

AWWA Section Director Candidate 2019

Bert Tracy

Metropolitan Council

Bert Tracy currently serves as the Business Unit Manager for Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) Interceptor Services Business Unit. His responsibilities include managing the interceptor collection system maintenance in the 7-county Metro area. The interceptor infrastructure system consists of 640 miles of interceptors, 61 lift stations and 188 metering stations.



Bert began his career in utilities/public works in 1979 working for the City of Minnetonka as a Utility Maintenance Operator. Since that time, he worked his way through management, first as a Utility Foreman, Utility Superintendent, Public Works Superintendent for the City of Oakdale and then eight years as the Public Works Maintenance Manager for the City of Golden Valley.

Bert attended St. Cloud Technical and Community College, where he received a certificate in Water and Wastewater Treatment and Technology. He also completed the Public Works Leadership Academy, Public Works Certificate Program, and Midwest Regional Water Utility Management Institute. Bert holds a Class A Water Supply System Operator License from MDH and a Class S-A Collection System Operators License from MPCA.

Bert has been an active volunteer throughout his career in the following professional associations and organizations:

- Chair Elect, Chair (2010-2011) and Past Chair MN Section American Water Works Association (MN AWWA) and a 29-year member
- Metro District Trustee, MN AWWA
- President (2005), Suburban Utilities Superintendents Association (SUSA)
- President (2014), Minnesota Street Superintendents Association (MSSA)
- Currently Co-Chair MN AWWA Awards Committee, Membership Committee, Professional Operator Development (POD) Committee
- Past MN AWWA Committee involvement; Metro District Education Committee (18+ years), Annual Conference Program Committee, Water Utility Council (WUC)
- Executive Committee, American Public Works Association-MN Chapter (2015-2016), Underground Utility Construction Inspectors School Committee (UUCIS) (10 years), Currently APWA Education Committee
- Hennepin Technical College (HTC) Public Works Advisory Committee
- Minnesota Department Natural Resources (MNDNR) Volunteer instructor Snowmobile and Firearms Safety (10 years)

Bert is also a recipient of the MN AWWA's Leonard N. Thompson Award (2018) and AWWA's George Warren Fuller Award (2015) Awards.

If elected as the MN Section Director, Bert would use the opportunity to diligently represent the Section, to work on improving membership benefits in AWWA, and to continue the work of past Section Directors on the importance of maintaining strong relationships between the MN Section and the Association.