

Chair-Elect Candidate 2019

CHRIS VOELTZ

City of Saint Peter



Chris started with the City of Saint Peter as an apprentice water/wastewater operator in October 1989. Over the course of time, he became a certified operator and eventually advanced to his current position as Water Foreman in 2001, and has served in that capacity for the past 18 years.

As the leader of an outstanding group of operators, Chris has been at the pinnacle of many changes. His staff handles all duties with water treatment and water distribution. In 2008, Chris and his co-workers supervised the construction of a three-year, \$18 million water systems improvement project that transitioned Saint Peter's water treatment process from traditional iron and manganese removal to also include membrane filtration using reverse osmosis.

Chris is actively involved with the Minnesota Section AWWA and for the past 18 years has served on the Southwest District school planning committee, and on the MN AWWA Philanthropic Committee, of which he was the chairperson for three years. Chris also has served on the MN AWWA Board of Directors as the Public Affairs Council Chair for three years.

Chris worked with other volunteers to originate the "Water For People" concert, which held its 11th concert this past April. Being an avid golfer Chris has also donated many hours to assist the spring golf tournament which held its 14th event this past May. Both events contribute financial proceeds benefitting The Water Equation and Water For People.

If elected Section Chair, Chris's primary objective would be to actively seek additional engagement and participation in MN AWWA activities from the members who are certified operators. Chris has greatly benefitted from networking at different functions and feels it is the best way to meet new people, learn and share experiences. In turn, Chris believes these networking opportunities help grow our Association.

Chris and his wife Kristine have been married for 16 years and live in Saint Peter; they have three daughters Molly (15), Callie (13) and Abby (12). They enjoy spending time at their daughters Tennis, Hockey, Softball and Dance events. For Chris, it is an honor and privilege to be considered for the position of Section Chair.