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.