



Congratulations to Kyle Boehme, the Section's February Spotlight Member! Kyle began his journey at AWWA NJ as a Student Member in 2014, while a Civil and Environmental Engineering student at Rutgers University. Since graduation, Kyle has been employed by CDM Smith as an environmental engineer. His focus is primarily on water and wastewater infrastructure improvement projects.

In February 2018, Kyle helped organize the 2nd annual Student Filter Building Competition. He will help lead the 3rd annual competition on February 23rd, 2019.

Kyle has adopted the role of liaison between the Student Affairs, Research and Technical Transfer, and Young Professionals committees. In August 2018, Kyle led an energetic group of YP members to the Great Swamp and removed invasive species of plants from an over-crowded streambed. More recently, Kyle and Mark Theiler took a trip to a local middle school and educated students about drinking water treatment processes. He is looking forward to staying involved and continuing to learn from my peers in NJAWWA.

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

Being involved in a related capstone course at Rutgers opened my eyes to the diversity of projects centered around water. With challenges ranging from reservoirs to potable reuse, I knew there would always be a new project to peak my interests.

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

Many of my coworkers are involved in NJAWWA, and my mentors suggested I join as a way of meeting industry colleagues. I went to a few events, and quickly realized that there is a lot to learn about this business. The willingness of people to share their experience with young members was comforting and inspired me to become more involved. I'm motivated to help provide a platform for students and YPs to soak up invaluable knowledge from our more senior contemporaries.

What have you gotten from your membership?

It is truly amazing how much infrastructure is required in our state to make sure that every person can sip tap water at any time of day. I've enjoyed every chance that I've had in the past couple years to visit treatment plants and gather an understanding of the work that takes to produce millions of gallons of drinking water every day.

Hobbies and outside interests?

I love spending time outside and enjoy traveling to new places. I practiced triathlon while in college, but have since shifted my focus to only running, and recently ran a personal best in the Baltimore Half Marathon. On more than on occasion I've traveled 100 miles for a Krispy Kreme Doughnut (or 4) – there is just nothing better.

What legacy would you like to leave behind?

Volunteering an hour or two every now and then can pay dividends in the long run.