

## **Chair-Elect Candidate 2019**

**CHRIS LARSON**  
*Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc (SEH)*



In 2001, after spending 6 years as an environmental consultant (including 2 years in Hawaii), Chris started working in the drinking water industry as a water treatment engineer with Miles Jensen at Bonestroo. Shortly after joining Bonestroo, Chris joined AWWA and gave his first presentation at the MN Section AWWA Annual Conference at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd in 2002.

Chris joined the MN Section of the Manufacturers/Associates Council (MAC) in 2007. In 2008, Chris Glassing, the Competitions Committee Chair, was looking for someone to help start a pipe tapping competition at the MN Section AWWA Annual Conference - Chris volunteered. The first pipe tapping competition was held at the Annual Conference in Duluth in 2010. Since then, MN AWWA has sent 9 pipe tapping teams to compete at AWWA ACE. Working with the pipe tapping competition has been very rewarding for Chris due to the significant volunteerism and contributions required from the pipe tapping team and competitors.

In 2015, Chris had the opportunity to join the Association (National) level MAC. As a member of the Association MAC, Chris worked on several AWWA Policy Statements and helped select speakers for the Water Industry Luncheon at ACE. In 2016, Chris became the MN Section AWWA MAC Chair. As MAC Chair, Chris helps coordinate the exhibit hall, competitions, and other events at the MN Section Annual Conference.

Chris holds his Bachelors of Science in Environmental Engineering from Michigan Technological University. Chris earned his Masters of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota in 2007 after attending school part time while working at Bonestroo and HR Green. Chris has been employed as a water project manager at Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) since 2010. During his water career, Chris has managed all aspects of more than a dozen water treatment projects in Minnesota from conceptual design through construction. One interesting water treatment plant project component included tunneling a sewer under the wall at the Minnesota Correctional Facility – Stillwater.

Chris has also worked on regional metro area water studies with Metropolitan Council Environmental Services. These studies include the NE Metro Feasibility Study that evaluated water supply options for the communities in the White Bear Lake area and the Washington County Municipal Water Coalition Feasibility Study that includes communities currently dealing with PFAS contamination.

Chris and his wife LeAnne live in Forest Lake with their two boys Gabriel (7) and Samuel (6). They enjoy spending time outdoors at their hunting property and attending the boys Little League games. Chris is also blessed with two older children Alana (20) and Brent (19) and a grandson Noah (1).

As Chair, Chris' primary objective would be to grow membership and increase engagement from existing members. Chris will focus on increasing the diversity of AWWA membership from groups that are currently underrepresented.