

“Best in Glass” MN AWWA Water Taste Test

The Minnesota Section of AWWA presents the “Best in Glass” Water Taste Test competition at the Annual Conference to be held at the DECC in Duluth, MN. All Minnesota Municipal Utilities can participate in this event.

The sample should be delivered in a one-gallon or larger container that is clearly identified with the name of the utility, contact name with mobile phone number. Glass containers are preferred, but you can use a container of your choice. It is strongly recommended that a representative of the utility hand deliver the sample.

Samples should be delivered to the MN AWWA Annual Conference Registration Desk on Wednesday September 18, 2019 no later than 10:00 AM.

To better evaluate, all water samples will be judged at room temperature. If samples do not reach room temperature by 10:45 AM, the sample will not be admitted into the contest. Room temperature for this contest is defined as 68 - 74 degrees Fahrenheit.

Judging will begin at approximately 11:00 AM. The contest involves two rounds of judging. The first round will be the selection of the top three water samples by popular vote of the conference participants. These three will enter the final round along with the People’s Choice Award winner from the Minnesota State Fair. A panel of taste testing experts will determine the “Best in Glass” winner and crown the MN AWWA State Champion. The winner will take home a traveling trophy and a wall plaque as well bragging rights for the next year. In addition, the winning municipality will represent the Minnesota Section with a sample at the 2020 AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE) “Best of the Best” competition which will be hosted in Orlando, FL.

All entries will be accepted, but only the “Best in Glass” winner that has incurred no state or federal drinking water violations during the previous calendar year and is an AWWA member will be eligible to submit a sample to the ACE “Best of the Best” Water Taste Test at the AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE).

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact “Best in Glass” Committee Chair Charles Hauptert, AE2S (Charles.hauptert@ae2s.com)

