



WCW Provincial Councils

Volunteer Involvement

Our Mission

The WCW Provincial Councils are Western Canada Water (WCW) committees. These volunteer committee consists of a representative from each of the constituent organizations member groups and invited volunteers who support WCW's mission in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The mission is to support and advance the role of Constituent Organization members in protecting the environment and public health through water and wastewater education and training.

The WCW Provincial Councils are active in providing workshops in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba that advance the understanding of the science and technology for the many sectors involved in the water industry.

Over the years, WCW has been very successful in providing informative workshops for the various sectors involved in the water industry. Volunteers have been the key, with the knowledge, professionalism, and dedication that they bring.

The operation of the plants and distribution and collection systems in both small and large communities has benefited from the knowledge and networking that these workshops provide.

How much time will it take?

There are two aspects to the time commitment:

Meetings: Each Provincial Council meets several times throughout the year. Meetings are general one to two hours in length.

Workshops: There are usually two to three volunteers working on getting the topics and speakers for each workshop. The number of hours required organizing a workshop or seminar varies.

Expenses?

Generally, supportive employers will pay travel expenses for employees who volunteer, when travel is necessary. There is reimbursement for expenses through the WCW as well.

Fund surpluses raised through registrations go to WCW Constituent Organizations and future programming.

What's in it for you?

Top Ten Reasons to participate:

1. Develop both Professionally and Personally
 - make contacts
 - enhance your resume
 - increase your knowledge
2. Earn CEUs and PDHs
3. Develop Friendships, Have Fun
4. Commit to a worthwhile cause
 - protecting the environment
 - public health
5. Provide input into the education and training opportunities in Alberta
6. Do something different than your regular job
7. Opportunity for public speaking
8. A trip to Banff
9. Tour new facilities
10. Have a free lunch

Top Ten Reasons to get your employees involved:

1. Profession Development
2. Commit to a worthwhile cause
 - protecting the environment
 - public health
3. Provide input into the education and training in Alberta
4. Develops communication, presentation and meeting skills
5. Assists in your professionals in obtaining needed PDH and CEU
6. Promotes a learning culture
7. Provides recognition to staff
8. Client interaction
9. Awareness of activity in the water industry
10. Broadens understanding of industry

SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM

Comments from Volunteers:

It is a lot of fun and very rewarding, both professionally and personally. I have had the privilege of meeting wonderful people that I would not have crossed paths with. The knowledge gained by sharing of information has been extremely useful.

Edith Phillips, City of Calgary

I have been on the APC for about 12 years & in that time I have found it to be a very positive experience. The seminars that we have planned & implemented have been very well attended, all the people that I have worked with have been great & it's been a fun, fulfilling experience all-round.

Andy Bebbington, Town of Devon

The APC has permitted me an excellent venue to network with other water professionals.

Gerald Samuel, Opertech Consulting

I recently joined the WCW Alberta Provincial Council and the welcome received has been great. The enthusiasm generated by the council creates an atmosphere of teamwork and I look forward the opportunities to come.

Glen Prosko, Earhtech (Canada) Inc

Participation in the WCW and the Provincial Council has provided me with an excellent opportunity to work with fellow water and wastewater professionals in a cooperative environment and establish valuable long term relationships.

Don Burgess, DWG Process Supply Ltd