroebel, President-Elect of AWWA
 - Career Path Development and Leadership
- 10:00-10:10– Break
- 10:10-11:10– Water Equity Series- Rosie Russell (Water Equity Partners), Belinda Gardner (Water Equity Partners), and Pooja Kanwar (Young Environmental)
 - A series of 3 water equity presentations with Q&A opportunity
- 11:15-12:15– Break out Sessions
 - The Water Arcade
 - Rotation mini-stations covering skills and topics such as hands-on activities (hydrant assembly, meter assembly, etc.) and communication skills (speed networking with industry leaders, developing your water story, etc.)
 - Cyber-scare at North Valley Utilities
 - A tabletop scenario focused on cybersecurity, emergency response, and cross-boundary leadership
- 12:15-1:00– Lunch
- 1:00-1:55– Break out Sessions 1 & 2 (groups switch and complete opposite sessions from above)
- 1:55-2:05– Break
- 2:05-3:15– YP Career Development Discussion Panel
 - Focused on intentionally progressing careers through building competency, improving skills, increasing responsibilities, and envisioning intentional growth.
- 3:15-3:30– Closing Remarks
- 3:45– Optional Happy Hour at Luce Line Brewing