

# NewsWaves

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## ***Straight From The Chair***

***By: Greg Lukasik, MSAWWA Chair***

Fall greetings to you all! I love this time of year as the brush turns red and yellow, larch trees turn gold, and the elk start to bugle. It is a great time to be in Montana!

While attending this year's RMSO in Vancouver, I noticed a sign in my hotel room stating how the City of Vancouver provides high quality drinking water and that drinking bottled water was not



necessary. As a result, the cost of a bottle of water at the hotel was \$5.00 as they would prefer you take advantage of the City's water. Those of you in this profession who are working hard to provide high quality water to the people of Montana need to be appreciated more often for your efforts, just as they are in Vancouver!

This is an exciting time to serve as the Chair of the Board. Per last year's conference, the Board has now been reduced from nine members down to seven, and there will only be one new trustee brought in each year instead of two. Our new Junior Trustee this year is Jeff Ashley. Jeff is no stranger to the Board, as he has served on the board as secretary for the last several years. Replacing Jeff in the secretary position is Nate Weisenburger, who also has several years of experience as a Board Trustee. There is a lot of experience now on the Board and I am looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish over the next year.

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## ***MWEA President's Message***

***By: Michele Marsh, MWEA President***

As this year's MWEA President, I would first like to thank all those people who have been involved with our organization over the years, keeping it active and progressive. Without volunteers presenting at conferences and serving on our Board or one of our many committees, we couldn't have remained in existence. Thanks also to those who may not have volunteered, but have maintained membership in MWEA and annually attend the joint conference, for without you, we could also not exist. We appreciate your loyalty and we on the Board strive to earn it.



One of the things I really appreciate about MWEA is that it brings operators, city and town officials, state and federal employees, private consultants, and other water quality professionals together who share the common goal of protecting water quality. That partnership is critical to completion of wastewater infrastructure projects, as well as to the continued operation of those facilities in a way that protects our environment and serves the public best. Our Board members have traditionally reflected the diversity of roles in the water quality field, thereby helping to assure that we reach out to all members of MWEA. Our newest Board Member is Herb Bartle from the City of Bozeman Wastewater Treatment Plant, who is coming in as Junior Trustee. His experience, talents, and enthusiasm will serve our Board well and we welcome him wholeheartedly.

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***“Working Together To Protect Montana’s Water Resources”  
Highlights from the 2014 Conference***

The 2014 annual MSAWWA-MWEA Joint Conference was held in Missoula on May 14th and 15th and provided an excellent opportunity for networking and a wide variety of sessions and topics eligible for continuing education credits. The Preconference was hosted by MSAWWA on May 13th with approximately 62 people attending the “Municipal Infrastructure Planning” themed sessions. Total Conference attendance was 162 including speakers. In addition, there were 46 vendors on site that provided valuable information to all who took advantage of the opportunity. Numerous awards were presented during the banquet on Wednesday evening, as well as at the luncheons on Wednesday and Thursday. The awards presented for MSAWWA and for MWEA at the 2014 Conference were as follows:

**WEF Burke Safety Award—Veolia Water N. A. of Great Falls (accepted by Wayne Robbins)**  
**WEF Operator Award—Curt Konecky, City of Kalispell**  
**MWEA Small Systems Award—Town of Manhattan**  
**MWEA Stockholm Junior Water Prize—Brenna DeMarios, Missoula**  
**MSAWWA-MWEA Lifetime Achievement Awards—Tom Adams & Tim Hunter**  
**MSAWWA-MWEA Donald Willems Scholarship—Elizabeth Adams, MSU Bozeman**  
**AWWA Operator’s Meritorious Service Award—Brad Hafar, Mountain Water Company**  
**AWWA George Warren Fuller Award—Nancy Cormier, Morrison Maierle, Inc.**

Dignitaries representing both AWWA and WEF were in attendance at the conference. This year’s AWWA dignitary was Reid Campbell, 2012-2013 Vice-President for AWWA. Reid is the Director of Water Services at Halifax Water, the water, wastewater and storm-water utility in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Reid joined AWWA in 1989 and has been active in the association. He has served on the leadership team of the Atlantic Canada section including terms as Chair and conference chair, and represented the Atlantic Canada section on the Board of the Canadian Water and Wastewater Association. He was awarded the Ira P. MacNabb Award for outstanding service to the section in 2008 and the Fuller Award in 2013. At the association level Reid is a member of the Canadian Affairs committee, the Water Loss Control Committee and two utility standards committees.

Erin Mosley joined the Conference as the representative from WEF, and is a member of the 2013-2014 Board of Trustees. Erin currently serves as the Business Vice President – New England Manager for CH2M HILL in Boston, Mass. She has held multiple leadership and committee roles within the Federation and is also an active member of the New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA). Erin received the NEWEA Public Educator Award in 2002 and is a Carl S. Ell Presidential Scholar. Thank you to both of these individuals for attending the 2014 Joint Conference!



## ~2015 Conference Photos~



AWWA VP Reid Campbell speaks at the opening session



WEF Dignitary Erin Mosely presents Wayne Robbins of Veolia Water N.A. of Great Falls with the WEF George W. Burke, Jr. Safety Award. The award recognizes a municipal or industrial wastewater facility for establishing and maintaining an active and effective safety program. Congrats to Veolia Water!



Greg Lukasik as new MSAWWA Chair presents Gwen Pozega with a service award for her time on the board. Thank you Gwen for all of your efforts while serving on the MSAWWA Board of Directors.



Bill Bahr presents the MWEA Small Systems Award to the Town of Manhattan. Congratulations!



At right, Michele Marsh presents Dan Harmon with the MWEA Service Award. Dan completed his term as MWEA President, passing the torch to Michele. Thank you Dan for your time and enthusiastic support of MWEA.



Carrie Gardner mans the WFP raffle table.

## Are You Ordering Books from AWWA?

If so, please place your order through Robin Matthews-Barnes, MSAWWA Executive Secretary. MSAWWA receives credit for your order. The cost is the same to you, but MSAWWA gets a bonus!

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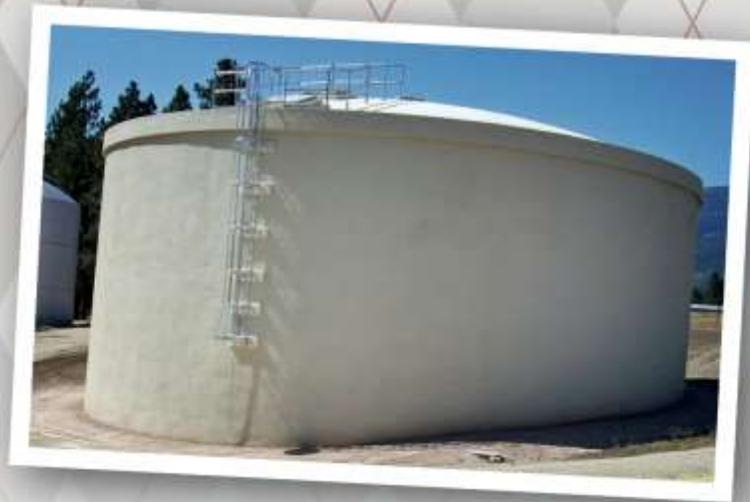
**Thank You! Great West Engineering, R.L. Winston Rod Co., and Montana Fly Goods** for donating the fly rod and reel for the Water For People raffle that took place at the conference. Retail value of the prize was \$1,080.00. Over \$3800 was raised for Water For People at the conference this year including contributions from **Mountain Water Company and MWEA**. Congratulations to Hunter Walker on winning the rod and reel. Thank you to Carrie Gardner and the other members of the committee for all of your efforts!



**Do You Have Something  
To Say?**

If you have ideas, announcements, articles, or stories you would like to submit for consideration for publication in the next issue of NewsWaves, please email Robin Matthews-Barnes at [info@montana-awwa.org](mailto:info@montana-awwa.org). The next issue will be published in March/April, so keep it in mind!

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### **~Joint Scholarship Fund Raffle~**

**Thank you to Morrison-Maierle, Inc., DOWL HKM, Great West Engineering, and Interstate Engineering for their generous donations for this years' raffle to help fund the Donald G. Willems Joint Scholarship. 1st prize was a \$350 gift certificate to Chico Hot Springs. 2nd prize was a \$250 gift certificate to Double Arrow Resort. Two Cabelas gift certificates were also awarded as 3rd and 4th prize in the raffle—\$150 for 3rd and \$100 for 4th place. 1st prize winner was Shelly Nolan, 2nd prize winner was Denise Streeter, 3rd prize winner was Bill DeMeyer, and 4th prize winner was again—Shelly Nolan! Congrats to you!**

**The raffle raiser over \$1500 for the scholarship fund. Thank you to all who purchased tickets to support the opportunity to help the students who benefit from the scholarship awards.**

### **Donald G. Willems Scholarship**

**Please remind any students you know that are pursuing degrees in the water or wastewater fields to submit an application for the 2015 Willems Scholarship.**

**March 15, 2015 is the deadline and application information and materials are available on the website—click on the “Scholarships” tab for an application form, OR click here: <http://www.montana-awwa.org/scholarships/>**

**Up to (2) \$1000 scholarships can be awarded each year. This is a joint MSAWWA-MWEA Scholarship. Please pass the word!**



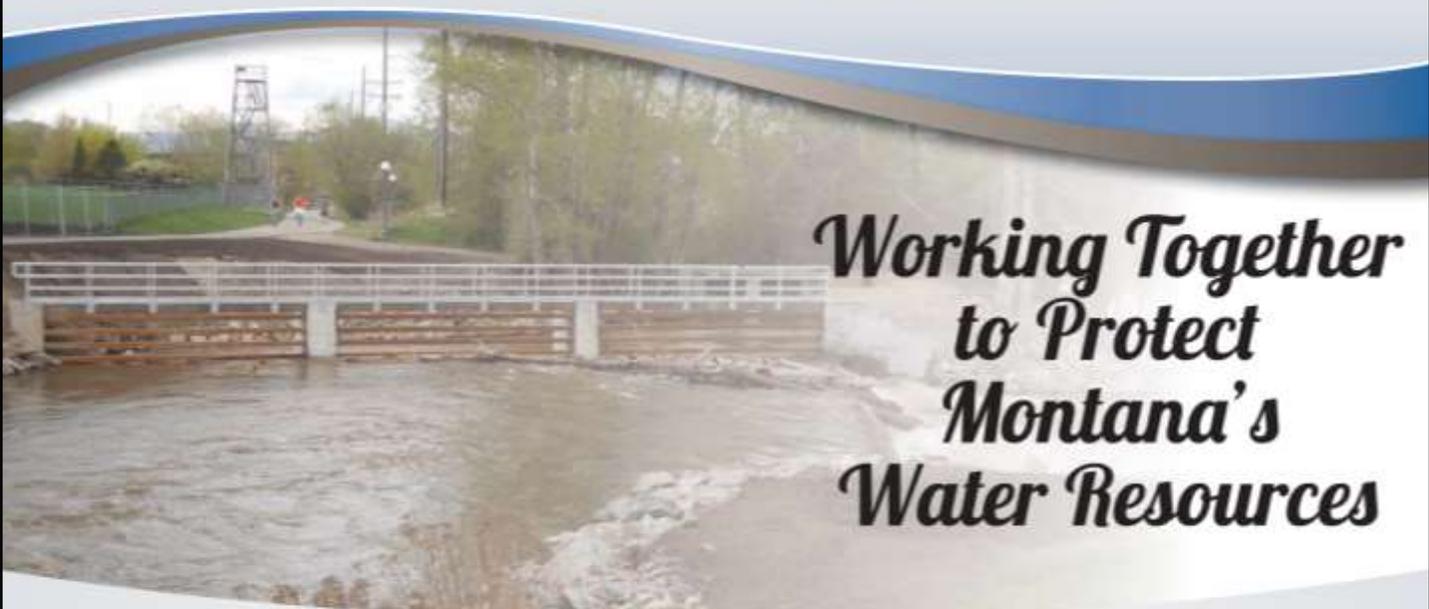
### **Mission of Montana Section AWWA—**

The Montana Section of American Water Works Association is dedicated to the promotion of public health and welfare in the provision of drinking water of unquestionable quality and sufficient quantity. Montana Section of AWWA will provide the forum and opportunity through which its membership can exchange information, learn of new issues and technologies, educate the public, and enhance the professionalism of workers in all areas of the water industry.

### **Mission of the Montana Water Environment Association**

The Montana Water Environment Association (MWEA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of Montana's water environment. The Association is committed to advancing science and education, disseminating technical information, increasing public understanding and promoting sound public policy in the water quality and water resources field.





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**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

*Come and take advantage of the educational and networking opportunities at the 2015 Joint MSAWWA-MWEA Conference. The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Grand in Billings:*

*May 5, 2015—Preconference (hosted by MWEA) Theme: "Wastewater Pretreatment"*

*May 6—7, 2015—Conference "Working Together To Protect Montana's Water Resources"*

*Registration information will be emailed to members and will also be available on the website at a later date:*

[www.montana-awwa.org](http://www.montana-awwa.org)

***Straight From The Chair continued....***

Logan McInnis has taken over for John Alston as the Executive Director. We are all grateful for John's many years of service to the Board and as well as within the National AWWA Organization. We are also excited to work with Logan for the next three years.

The new website is nearing completion and we hope to have it rolled out by the end of the year. There has been a lot of effort put into this website from members of both MSAWWA and MWEA. Once completed, the website will be much more user friendly and allow more access to the organization from AWWA members.

On the national and the state level, we are looking for ways to increase participation in our Student's and Young Professionals Group (SYP), including sending committee members to the national SYP workshop early next year. SYP groups have been very successful in other sections and are a great way to ensure the continued success of the organization.

While at the RMSO, Tom Curtis, Deputy Executive Director of AWWA informed us of proposed changes to regulations coming from the EPA, specifically related to the lead and copper rule and the proposed Clean Power Plan. Both of these regulations will affect the day-to-day operations of water distribution and wastewater treatment through infrastructure upgrades and higher energy costs. I would encourage all members to become familiar with these new regulations to prepare your utility for these changes. The EPA has extended the Clean Power Plan comment period to December 1, and you can submit a comment for EPA at the following link: <http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards/how-comment-clean-power-plan-proposed-rule>. I would encourage you all to leave a comment as the EPA needs to hear the opinions of water and wastewater professionals.

Speaking of nationally, the AWWA SP2 (Special Presidential Panel) has submitted their recommendations to the National Board of Directors on June 8, 2014. These recommendations are designed to create a stronger organization moving forward into the future and are focused on Communication between the Sections and National AWWA, Education, Membership, Branding and Finance. As these recommendations are implemented, you will see the organization become stronger and more effective at all levels.

We are looking forward to another great year with MSAWWA. I would encourage you all to get involved in the organization and see the huge benefits you receive as being a member! ~Greg

***MWEA President's Message continued.....***

We are now gearing up for the 2015 conference in Billings and are also responsible for the Pre-Conference this year. We are excited about putting together an interesting program with something for everyone, and hope to have a variety of technical topics covered. We will soon be soliciting for abstracts. I encourage you to submit an abstract or volunteer on one of our committees, a list of which is included within this newsletter. Pretreatment and Stormwater are our most recently created committees and we would love your help in getting them up and running. These committees were formed at the request of members and reflect the recognition that measures can be taken outside the wastewater treatment plant itself to help protect water quality and protect the environments. You can expect to find talks on both topics at next year's Joint Conference in Billings. Hope to see you there!  
~Michele

**New MWEA Pretreatment Committee**

MWEA has added a new committee to help communities, engineers, and operators discuss wastewater pretreatment, as wastewater pretreatment is becoming more and more of a necessity for all communities. The newly formed pretreatment committee has six members this year. The committee will be meeting at the Spring conference and we would encourage anyone interested in the being involved with committee to attend. Additionally, the preconference this year will include wastewater pretreatment.

Please contact Don Clark at [DClark@helenamt.gov](mailto:DClark@helenamt.gov) or Amy Deitchler at [adeitchler@greatwesteng.com](mailto:adeitchler@greatwesteng.com) to sign up or receive more information.

## Message from MSAWWA's National Director ~Logan McInnis~



Dear AWWA Members,

I am writing for the first time as the Montana section's director on the board of the American Water Works Association. First, I would like to express my gratitude for the tremendous opportunity you have given me to fulfill this duty for the next 3 years. Second, on behalf of the entire Montana section, I would like to thank my predecessor John Alston for his incredible years of service on the section Board, as Director, and finally as AWWA Vice-President (which I believe is the first one from the Montana section). John leaves some incredibly large shoes to fill and I hope your expectations aren't too high! Most importantly, John is a passionate advocate for AWWA and he has inspired me and hopefully many of you to work hard to advance the interests of this great Association.

There are many exciting things going on within AWWA. We have finally achieved some success with President Obama's signing of the Water Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act (WIFIA) in June, 2014. However, AWWA is continuing negotiating to change certain limitations within the law, including a 49% cap on the total cost of a project that can be funded through WIFIA. AWWA is just about ready to open its first overseas office as a result of its AWWA India initiative. The India market represents a huge opportunity for AWWA and this is also a great chance to help provide safe, reliable drinking water for over a billion people. Even India's largest water utilities provide potable water for only an average of 4.4 hours per day. Think about how that would impact your day!

AWWA has also recently launched a Philanthropic Initiative. AWWA believes it has a significant capability to raise funds which will be used to support a major new scholarship program and other initiatives such as the Community Engineering Corps. While we don't yet know how our section might get involved in this initiative, it will not conflict with the incredible efforts our members already make to raise funds for scholarships and Water For People.

Lastly, "AWWA2020: A Path to One AWWA" is an initiative to unite the Association and the Sections around business processes and a common strategic plan that best serve our members and the wider water community. This winter, our Montana section board will participate in a strategic planning session with a goal to better align our strategic plan with that of the Association.

Membership is still a concern and needs to be a major focus for the entire Association as well as our Montana section. Our current section membership total of 227 is down from over 270 members in 2010 and down about 6% just this year. Please make it a goal to recruit one new member this year or at least take the time to remind others in your (continued next page)

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At right, the MSAWWA/MWEA fundraising efforts for Water For People places the organizations in the middle tier alongside larger AWWA Sections.

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organization of the great value of membership in AWWA. If you're trying to decide about renewing your membership, please keep in mind that every member is really important to a small section like ours. Our future funding from AWWA may depend on our ability to sustain our membership. There are great membership resources available at this site: <http://www.awwa.org/membership.aspx>.

I have had several recent reminders of some of the great successes of AWWA, both at the Association level and at our section level. Despite being one of the smallest AWWA sections, our Donald Willems Scholarship is on par with the scholarships offered by many of the largest sections. Also, last year's Water For People fundraising effort placed us in the middle tier among all AWWA sections, alongside many of the largest sections (Cal-Nevada, New York, etc.). Thank you all for your generosity and hard work! At the Association level, I would encourage all of you to check out the inspiring AWWA 28-minute history video at the following link: <http://www.awwa.org/about-us/history.aspx>. That will give you a great reminder of why the work we all do is so important.

Again, I thank you for this great opportunity to serve on the AWWA Board of Directors. Feel free to contact me at [logan@mtnwater.com](mailto:logan@mtnwater.com) if you want to know more about what is happening at the Association level.

~Logan



### ***Stockholm Junior Water Prize Awardee***

***Brenna DeMarios from Missoula with Coralynn Revis of the SJWP Committee. Brenna was the recipient of this year's award for her project titled: "Sea Shell Filter Used To Remove Caffeine from Wastewater". Congrats to Brenna!***



**Nancy Cormier was the recipient of the MSAWWA George Warren Fuller Award for distinguished service at the 2014 Joint Annual Conference. Nancy is VP and Office Manager of Morrison-Maierle, Inc. in Helena. Nancy has been active in MSAWWA since 1993, and is recognized by her colleagues and peers for her distinguished service to the water supply field. Congratulations to Nancy on receiving this prestigious award!**

## AWWA 2014 Regional Meeting of Section Officers By Greg Lukasik and Jeff Ashley

Greg Lukasik (Chair) and Jeff Ashley (Junior Trustee) represented the Montana Section of AWWA at the Region 5, 2014 Regional Meeting of Section Officers (RMSO) in Vancouver, British Columbia on September 12-13. Region 5 is made of up Sections from Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Hawaii, Alaska, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. One of the goals of the RMSO is for AWWA staff to disseminate information important to the water industry to Section leaders, such as membership, current and pending regulations, philanthropy, and strategic planning. Perhaps the most important benefit of the RMSO is sharing ideas with other Sections.

The 2014 Region 5 RMSO had several focal points for the attendees. Dave Rager (AWWA Executive Committee Treasurer) presented on “*A Better World through Better Water*”. This is a campaign of AWWA’s International Strategy, currently supporting the water sector in India. With a population four times greater than the United States, India’s size is only one-third that of this country. Water challenges in India are significant, with contamination, water loss, land availability and system maintenance. See the following link for more information (<http://watercitizennews.com/us-water-industry-association-to-open-mumbai-office-one-water-one-world/>).

Branding of AWWA was another topic of discussion presented by Jeanne Bennett-Bailey (AWWA Executive Committee Public Affairs Council). The branding (or rebranding) process for AWWA is important to change perceptions, leverage the power of our reputation, increase effectiveness, and reflect the revised strategic plan. A simple example of this process is the recent effort for consistency in conference logos.



The reach and reputation of AWWA is impressive in 2014, with over 50,000 members, 1.5 million direct mail pieces, 8 million emails, 0.79 billion social media impressions, and 1.4 million website visits. Several Sections are also tapping into AWWA's brand power, aligning themselves with the current strategy in their communications and conferences.

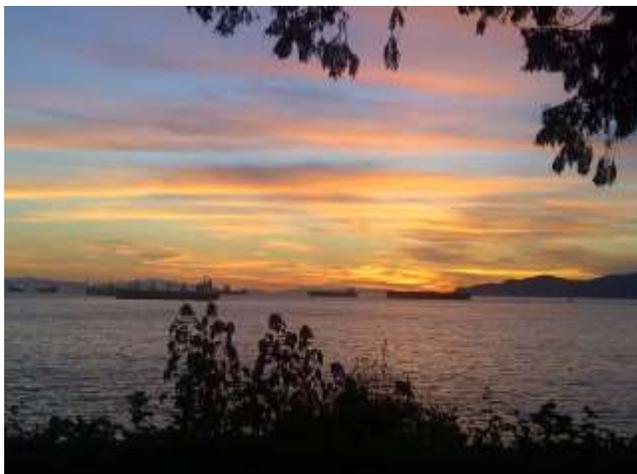
Kevin Mann (AWWA Chief Financial Officer) gave a presentation on philanthropy. The current effort is focused on workforce advancement (student chapters and young professionals), scholarship funds, and grants (Engineers without Borders, training and materials).

Nancy Sullivan (AWWA Senior Section Services Representative) presented on recent changes to the Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE) 2014 in Boston. AWWA has made a significant effort in determining ways to improve ACE based on attendee's input. In general, attendees rate the event very high and networking is the strongest driver for attending. Recent improvements include increased levels of interaction in technical sessions, scheduled networking breaks, Section seating at the opening general session, Woman's Networking events, and more activities for students and young professionals.

Tom Curtis (AWWA Deputy Executive Director) discussed the recently formed Community Engineering Corps, which is a joint alliance between AWWA, ASCE and Engineers without Borders. This program will assist underserved communities by providing planning and engineering services for infrastructure projects. See the following link for more information <http://www.awwa.org/membership/get-involved/volunteer/community-engineering-corps.aspx>). Tom also gave an update from Washington, D.C. reporting on current federal budgets for water and wastewater projects, competing programs, and recent regulatory topics.

Each Section at the meeting was responsible for presenting their experiences with philanthropy, collaboration and conferences. Greg and Jeff spoke about the Montana Section's success with scholarships, Water for People, and also some of the challenges that a large geographic but small membership Section faces. Other Sections presented on their annual conferences, training programs, philanthropic efforts, leadership transition and student and young professional involvement. The Section sharing portion of the RMSO is the highlight of the experience for attendees. It is always interesting to hear about the activities of other Sections, and the challenges they face with membership, engagement of members, annual events and specific water issues that face their region.

The annual RMSO is a great opportunity for attendees to meet with AWWA representatives, learn about critical activities and initiatives, and share ideas and experiences with leadership of other Sections. The Montana Section is always well represented at the RMSO as the meeting rotates through the Region 5 Sections. The Western Canada Section (Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba) will be hosting the RMSO in 2015.



## **New MWEA Stormwater Committee**

At its May meeting, the MWEA voted to create a Stormwater Committee. We are looking for enthusiastic members to join this new committee and give it a strong start! Since it is a new committee, goals and plans have yet to be fully developed, and we'd love your input. The main intent of the committee is to provide support and information to communities, engineers, and operators as they deal with stormwater issues. Best management practices, including green infrastructure, funding and financing challenges, stormwater infrastructure, and regulations and policy are some of the topics the committee may choose to address in its activities. Our hope is to encourage a sharing of knowledge between those working in the field of stormwater and to have the committee as a resource at their disposal~Michele Marsh

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## **Dues Increase for MWEA Members**

On July 19, 2014 a membership dues increase was approved by the WEF Board of Trustees. This is only the second substantial dues increase in the past ten years. The dues were increased by \$7 to \$13 (depending on category of membership) in 2014 and will be increased approximately the same in 2015 (effective January 1<sup>st</sup>). Another increase is anticipated in 2016 by WEF. The reason for the increases is to close an unsustainable gap between WEF's dues and the actual value of membership benefits. Historically WEF membership dues have been low compared to those of other national and international organizations for water professionals. WEF has continually provided many valuable services to its members. WEF's overhead in the 2015 budget is 18.25%, which is in compliance with the Board of Trustees-adopted overhead goal of less than 25%. *(Please note that the information in this paragraph is summarized from an August 16, 2014 letter from Eileen O'Neill to Member Associations and the Questions/Answers attached to that letter.)*

The increased dues will be used to improve existing WEF services and to provide new ones requested by members. Membership numbers are not expected to drop as a result of the dues increase. As listed in WEF's membership brochure, the benefits of WEF/MWEA membership are huge: enhancement of industry skills, facilitation of lifelong learning, championing of productive relationships, enrichment of leadership potential, increased awareness and recognition in the water field, and mastering of career goals. We are so thankful to our devoted MWEA members, for your understanding of the need for dues increases by WEF and for your appreciation of what WEF and MWEA provide. Please feel free to contact your MWEA President with any concerns or questions about the dues increase and with any suggestions for improving how MWEA serves you.

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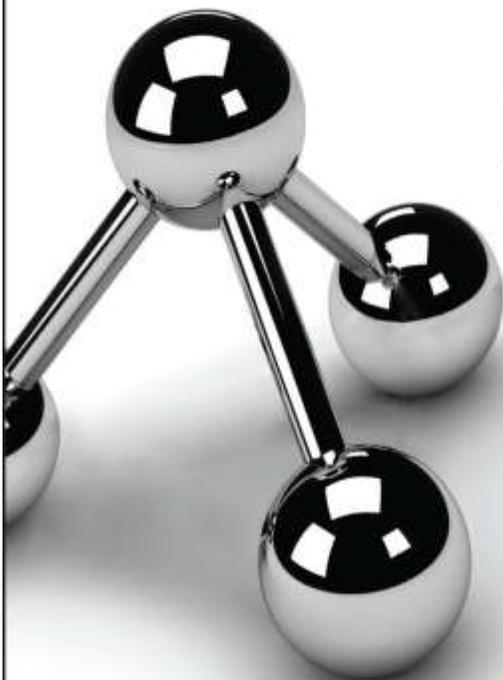


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### ~2014 Joint Directory~

The Joint Directory has been updated again and emailed to both memberships soon. If you have not received a digital copy, or would like a hard copy mailed to you, please email Robin Matthews-Barnes at [info@montana-awwa.org](mailto:info@montana-awwa.org) and let her know. **ALSO, PLEASE EMAIL ANY UPDATES TO YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION TO ROBIN.** An electronic version allows changes to be made on a more regular basis rather than just annually, saves \$\$\$, and saves paper!

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- Need volunteers

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### *Please Support Your Association's Committees*

Please remember that the committees cannot survive without member participation. You can sign up to be on a committee at any time during the year. Please consider participation in at least one committee. If you have questions about the committees, please contact the chair of that committee to find out more about how you can help.

If you are currently serving on a committee and wish to continue serving, please be sure to sign up at each conference. The slate is wiped clean after each conference, and unless we have the new sign-up form, we do not know if you wish to continue serving.

Thank you to everyone for making our Associations so great!

## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU.....**

To all of the volunteers who helped to make the 2014 Joint Conference successful. It takes many helping hands to make it all come together, and all of the help is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the Host City Committee, the Program Committee, and MSAWWA Education Committee and the registration desk helpers:

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Thank you also to Barb Coffman for your help during the week of the conference—your time and experience are greatly appreciated!



The first Operator Pub Style Trivia was held at the 2014 Conference and the winner was Team Wasabi—consisting of Brian Dieke, Coralynn Revis, Karl Carlson, and Barb Coffman. Way to go!



MSAWWA National Director John Alston explains the Taste Test rules to the judges. This was the first year for the Taste Test—Big Sky Water & Sewer District won the contest and competed at ACE in June.

## **Meet your new 2014-2015 Trustees:**

### **MSAWWA Junior Trustee—Jeff Ashley (Morrison-Maierle, Inc.)**

Jeff has 16 years of experience in the water and wastewater field following completion of BSCE and MSCE degrees at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He has worked on projects in Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota and Montana. Jeff is a Senior Water/Wastewater Engineer with Morrison-Maierle's Helena office.

### **MSAWWA Secretary/Treasurer—Nate Weisenburger (AE2S, Inc.)**

Nate works for AE2S as the Operations Manager for the Great Falls office. He has been an active member in AWWA since 1997 and served as the Water Utility Council Chair for the North Dakota Section for six years prior to transitioning to Montana. Nate was elected to two terms on the MSAWWA Board of Directors as a Junior/Senior trustee, and looks forward to continuing his involvement on the Board as the Secretary/Treasurer.

### **MWEA Junior Trustee—Herb Bartle (City of Bozeman)**

Herb is the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Superintendent for the City of Bozeman and has 27 years of experience in wastewater treatment at Bozeman WRF. During this time the process there has advanced from activated sludge to phased nitrification/de-nitrification to finally an 8.5 MGD 5 state Bardenpho. Herb is a Class 1-C Certified Operator in Montana. Herb was the recipient of the Cascoigne Award from the Water Environment Federation in 2011. His hobbies include fishing, hiking, camping and hunting.

Thank you to all of you for volunteering your time and efforts to help lead  
MSAWWA and MWEA into the future!



### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

***Come and take advantage of the educational and networking opportunities at the 2015 Joint MSAWWA-MWEA Conference***

***May 5th—Preconference hosted by MWEA Theme: "Wastewater Pretreatment"***

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