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A Message from the Chair  By Joseph Stanley

Well, it happened in March without the earth tilting dangerously on its axis or mass rioting in the streets... I became chair of the NJ Section of AWWA!

Looking back at the early stages of my career, I never thought that it would have even been possible. It would have been far too intimidating. I was primarily focused on building an engineering career and to not do something stupid. I initially viewed AWWA as only a technical resource to obtain needed information about our industry, primarily from Journal articles, Opflow or the various standards. It wasn't until years later that I got to experience the social side of the organization. I have made many friends in our organization and have enjoyed working on many committees over the years. My one regret is that I didn't start participating earlier. For those of you younger than me, don't make the same mistake.

A one-year term is really not much time, so I am keeping my goals modest. It would also be disingenuous to my predecessors, rolling out a 20-point program, which would essentially say that they didn't know what they were doing. The fact is that the Section is in good shape thanks to those who came before me and for that I am thankful. I want to build on what they have accomplished. We are in the midst of a "gray tsunami," with a large portion of our members rapidly approaching retirement. If you look at my photo, it is clear that I'll be part of the wave in the next five or so years.

I want to try to encourage more people to join our industry. First it is important to encourage younger people to join our ranks. We have been successful in establishing a number of student chapters. Now is the time to capitalize on this opportunity. We need to engage them, to show what a fantastic industry we have. I scheduled our first board meeting at NJIT and also invited representatives from all of the student chapters to attend, and I continue to encourage our Board members to engage with our Students and Young Professionals. During my speech at the end of the conference, I put forth the goal that all our committees should try to have student and young professional representation. I believe if they witness the comradery that takes place that they will want to continue to work in this vital industry. I also want to encourage veterans to join the water industry. They come with a set of skills that are very compatible with the rigorous work that we do. A group from the Water Utility Council and I recently met with Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill. As a veteran, herself, she should be helpful in us moving this program further. During our discussions, she was very engaged and we hope that we have established a relationship to be a resource to her on water matters.

Next, I want to make sure that AWWA is viewed as a trusted resource to our legislators and the DEP. Recently, we have published position papers on the lead and copper rule and PFOS. It is important that we remain in the forefront of these types of issues. We have been in consultation with the DEP recently on two potential programs. The first is a water audit program and the second is peer to peer assistance to smaller drinking water systems. I want to continue to foster a cooperative working relationship with the DEP, since I think it benefits both sides and our industry.

In March we also had a change in the Section's board. Nicole Wiley finished her term as past chair and Brian Carr moved from chair to past chair. Both Nicole and Brian did a great job and they should be proud of their collective accomplishments. We also gained Joe Aldighieri as a new trustee. Joe brings energy and enthusiasm to the board and I’m confident that he will make an excellent trustee. At ACE19 in June, we gained a new Section Director, Chris Andreasen. Chris has been active in the organization for many years and I am certain that he will represent the Section well on the Association level.

That brings me to another change. Steve Blankenship finished his term as our Section Director. During that time, he rose to the rank of Association vice president and was a finalist in a bid to become president. Steve did a fantastic representing the NJ Section during his term. Steve always brings his good humor in everything he does and I am proud to call him a friend, although the feeling might not necessarily be mutual. Steve is an example of the comradery that I have enjoyed participating in the Section’s activities.

We first met while serving on the Technical Program Committee and we have shared many laughs through the years.

Lindsey Olson, while technically not a member of the NJ Section Board of Directors, had her term as an AWWA Director At-Large come to an end in June. I’m sure if you have been around Section events for any period that you recognize Lindsey and her big smile.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who are leaving their current positions with AWWA and hope they continue to be involved. Speaking of involvement… we could not function without our fantastic volunteers, who make our Section so successful and enjoyable. Thank you for your hard work, especially completing another successful annual conference, from our stellar technical program to the awesome operators’ and student tracks. Our conference offers more value than any other conference that I have attended. All of the other committees also work hard throughout the year keeping our Section moving forward. I think they will all agree that they enjoy themselves while dedicating their free time to our Section.

As I said before, don't wait to get involved in the Section. Some people may wait to be asked to serve on a committee. Consider this as that request. I promise you that you will not regret the choice to become involved. I plan on working hard for the Section and to get a chance to meet as many of you as possible. Let’s have some fun together!

Joe Stanley is also a Senior Vice President with Mott MacDonald
One of my initiatives for this year as Chair of the NJ Section is to get our student members more engaged, so that they will eventually become members of the water industry. I thought it fitting then to hold my first Trustees’ meeting at the home of the student chapter that started it all. For those of you who don’t know, NJIT was the first student chapter in all of AWWA!

The first meeting the new Section Chair holds is always a big one, consisting of both Board of Trustees’ and Committee Chairs’ meetings. This year, my kick-off meeting was held at the historic Eberhardt Hall. We heard a presentation by members of the NJIT Student Chapter regarding all of the activities that they have undertaken over the past year. They adopted a catch basin, keeping it clean and – in the process – won a recognition from the Mayor of Newark. They also participated in the filter building competition. They were also presented with gift certificates as the winning team in the ICE Challenge, which tries to encourage more inclusion within the Section, especially with newer members.

Consider this year a success!

When we found out that they were going to be selling empanadas to raise money for their chapter’s activities a group visited them and made some purchases. The enthusiasm that was demonstrated by this group is exemplary and a testament that my goal of engaging student chapters is a good one. I hope that the other student chapters follow NJIT’s example and, perhaps we can hold a meeting on their campus. In the meantime, get involved and try to participate on a Section committee. It is a great way to network with water professionals. If you have any questions regarding how you can get involved, please send me an email at joseph.stanley@mottmac.com. I think you will find your participation both fun and rewarding.

Joe Stanley, Section Chair and Senior Vice President at Mott MacDonald

AWWA NJ Board and Committee Chairs outside NJIT’s Eberhardt Hall

NJIT Student Chapter Members met with the AWWA NJ Board of Trustees in April
The AWWA NJ Research and Technology Transfer Committee (RTTC) is planning a late Fall Seminar focused on the theme of “One Water.”

The Committee is currently seeking presentations on:
• Potable and Non-Potable Reuse
• Management and treatment of Arsenic
• Management of municipal discharges of PFAS
• Source water monitoring/early warning systems

The goal of the RTTC Seminar is to highlight issues both water and wastewater purveyors face, and collaborative solutions to these problems.

By Mark Theiler, RTTC Chair

If you are interested in presenting on any of the above topics, please submit a presentation abstract to the RTTC for consideration no later than Sept 15.

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Includes continental breakfast and lunch

Register online at www.njawwa.org

Topics include:

- **CDL Regulations and the Changing Landscape**(*Course Number 02-101901-31, Water/Wastewater Safety Credits, 2.50 TCHs*) — Steve Ferris, EBF Enterprises.
  
  The changing landscape of illegal drugs, recreational and medicinal use of marijuana, misuse of prescription medications, and updates to the US DOT drug and alcohol testing procedures.

- **Excavation & Shoring** (*Course Number 02-101902-31, Water/Wastewater Safety Credits, 2.00 TCHs*) — Anthony Morreale, Tri-State Safety Solutions.
  
  Part 1: Basic requirements of working safely in excavations with an emphasis on the role and responsibilities of the competent person.
  
  Part 2: What is involved in an OSHA/PEOSH inspection, concerns of inspectors, and expectations of the competent person.
Planning is well underway for the 2019 Fall Meeting & Golf Outing, which will take place on October 8th this year, at Jumping Brook Golf Club in Neptune, NJ.

The Technical Program Committee has developed a great lineup of presentations that will be offered that day, allowing operators that need any last-minute renewal hours for their licenses to earn up to 5 TCHs. For those that are interested, you’ll have the option to play golf in the afternoon, and enjoy a casual dinner afterward.

The morning technical session this year will feature presentations on the Perfluorinated Compounds, including:

• Basis of PFAS Drinking Water Standards and Guidelines
• Pilot Testing the Removal of Per- and Poly-Fluoroalkyl Substances
• Pennies on the Dollar – Using a Rigorous Bench and Pilot-Scale Testing Program to Inform PFAS Treatment Decisions
• PFAS Management Considerations in Overall Water Cycle
• A State and Federal Look at Unregulated Contaminants

After lunch, those that are not golfing can attend sessions on Source-to-Tap Water Quality, and Lead & Copper Rule Best Practices, including:

• Surface Water Treatment Rule Update with a Focus on DBPs at Consecutive Systems
• Simultaneous Compliance Challenges in Surface Water
• Holistic Perspective on Managing Distribution System Water Quality
• Preventing Legionella Growth in Buildings with Digital Solutions
• Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 and the Impact on Utilities
• Lead and Copper Rule Regulatory Update
• Building Material Inventory
• Lead Service Line Replacement

Registration is open, so mark your calendars and get signed up for this year’s event!

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- Includes twenty (20) tickets to event
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- Company name will be mentioned & linked in all mass email and social media posts
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- Company recognition and Thank You at event
- Company name on event attendee gift
- Company name on event napkin
- Two (2) full page color ads in event program

Aficionado Sponsor $800
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- Company name listed on event signage
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- Company logo displayed on bar during event
- One quarter (1/4) page color ad in event program

Dessert Sponsor (limit 1) $1,500
- Company name listed on event signage
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- Company logo displayed on dessert table
- One quarter (1/4) page color ad in event program

Wine Bottle Sponsor (limit 1) $1,250
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- Company color logo displayed on wine bottle favor on each table (one bottle per table)
- One quarter (1/4) page color ad in event program

Donate to the Silent Auction
Auction items include sports tickets and memorabilia, wine, restaurant gift certificates, golf foursomes and much more. All auction proceeds will be donated to Water For People. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

Interested in donating an item to the silent auction to help raise money for Water For People? All donations will receive recognition at the event and are tax deductible. If you have an item or service you would like to donate, please contact: Rich Revolinsky, rrevolinsky@trinityproducts.com

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Ads can be purchased at the full page and half-page sizes. For more information or to submit your ad, please contact Lina Posso at lposso@greeley-hansen.com. Acceptable formats include: JPEG, PDF and EPS. Artwork files must be supplied in a print-quality resolution.
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- Company recognition and Thank You at event
- Company name on event attendee gift
- Company name on event napkin
- One full page color ad in event program

Connoisseur Sponsor $1,200
- Includes six (6) tickets to event
- Company name listed on Event signage and on rotating presentation at event
- One half-page color ad in event program
August 15, 2019

Information concerning the latest lead issues in portions of the Newark water system

The American Water Works Association (AWWA), on the national level, has been in touch with EPA regarding the recent incidents in the City of Newark regarding lead levels in a portion of their water system. Bench and field testing are occurring at present. That testing is intended to evaluate not only the filters but hypotheses for why the filters might not be working in Newark, when performance has been previously demonstrated in Flint, the published peer-reviewed literature, and NSF certification protocols. There is not a public timeline for those efforts.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) took the unusual step in issuing questions and answers regarding the Newark situation. The mechanisms that impact lead corrosion in water systems are very complex and dependent on a large number of variables.

The USEPA, the NJDEP and the City of Newark continue to investigate the cause of this latest lead issue. The NJ Section of AWWA and our national organization will continue to monitor the situation and provide updated information based on current science and health-based knowledge.

AWWA has prepared a number of lead resources as listed below:

• Lead Whiteboard Explainer
• Lead Communications Toolkit
• Lead Resource page
• DrinkTap’s Lead In Water page
• DrinkTap’s Water Filters and Home Treatment Devices page
The AWWA NJ Technical Program Committee is seeking abstracts for presentations with practical, real world project examples and forward-thinking ideas to train our members to be prepared to lead the water industry well into the future. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

- Water Supply
- Water Quality
- Surface Water Treatment
- Groundwater Treatment
- Pumping
- Residuals
- Storage
- Distribution
- Operations
- Asset Management
- Construction
- Sustainability, Resiliency and Climate Change
- Energy Management and Controls
- Regulatory
- Other

The technical program will be aimed to meet the needs of all demographics of our Section who play a role in defining our industry including, but not limited to, operators, engineers, manufacturers, regulators, public relations, scientists and students. Papers should focus on being inclusive and collaborative.

Please note that we have a special program to encourage participation by young professionals: The Fresh Ideas competition was designed to encourage younger members of the organization (age 35 and under by March 17, 2020) to actively participate through the presentation of papers at the Conference. Fresh Ideas presenters will be judged and one will be selected as given the best presentation of the group and will be awarded a prize.

On behalf of the New Jersey Section, we greatly appreciate the participation by our members in consistently making our technical programs among the best in the nation. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Kutzing at tpc@njawwa.org.
Sponsorship Rollout

September has come around again, and that means it's time to renew – or enroll – in the Section's Annual Sponsorship Program.

Section Sponsorship is available at several levels, so that companies can decide what type of recognition and benefits best suit them. Sponsorship gives companies additional recognition on the Section website, in electronic communications, and – depending on the sponsorship level chosen – benefits like complimentary registrations at some events, first crack at booth location preferences, and much more!

In addition to Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Conference Level Sponsorship packages, AWWA NJ offers companies the opportunity for several key “à la carte” sponsorship opportunities at the Annual Conference.

BADGE SPONSOR: Last year more than 1,000 people registered for the AWWA NJ Annual Conference – and everyone at the Conference wears a badge! Have your company’s logo on every single conference badge. Exclusive – Limit ONE Sponsor

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To find out more, visit the AWWA NJ Website (The Section | Sponsors | Become a Sponsor) or contact Mona Cavalcoli (mona@njawwa.org) or Stacy Cacallori (stacy@njawwa.org).

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Best Tasting Drinking Water Winner  By Joe Stanley

The tiny Borough of Elmer won this year’s Best Drinking Water Contest at our Annual Conference. I had the pleasure of attending a council meeting on May 8th to present them with their plaque. It was a long drive from norther NJ after a fairly hectic day, but I have to tell you that it was such a pleasure to meet the mayor and council and water system operators. The mayor and council were so proud of their award and, more importantly, of their water system. Mayor Joseph Stemberger showed me the regional water award that they had won a few years ago and was on display in the council chambers. The council interrupted their meeting to take pictures and to praise their water system. They even went into a relatively lengthy discussion of where they should display their water awards.

As a person who has been a consulting engineer, specializing in drinking water systems for more than forty years, I was both shocked and impressed at the pride that this governing body showed in their water system and the operators that run it. It made the long trip so very worth it. It would be great to see the same enthusiasm that the Borough of Elmer showed for its water system spread throughout the state. As water professionals, it is our duty to try to make that happen. With no disrespect to any other water system, I would welcome returning to Elmer next year to present them with another award for their water. It was such an uplifting experience. I would also hope that their enthusiasm becomes contagious.

Joe Stanley, Section Chair and Senior Vice President at Mott MacDonald
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John Young Honored with 2019 Abel Wolman Award

AWWA NJ Section is proud to announce that John S. Young, past Chair and Director from the NJ Section, was one of the recipients of the Abel Woman Award. This award, one of AWWA’s most prestigious, is an award of excellence to recognize those whose careers in the water works industry exemplify vision, creativity, and excellent professional performance characteristic of Abel Wolman’s long and productive career.

Abel Wolman, a native of Baltimore, where he graduated from the Baltimore City College in 1909. He received a B.A. in 1913 and a B.S. in engineering in 1915, both from the Johns Hopkins University. From 1914 to 1939, Wolman worked for the Maryland State Department of Health, serving as Chief Engineer from 1922 to 1939. It was during his early years there that he made his most important contribution. Working in cooperation with chemist Linn Enslow, he standardized the methods used to chlorinate Baltimore’s drinking-water supply. His efforts there helped develop the plan for Baltimore’s water supply so thoroughly and effectively that it remains well-provided for growth through the 21st century. His work also benefited water systems in New York, Detroit and Columbus, Ohio.

Wolman was active with AWWA in its early years. He became Editor of the American Water Works Association’s Journal AWWA in 1919 and was responsible for making it into a monthly publication in 1924. To this day, the Journal continues to be a proud technical journal for those in the water community.

AWWA NJ is thrilled that John was selected for this honor, and is grateful for the meaningful contributions that many of our Section members made as part of John’s nomination for this award.
Laura Norkute Recipient of the 2019 Next Generation Award

By Brian M. Van Nortwick

The AWWA New Jersey Section was pleased to award Laura Norkute of New Jersey American Water with the 2019 Next Generation Award at this year’s Annual Conference. Awarded to a AWWA NJ member who is a young professional (35 and under) and who is actively participating in the Association’s activities and programs, this award has been developed in an effort to encourage young professionals to become active in AWWA NJ and to encourage employers to consider allowing their young professionals to participate. The nominee must be in good standing with AWWA, have maintained membership in the AWWA NJ for a minimum of the past 2 years, have exhibited leadership in Association events for at least one year and displayed distinctive leadership and meritorious services in each of the following areas: service, good fellowship and participation.

Laura has been an active participant and leader in the AWWA NJ section, especially through her commitment, exemplary leadership, and dedication to encouraging engagement and involvement among young professionals. In the past several years, Laura has played a crucial role in reviving and reinvigorating the Young Professionals Committee, serving as vice chair and then ultimately Chair as of Fall 2018. She has played a vital role in re-organizing and steering the YP Committee to fulfill its strategic objectives – namely, YP involvement in Section activities. She also served as an active member on the NJ Section Student Affairs Committee, the local host committee for ACE17 in Philadelphia, and maintains a level of involvement with the Association YP Committee. In addition to her YP involvement, Laura is Vice Chair of the Technical Program Committee – and is directly responsible for putting together the NJ section Fall Meeting. She has done all of this while pursuing an MBA at Rutgers, volunteering in numerous volunteer events such as YPC-hosted stream cleanups, and serving as a Big Sister for Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2020 Next Generation Award, please visit: https://www.njawwa.org/page/NextGenAward

The deadline for submissions is February 1st.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

PROGRAM DURATION: Fall 2019 – Summer 2020
DEADLINE TO APPLY: September 30TH

The AWWA NJ Young Professionals Committee is pleased to announce a new initiative for students and young professionals! Goals of the mentoring program are to:

- Increase personal fulfillment and promote professional development
- Increase, capture, and transfer institutional knowledge to support the industry in the face of a changing workforce
- Enhance mutual respect between students/young professionals and experienced professionals, and a sense of community at the Section and Association levels
- Promote a culture of generosity and open dialogue
- Enhance the value experience for members

Please review the program guidelines before completing the application. Deadline to apply: September 30, 2019.

CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD GUIDELINES
At our March Section meeting, and the AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition held in June, we recognized and honored Ronald von Autenried as New Jersey’s 2019 recipient of the George Warren Fuller Award. The Fuller Award is AWWA’s award presented annually to the Section’s selected member for distinguished service in demonstrating sound engineering skill, diplomatic talent and constructive leadership to the water supply field.

Ron is well known in New Jersey for always being there with a steady and calming hand to help guide and lead through any situation. Whether it be an AWWA conference talk that needs to be tweaked or a pipe failure in a busy NJ highway that needs an innovative and sound solution. Many of us in the NJ Section are fortunate to have benefited from Ron’s skillful assistance.

His citation for the award reads as follows:

*For his exceptional skills, dedication and distinguished service to public water systems and the engineering profession in New Jersey, through engineering solutions, diplomatic leadership, and education, advancing ethical and technical excellence for clients, peers and the public.*

Ron is carrying on the family tradition as his late father Guido, also a dedicated and well respected engineer in the New Jersey water circles, was also recognized by the Section as a Fuller awardee in 2011.

So the next time you see Ron, please reach out and congratulate him on this well deserved honor and award. Congratulations Ron!
James E. Cowley is the Recipient of The Hal Florence Meritorious Operator Award

The Harold V. Florence, Jr. Meritorious Operator Award is presented annually by the AWWA New Jersey Section to an Operator who has brought a higher degree of excellence, learning, initiative and resourcefulness to bear in the operation of a public water supply system.

As the recipient of The Hal Florence Meritorious Operator Award, James E. Cowley has:

- over 25 years of experience in the drinking water industry
- held many roles throughout his career, everything from:
  - Superintendent of Transmission & Distribution
  - Director of Plant Operations
  - Vice President of Customer Service
  - Vice President of Operations
  - Director of Production
- extensive and exemplary accomplishments in:
  - protecting public health
  - water treatment plant operation & maintenance
  - distribution system operation & maintenance
  - innovation
  - dedication to his profession
  - and above all, leading by example
- led the recovery effort of one of the largest surface water treatment plants in the state after a natural disaster
- served on the Retired Professionals Committee and served as its Chair
- produced several Knowledge Sharing Sessions at the Conference pairing young professionals and senior members, as well as mentoring 2 young professionals during the 2015 session
- coordinated and produced 4 editions of the Living History Project
- and, as the former ACMUA Executive Director, he;
  - Volunteered and dedicated ACMUA staff time and resources to assisting the Section with storage, delivery and retrieval of conference materials at their facility.
  - Assisted the Section in obtaining permits, coordinating and staffing the 3K run on the Boardwalk during the annual conference.

Congratulations, Neil, on a job well done!
AWWA’s Mehan Promotes Successful Partnership Between Water and Agriculture

Reprinted from August 1 edition of AWWA “Connections”

The water sector’s vital partnership with agriculture to protect source water, the environment, and human health was highlighted by the American Water Works Association (AWWA) this week at the Soil and Water Conservation Society’s International Annual Conference.

Tracy Mehan, AWWA executive director of government affairs and a previous Assistant Administrator for Water at the Environmental Protection Agency, represented the Association as a keynote speaker at the conference in Pittsburgh, Penn., and spoke about the joint interests and recent successes of utilities and agriculture.

“Almost three years ago, AWWA embarked on a sustained effort to forge effective partnerships with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Congress and the agricultural community to promote source water protection as part of AWWA’s Total Water Solutions initiative,” said Mehan, referencing his earlier position as director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

AWWA and its members successfully advocated for passage of a 2018 Farm Bill that included an estimated $4 billion over the next 10 years in conservation funding for source water protection. The Association is supporting collaboration between water utilities and farmers and ranchers to take advantage of the USDA’s available funding and programs to protect source water.

“The Farm Bill now makes source water protection a specific goal of conservation and a more formal programmatic priority at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS),” Mehan said. (See AWWA’s whiteboard explainer that encouraged source water protection measures in the 2018 Farm Bill)

He cited AWWA’s recent work to help utilities in states including Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and prepare project applications for USDA’s Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPPP) to achieve their mutual goals of land, water and public health protection.

“Conservation practices put in place today will help to reduce the number of new and recurring issues in the future,” Mehan said. “With appropriate conservation practices, the introduction of excess nutrients, sediments, chemicals and animal waste can be substantially reduced.”

Mehan described water utilities’ multiple barrier approach to provide adequate quantities of high-quality water at affordable rates. He explained that source water protection is a subset of watershed protection, focused primarily on sources of drinking water, and is the preferred alternative to treating water that already is contaminated.

He summarized the benefits of a preventative approach to source water protection as:

- Treatment cost savings
- Increased public health protection
- Other environmental benefits such as habitat for endangered species and protecting air quality

Mehan concluded his comments by commending the science and conservation practices of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and urging its members to partner with local water utilities to partner in ongoing efforts to preserve land, water and public health.
New Section Webinar Series  
By Mona Cavalcoci

The AWWA NJ Education and Professional Development Committee (EPDC) has kicked off a new Webinar Learning Series, offering the opportunity for members – and nonmembers – to participate in lunchtime learning programs and earn a TCH without leaving their office.

The webinars, which last one hour and take place from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, have featured topics such as:

- Do-it-Yourself High-Accuracy GPS/GIS Mapping for Small Water Utilities
- Recent Changes to the New Jersey Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- Managing and Reducing DBPs
- Alternative Treatment Technique for PFAS - Ion Exchange

The EPDC has received good feedback for providing learning opportunities in this format and is looking forward to bringing webinars to you – hopefully on a monthly basis!

Webinar Series Guidelines:

Registration for Webinars is on an individual basis – one person, one computer.

After registering and paying for the Webinar, you will be required to complete a 2nd step in order to obtain your unique login for the Webinar.

Credits are earned by successfully completing a post-webinar quiz within one week of the webinar.

Credits post to your website profile after passing the quiz (your registration must be fully paid as well).

Conference Professional Development Credits Posted to Member Profiles  
By Stacy Cacallori

Did you attend the Section Conference in March? And did you scan in and scan out from each Session you attended? If so, the credits that you earned (Water and Wastewater – TCHs, NJ Professional Engineer – CPCs, and NY Professional Engineer – PDHs) have been posted to your AWWA NJ profile. We request that you review your profile for the credits. If there are any apparent discrepancies, please let us know.

Additionally, if you earned Water and Wastewater TCHs at the Conference, those credits have been uploaded to the NJDEP DataMiner site. We recommend that you verify your credits at the DataMiner site. You can do so by clicking here. Once you arrive at the DEP DataMiner Site, scroll down the page to Training Contact Hour Balances (Water-Wastewater Licenses) and click that title. You will land on the DEP DataMinder, Training contact Hour Balances (Water-Wastewater Licenses) Report Criteria Page. Here, enter one of your license numbers and press submit. This will generate a report of all the TCHs that have been reported to NJDEP. If there are any apparent discrepancies, please let us know.

Stacy Cacallori is our Section Administrator.
How Do I … Review My Professional Development Credits?

By Stacy Cacallori

The professional development credits from the Section’s Conference have been uploaded into Section Database and into the Conference Registrants profiles. To continue our “How do I …” series, we’ll walk you through “How do I review my Professional Development Credits?”

The first step is to sign into the Section’s Website.

To sign into the Section’s website go to https://www.njawwa.org/.

Sign in using your Username and Password. If you don’t remember your password, you can click on Forgot your Password? and the system will send you an email so that you can reset your password. If you forgot your username, please, PLEASE, DO NOT create an new username! Contact Stacy (stacy@njawwa.org) or Mona (mona@njawwa.org). They will be able to provide you with your username!

After you have signed into your profile, you will be at the Home Page. On the far right of the page, under MY PROFILE, click Manage Profile. The Manage Profile page will appear.

Scroll down the page until you see Content & Features. Select Professional Development.
How Do I … Review My Professional Development Credits? (continued)

On the PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Page, **make sure the Journal Entries Tab is orange** – this means that it is the active tab. From here you can:

- **Select different Statuses**: The default is set to All Statuses
- **Select different Certification/Programs**: This is where you can select the different events that you went to where credits were awarded. For the most recent Annual Conference you would select Annual Conference 2019
- **Select Credit Type**: Here you can select:
  - TCHs for Water and Wastewater Credits
  - CPCs for NJ Professional Engineering License Credits
  - PDHs for NY Professional Engineering License Credits
- **Select Credits Earned**: From/To if you are looking for a specific time period

Once you have made your selection, click **APPLY FILTER!**

On the next screen you should see the information for the selections you chose.

You can export the entries into an Excel worksheet, or you can Print Transcript, Print Filtered Entries, or Email Transcript.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [stacy@njawwa.org](mailto:stacy@njawwa.org) or [mona@njawwa.org](mailto:mona@njawwa.org).
Young Professionals Events

Suez – Haworth Treatment Plant Tour

AWWA NJ Young Professionals (YPs) Committee hosted a tour of Suez Water’s Haworth Treatment plant on April 5th. Thanks to Pete Fitzpatrick for shepherding 22 people and providing in-depth knowledge during the tour!

Rahway River Watershed Cleanup

Members of AWWA NJ’s Young Professionals Committee partnered with the Rahway River Watershed Association on April 27th for a cleanup along the banks of the river, in honor of Earth Day. The group picked up litter, including plastics and aluminum cans – the top prize for an odd ‘cleanup’ item? an old trombone.

NJAW Canoe Brook WTP Tour and Networking Event

The AWWA NJ Young Professionals Committee (YPC) hosted a tour of New Jersey American Water’s Canoe Brook Water Treatment Plant. YPs checked out the floating solar panels on one of the reservoirs and learned about the operations of the ozone and DAF systems at the plant. The Committee would like to thank Scott Brezinski and Idali Hanson for their time and for sharing their knowledge of the water treatment process.

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Young Professionals Events (continued)

YPC Team Building Brunch

AWWA NJ Young Professionals Committee held a teambuilding brunch on a beautiful Saturday in June. What began as a friendly brunch quickly turned into a competitive game of TopGolf. The committee divided into two groups to hit (or not hit) some golf balls and get the highest score. It was a great day and plenty of snacks kept even the losing team in good spirits!

Six Flags 3 MGD WTP Tour

The YPC toured a construction site of a new 3 MGD water treatment plant with the help of Coppola Services Inc. The Greensand pressure filtration plant, owned by the Jackson Township MUA is to supply Six Flags Great Adventure, a new sports complex, and new development in the area. Some of the existing wells are located in the Six Flags parking lot and had to be piped through the Safari with crews working right next to grazing animals. The three steel tanks were in different stages of construction which allowed the attendees to see each step of the process. The three horizontal pressure vessels, designed by Hungerford and Terry Inc were installed with room to easily expand to 6 pressure vessels for additional capacity.

Brian Applegate (far left), Keith Pytlik (2nd from left), and Neil Goldfine (far right) present Toms River HS students with NJ Section Swag and an honorarium for $2,000. The Toms River students helped produce the AWWA NJ Retired Professionals’ Committee “Living History” Project.
SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

March Spotlight Member
Siying Wang

Join us in welcoming Siying Wang as the March 2019 Section Spotlight Member! Siying is a young professional who works as a Project Engineer for Jacobs Engineering. Her focus is on water and CSOs (Combined Sewer Outflows) and Green Infrastructure projects. She is active in the Student Affairs and Young Professional Committees and helped organize the 2019 Annual Student Filter Building Competition. During the 2017 Annual Student Filter Building Competition she was a member of the team that was awarded 1st Place.

How did you decide to go into the field of water?

I initially majored in physics. During my senior year on winter break, I had the chance to visit my Mom who worked in a remote village in China – and that experience changed me. While visiting my Mom, I saw the local people drink water from wells even though the water had visible sediment. My Mom’s team had to drive 2 hours from town in order to obtain treated water to use so that they would not become sick from the ‘dirty’ water. Water was scarce. I was shocked that people had to drink ‘dirty’ water. After this experience I decided that I wanted to do something for people who don’t have access to clean drinking water and reuse water. When I went back to school I had my first Environmental Introduction class and decided to go into the field of water.

How did you become a volunteer for AWWA? What motivates you to be active in the Section?

I had the opportunity to attend the 81st AWWA NJ Conference during my first semester of my Master’s Program at NJIT. I was introduced to Sophia Heng ... who introduced me others. Sophia encouraged me to become involved at the Section and with others who shared the same interests as me, and I did. I attended events such as the golf outings, water treatment plant tours, and the networking happy hour events. I enjoyed talking to everyone about their projects and saw how proud they were about their projects. It excited me! After graduation from NJIT and after I finished my internship with the City of Newark Water and Sewer, CH2M (now Jacobs) hired me and I met even more young professionals. For me, it just came naturally to become more involved in the Section so I could share my ideas and learn from my peers.

How long have you been an AWWA member and what have you gotten from your membership?

When I was a student at NJIT in 2016, I became a Student Member. After graduation I continued my membership. Through membership and my committee work, I have been able to meet and learn from individuals in the industry. I’ve attended seminars, conferences, and networking events, received information, and used membership discounts as available.

Hobbies and outside interests?

I play the violin in the NJIT jazz band and I used to play in NJIT orchestra. I like food, hiking, movies, music and hanging out with friends.

What legacy would you like to leave behind?

Water is important in our daily lives, but I feel that it is undervalued. I would like to encourage more people to work for water. I would like to show people the value of water so that they may realize how valuable and precious it is. Also, I would like those people who devote their lives to water to be appreciated.

I want to give a special thanks to Andrea Hall Adebowale who was the Director of City of Newark, Department of Water & Sewer and who passed last November. She dedicated a tremendous amount of effort to improve the lead issue in the drinking water at City of Newark. I met Andrea at the 82nd AWWA NJ conference. Her speech encouraging young engineers inspired me. As an international student and unlike local students, it was extremely difficult to get an internship. But Andrea gave me this valuable opportunity to begin my dream of working for water. I would like to thank her for the opportunity and her dedication of improving water quality at the City of Newark. In my eyes, she was a real Queen at the City of Newark and a real role model in the industry.
April Spotlight Member
Brittney Kovary

Say hello to Brittney Kovary, our April Spotlight Member. Brittney is a Project Engineer at Suez Water in Toms River and has recently received her PE license in the state of NJ. She is active in the Young Professionals committee where she is actively engaged in partnering with other organizations and has interests in event planning. She has been an AWWA Member since 2017. In 2018 she was the recipient of the NJ Alliance for Action’s Distinguished Engineering Award for optimizing flushing operations with the use of a hydraulic model.

Why did you decide to go into the field of water?

I studied Mechanical Engineering, although would have preferred to study Civil Engineering if my university had offered it. Early on in my engineering studies I knew I wanted to work on infrastructure and use my skills to make a difference. Water impacts everyone and every living thing and I couldn’t imagine a better way to help make the world a better place.

How did you become a volunteer for AWWA? What motivates you to be active in the Section?

I was introduced to the Young Professionals at the 2018 annual conference. The NJ Section is filled with remarkable individuals that keep me inspired and the more I get involved the more motivated I am to be active. I have made new connections within the industry that will be great for my career, but more importantly I have made new friends.

How long have you been an AWWA member and what have you gotten from your membership?

I moved to NJ from NY and started working for Suez Water in 2016. Shortly after, I became a member of the AWWA NJ Section where I have met amazing people that I look up to as role models. I hope to gain their professional knowledge and become a great leader in the industry. Networking with other members has allowed me to discover innovative solutions and improve upon my current projects.

Hobbies and outside interests?

I love to play soccer, snowboard in the winter and go to the beach in the summer, but more recently I have taken up an interest in gardening. I have a greenhouse and a garden in my backyard where I grow all different types of organic vegetables. I participate in seed swaps and love to grow something new every year.

What legacy would you like to leave behind?

I hope to inspire a new generation to be more water conscious. Not enough people understand what it takes to get water to your sink faucet. They think it should be free, but try telling that to the millions without access to clean water. I hope to not only make a positive impact in the water industry, but for the environment as well. Protecting the environment is the only way we will secure clean water sources for generations to come.

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May Spotlight Member
Fred Sickels

Say ‘Hello’ to Fred Sickels the Sections’ May Spotlight Member! Fred has been a member of the Association since 2013. And, he is active on the Strategic Planning Committee, Water Utility Council, Lead & Copper Advisory Committee, and the Infrastructure Management Committee. Fred had a 35-year career with the NJDEP from which he retired as Director, Division of Water Supply & Geoscience in 2015. Currently, Fred is the sole proprietor of FASickels Environmental Management, LLC. The firm provides technical and administrative support to drinking water utilities and other water related industries.

During Fred’s time at NJDEP he received written recognition for his work on the Superstorm Sandy Response, Process Re-Engineering, and the Well Driller & Pump Installer Advisory Board. Additionally, he served as the Commissioner’s representative to the Delaware River Basin Commission and served as Chair for NJ Water Authority meetings.

Why did you decide to go into the field of water?

Early in my career I was involved in emergency response to hazardous substance discharges and cleanup of contaminated sites. Much of the work involved protecting drinking water sources, both surface and groundwater. The experience was my first exposure to the importance of safe drinking water to the health and economy of the State. After a few years, I was tasked by the Assistant Commissioner overseeing the Water Allocation and Safe Drinking Water Programs to eliminate a backlog of approximately 350 water allocation permits that had grown over several years. Serving as Bureau Chief we were able to eliminate the backlog in about a year. After we eliminated the backlog, I was assigned permanently to the Division of Water Supply. I found the work interesting, important and challenging. Eventually I was promoted to Assistant Director responsible for the Water Allocation, Well Construction, and Safe Drinking Water Engineering Programs. The introduction to water treatment, distribution and permitting, along with the opportunity to work and engage with some very knowledgeable engineers, became a highlight in my career. As Director, the addition of the Safe Drinking Water program to my areas of responsibility further enhanced my knowledge and enjoyment of the field. One of the best decisions we made was to bring the NJ Geologic Survey into the Division. Being closely involved with the geologists on a daily basis was a real pleasure. So, while I didn’t actually “decide” to get into the drinking water field, I was fortunate to get the initial assignment because it opened opportunities to make a difference in a very important field.

How did you become a volunteer for AWWA? What motivates you to be active in the Section?

When I decided to retire from the NJDEP, I felt it was time for me to explore other avenues where I might be able to make a bigger contribution to Safe Drinking Water. I really enjoyed the work and wanted to stay involved. Participating on the various AWWA-NJ committees provided an opportunity to interact with experts in the drinking water field, enhance my expertise, and most importantly, contribute to solutions to the many challenges facing the industry. I realized while at NJDEP there were many very smart, competent people working in drinking water, but I didn’t realize just how many until becoming involved with the committees.

How long have you been an AWWA member and what have you gotten from your membership?

I became a member in 2013. Why did I wait so long? Initially, being in a program that is regulatory, I was concerned about the appearance of conflict. But as I learned more about the AWWA I found it provided valuable training opportunities and information which contributed to the growth of my expertise and competence in the job. Now in my current position, I use the resources AWWA provides to continue that growth and stay current on developments in the field.

Hobbies and outside interests?

I have a love for the outdoors that developed early on with my dad. My frequent bass fishing trips to Lake Champlain remain a major enjoyment in my life. I got into horses when my daughter started to ride as a young girl. She became very competent as a rider. I still have horses and they are a big part of our family. I don’t do as much riding as I once did, they and I are getting older, but taking care of them is a lot of fun. Winston Churchill has been credited with “there is something about the outside of a horse, that’s good for the inside of a man”. Whether he said it or not, I agree. Our love of horses takes us to Chincoteague, VA many times a year to visit the wild ponies on Assateague Island. One of which we have on our farm today. I also love taking walks with my two beagles, Lulu and Patsy. No matter how lousy the day is going, these two will always raise your spirits. I also enjoy reading biographies of major historical figures and events.

What legacy would you like to leave behind?

Not sure I am important enough to leave behind any legacy, but being a good husband and father would be first on the list. Professionally I hope I’m remembered as one who was open to new ideas to solve a problem and was able to make decisions.

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June Spotlight Member
Jan Chwiedosiuk

Congratulations to Jan Chwiedosiuk for his nomination for the June Spotlight Member! Jan is the Director of Distribution at Middlesex Water Company. As part of his role, Jan oversees the maintenance and construction operations for the Company’s distribution system in eastern Middlesex County. Jan has been a member of the AWWA since 2014.

At the 2019 AWWA NJ Conference in March, Jan was selected as the Fresh Ideas Awardee for his presentation entitled The Development and Implementation of a Valve and Hydrant Inspection Program. He will be presenting this presentation as a poster at ACE’s Fresh Ideas Competition as well as presenting on the topic of Risk Mitigation for Large Diameter Pipe Installation in Urban Areas during the AWWA ACE Conference in Denver.

Jan played an integral role in Company receiving the 2017 One Water Award for its assessment/repair of a 30-inch transmission main under a major highway using internal application of carbon fiber-reinforced polymer, the first time this rehabilitative technique had been used by a water utility in New Jersey. This project also won the NJAWWA Project of the Year Award for 2017.

Why did you decide to go into the field of water?

I have always been fascinated with utility work. After graduating from NJIT, I worked for consulting engineer designing and overseeing water and sewer utility construction projects. That led to a job at a doing internal condition assessment of large diameter water and sewer mains. Having the opportunity to work with water utilities gave a unique perspective into the inner working of a water utility and the skilled people that work in the industry. When the opportunity arose for a position at Middlesex Water Company, I jumped on it and have loved it ever since.

How long have you been an AWWA member and what have you gotten from your membership?

I have been a member of AWWA for five years. AWWA has been a great resource for continuing education; making connections with people and helping me stay apprised about what’s happening in the industry.

Hobbies and outside interests?

Jan stays just as busy outside of his normal work hours. Utilizing his passion for the water and beer industry, Jan recently opened a brewery (Jersey Cyclone Brewing) in Somerset, New Jersey. When he’s not working at the water company or on the brewery, Jan enjoys cycling and hiking as well as being an avid woodworker and metalworker and has made many different projects including much of the furniture inside the brewery.

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July Spotlight Member
Amit S. Kulkarni

A shout out to Amit S. Kulkarni, the Section’s Spotlight Member for July! Amit currently works for Mott MacDonald designing facilities and analyzing hydraulic models. He has been an AWWA NJ Member since 2011 when he joined as a Student Member during his time at Rutgers University studying Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Amit has been active in the Section since he became a member on the Student Affairs Committee. Most recently he was the Chair of the Student Affairs Committee. In his time on the committee, Amit assisted with the first Filter Competition with Sophia Heng, assisted to start and support student chapters at colleges throughout the state, and engage volunteers and students in the SAC’s activities.

**Why did you decide to go into the field of water? How did you become a volunteer for AWWA?**

When I was in high school, there was a large focus on the environment being in trouble with issues like river pollution and climate change highlighted as the challenges of our generation. I was keen on helping people by solving their problems, even though the right form of problem solving hadn’t come into my life yet. Puzzles, riddles, mysteries, and inventors had always interested me, so the natural choice was a career in something related to science and engineering. Environmental engineering seemed like a good path for merging the needs I saw developing with the problem solving that engaged me.

In college, I helped with a water related Engineers Without Borders project and was introduced to the AWWA through our mentors, Dave Tanz and Sandy Kutzting. Working on this project and learning about the value of water in our world got me thinking about water. As I studied the price, scarcity, and politics of water as part of a minor in Environmental and Business economics, I realized that water was at the center of a Venn diagram that merged a number of my interests: problem solving, helping people, and creating a positive environmental impact. The timely introduction to the AWWA provided an opportunity to talk to people who spent their careers in the water industry doing exactly those things. At that point, the choice was as clear as... drinking water!

**What’re your favorite hobbies and outside interests?**

My parents always pushed me to try new things when I was growing up and a big part of that was developing skills in the various joys of life. I learned to play the flute from middle school onwards and was a very active member of my high school’s marching band. We toured the state winning every competition and even went on to the semi-finals of a national competition in Indianapolis! When the band needed more brass players, I learned the baritone horn, trombone, and tuba. Playing, listening, and interacting with music is still one of my favorite activities.

Recently, I’ve gotten into board games. A spontaneous purchase of the Bob Ross Art of Chill sparked a discussion at the office, and I’ve started playing board games with a group of colleagues at work during lunchtimes ever since. We change board games once every couple of weeks or months, but the fun doesn’t stop. Pretty cliché, of course, that the nerdy engineer loves marching band and board games but I’m more than happy to lean in because the groups of people that are involved in both are fantastic!

I play pickup soccer games once a week as a way to stay active and love catching a “cheeky match on the tele” with a group of friends that I refer to as my lads. In the past two years, I started to garden and found that cooking new recipes with the ingredients I grow is even more fun. I’m always keen on learning new things so if I’m picking a favorite hobby, trying new hobbies would have to be my pick!

**What would you like to do in your career?**

I really want to design a water system on Mars or any other celestial body. That’s been my longshot of a career goal because if I get to do that, it means the collective “we” made it out there... and we made it out there well enough that we’re looking to grow and build!

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August Spotlight Member
Idali M. Hanson

Congratulations to our August Spotlight Member, Idali M. Hanson. Idali is a Senior Water Quality and Environmental Compliance Specialist with NJ American Water. She has been a member of AWWA since 2015. Idali found her way to the Section’s Young Professionals Committee and immediately became involved, including hosting a tour at the Canoe Brook Water Treatment Plant in Short Hills, NJ on behalf of the YP Committee. She also volunteered to become a Committee Liaison to the Education and Professional Development Committee. Idali is bilingual, fluent in both English and Spanish of Puerto Rican descent. Idali recently earned her T2 license from the NJDEP, is certified in Water Resources Management and has her 40-Hour HAZWOPER. Idali has an Associate’s degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor’s degree in Marine Biology and Aquatic Sciences. Idali is currently enrolled at Montclair State University, pursuing a Master’s Degree in Earth and Environmental Sciences.

Idali won two awards for her graduate research presentations a few years ago. And, during the 2016 Annual Conference her team won the Operator’s Bowl Trophy.

**How did you become a volunteer for AWWA? What motivates you to be active in the Section?**

I joined AWWA shortly after I began my career with NJ American Water in 2015 and have had the pleasure of attending the Annual Conference in Atlantic City, NJ numerous times. I had always wanted to be a part of the Young Professionals’ Committee and once the opportunity presented itself, I immediately joined. AWWA has been crucial in helping me learn the water utility industry. AWWA has provided me with educational insight, informative exposure, and invaluable networking opportunities with past and current peers, while allowing me to meet new professionals throughout the business. AWWA also provided important study materials, which allowed me to successfully acquire my Water Treatment license, as well.

**Hobbies and outside interests?**

I love travelling, dancing and music, the beach, languages and cuisines, reading, science, and am a huge animal lover!

**What legacy would you like to leave behind?**

It would be an honor to leave a legacy in which I helped influence those around me to be mindful and caring of our planet and its natural wonders. For them to think of me when they visit the ocean and other bodies of water. Life and the world are majestic and beautiful achievements can be made when you put your mind to it. As a Latina scientist, growing up in a challenging urban area and as the only college graduate in my family, the sky’s the limit and I want my family to be proud of me! I want to be remembered as a passionate professional and advocate, who loves what she does and gives it her all. I want to enhance the aquatic sciences and environmental conservation in the water utility industry to innovative new heights. I want my successors to thrive and be more successful than me. Reach for the moon, even if you miss, you’ll land amongst the stars!
Water For People Raises Over $78,000 this Year  By Chelsea Simkins

It has been quite a year so far for the Water For People committee. So far, the committee has raised $78,000 for Water For People with various events this year. Here is a recap of what has been accomplished so far and what is to come:

AWWA NJ 84th Conference Water For People Check Presentation

On Tuesday, March 19, 2019 the American Water Works Association – New Jersey Section's (AWWA NJ) Water For People Committee presented a check in the amount of $113,475 for funds raised for Water For People during 2018. The check was presented by Committee Chair Erika Vardaxis of Federici & Akin P.A. Consulting Engineers to Ray Baral AWWA Connecticut Section at the 84th Annual AWWA NJ Conference in Atlantic City, NJ.

Also at the Annual Conference, the Kenneth J. Miller Founders Award was presented to Chelsea Simkins of New Jersey American Water for her volunteer work and dedication to Water For People. Chelsea has been an active committee member since 2015 and is currently the committee’s Vice Chair. The last two years Chelsea has organized the Annual “Turning Wine into Water” benefit. Over the last 13 years, this event has raised more than $277,000 for Water For People. This year’s event will be held on October 18 at the new location, The Boathouse at Mercer Lake in West Windsor. Learn more here: www.njawwa.org/event/WFPWine19.

5th Annual Water For People Dine and Dance

The 5th Annual Water For People Dine and Dance raised over $31,000 for Water For People on February 22, 2019. This event is an evening that all in attendance look forward to each year. The night included a five-course meal, live music and dancing. A huge thank you to Michael Bange of New Jersey American Water for creating and running this successful event!

Annual Golf Classic

On May 6, 2019, the Water For People Committee held the Water For People Golf Classic, presented by Montana Construction, at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, New Jersey. Competing with a few other events during the same week, the Golf Classic still had a successful turn out and raised over $30,000 for Water For People. A special shout out to the sub-committee that helps organize this event each year. Several new committee members stepped up this year and jumped in with both feet into this committee. They brought new ideas and energy to the already great event!

Family Night at the Ballpark

The committee closed out the summer with the 2019 Family Night at the Ballpark held on Friday, August 9 at the Trenton Thunder’s Arm and Hammer Park. With the help of our sponsors and the day of 50/50 sales, over $4,000 was raised for Water For People. A special thanks goes to our Grand Slam Sponsor Montana Construction and our Rally Towel Sponsor Peerless Pump. Without the support of all the sponsors, this committee could not do what we do. Thank you always for the continued support year after year!

These events would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of over a dozen Committee volunteers that throughout the year put in countless volunteer hours to plan and host these events that hundreds of section members enjoy and look forward to.

Thank you to all the sponsors, supporters and attendees that have supported Water For People so far this year. Look at what is on the horizon:

The Committee’s next fundraising event is the Annual “Turning Wine into Water” benefit presented by Pioneer Pipe Contractors. Join us for an amazing event on October 18 at the new venue, The Boathouse at Mercer Lake. More information about registration and sponsorship opportunities are available at www.njawwa.org/event/WFPWine19. 100% of the event’s net proceeds will benefit Water For People's programming across 9 countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Please contact Chelsea Simkins at chelsea.simkins@amwater.com for more details.

Chelsea Simkins is the External Affairs Manager at New Jersey American Water

Water For People (WFP) is a nonprofit organization that exists to promote the development of high-quality drinking water and sanitation services, accessible to all, and sustained by strong communities, businesses, and governments. Water For People has provided safe water and sanitation for 4 million people in 9 countries since its establishment in 1991.

For more information about AWWA NJ, please visit our website: www.njawwa.org or email Mona Cavalcoli, Section Manager, at mona@njawwa.org.
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Tell Us About Yourself  All applicants must complete this section.

What one business activity best describes your company?  (Please check only one)

- □ A  Public Water Supply Utility—Municipally Owned
- □ B  Public Water Supply Utility—Investor Owned
- □ C  Government—Federal, State, Local
- □ D  Consulting Firm
- □ E  Contractor
- □ F  Private Industrial System or Water Wholesaler
- □ G  Manufacturer of Equipment & Supplies (including representatives)
- □ H  Distributor of Equipment & Supplies (including representatives)
- □ I  Educational Institutions (faculty & students), Libraries and other related organizations
- □ J  Fully Retired
- □ K  Research Lab
- □ L  Other allied to the field (please specify) __________________________

What one category best describes your job title?  (Please check only one)

- □ A  Executive (General Manager, Commissioner, Board Member, City Manager, Municipal Supt., Mayor, President, Vice President, Owner, Partner, Director, etc.)
- □ B  Management/Non-Engineering (Division Head, Section Head, Manager, Dept. Head, Comptroller, etc.)
- □ C  Design and Engineering/Both Managerial and Non-Managerial (Chief Engineer, Civil Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Elect. Engineer, Environmental Engineer, Planning Manager, Field Engineer, System Designer, etc.)
- □ D  Scientific/Non-Managerial (Chemist, Biologist, Biophysicist, Researcher, Analyst, etc.)
- □ E  Purchasing (Purchasing Agent, Procurement Specialist, Buyer, etc.)
- □ F  Operations (Foreman, Operator, Maintenance Crewman, Service Representative, etc.)
- □ G  Marketing & Sales/Non-Managerial (Market Analyst, Marketing Representative, Salesperson, Sales Representative, etc.)
- □ H  Public Info./Communications
- □ I  Professional (Educator, Teacher, etc.)
- □ J  Fully Retired
- □ K  Research Lab
- □ L  Other allied to the field (please specify) __________________________

What one category best describes your company’s field served/principal activity?  (Please check only one)

- □ 9  Both Water Supply & Wastewater
- □ 5  Water Supply Only
- □ 7  Wastewater Only
- □ 3  Other

What areas of the water and wastewater industry are of current interest to you?  (Please check all that apply)

- □  Advanced Water Treatment/Reuse
- □  Asset Management
- □  Automation/Control
- □  Backflow/Cross Connection
- □  Climate Change
- □  Conservation/Efficiency
- □  Customer Service
- □  Desalination
- □  Design/Construction
- □  Distribution/Plant Ops.
- □  Drought
- □  Emergency Preparedness/Security
- □  Groundwater
- □  Innovation
- □  Laboratory
- □  Membrane Treatment
- □  Public Health
- □  Public Info./Communications
- □  Regulatory Issues
- □  Small Systems
- □  Source Water
- □  Stormwater
- □  Training/Career Development
- □  Utility Management
- □  Water Loss
- □  Water Quality/Treatment
- □  Water Research
- □  Water Resources/Planning
- □  Workforce Strategies
- □  Young Professionals

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