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- What is Professional Development?
  - Pursuit of technical expertise or skills that better prepare you for advancement in your career.

- What Opportunities does Professional Development Provide?
  - Career Advancement
  - Get involved & make a difference in the profession
  - Develop leadership and technical skills
  - Reaffirm and share your professional knowledge
  - Professional and Social Networking
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- Where should you be involved?
  - National Organizations
    - WEF - Water Environment Federation
    - NACWA – National Assoc. of Clean Water Agencies
    - APWA – American Public Works Association
    - NSPE – National Society of Professional Engineers
    - AAEE – American Academy of Environmental Engineers
  - Region Organizations
    - Central States Water Environment Association
    - Illinois Water Environment Federation
    - Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies
    - IAWPCO
  - Local Organizations
    - Fox Valley Operators Association
    - Kish-Rock Operators Association
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- Who is the Water Environment Federation?
  - Founded in 1928, WEF is an international organization dedicated to providing technical and educational support to the Water Quality Field.
  - The Federation is made up of 45 Member Associations, which have roughly 18,000 members in the United States.
  - The Member Associations represented in Illinois include the Illinois WEA and Central States WEA (Illinois, Wisconsin & Minnesota)
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- Central States Water Environment Association
  - Founding Members of WEF in 1928
  - CSWEA Serves Members in Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota
  - Roughly 1,400 Members including Operators, Managers, Consultants, Manufacturers, and Sales Representatives.
  - Overall objective is to enhance the water environment through sharing technology and professional experience
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- Illinois Section of CSWEA
  - State Section is responsible for providing local professional development opportunities
  - Each Section has committees that parallel the Regional and National Organization
  - Illinois Section has roughly 400 Members throughout the state
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Collection System Seminar

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- Illinois Section of CSWEA

  - Leadership:
    - Trustee – Gary Scott, Glenbard Wastewater Authority
    - Chair – Ed McCall, CDM
    - 1st Vice-Chair – Dean Wiebenga, Peterson & Matz
    - 2nd Vice-Chair – Jim Huchel, City of Crystal Lake
    - Secretary/Treasure – Shelly Cumbow, Danville San. Dist.
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- Illinois Section of CSWEA

- Committees:
  - Government Affairs – Bob Johnson, AECOM
  - Collections – Mark Eddington, DeKalb Sanitary District
  - Membership – Eddie McCall, CDM
  - Safety – Gary Scott, Glenbard Wastewater Authority
  - Operations – John Swedo, Baxter &Woodman
  - Public Education – Roger Gyger, M2T Technologies
  - Laboratory – Mary Dressel, Downers Grove S.D.
  - Young Professionals – Rich Hussey, LAI, Ltd.
  - Student Chapters – Scott Trotter, TAI
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- Illinois Section of WEA is seeking individuals who are looking to make a difference in the profession

- Get Involved!