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# A Dynamic Industry

By Ralph B. (Rusty) Schroedel

"Summertime, and the livin' is easy," or so the song says. (I personally prefer the Janis Joplin version.) As I write this, we are approaching the end of summer which hopefully has been enjoyable for all of you. However, nothing in our dynamic industry appears to be taking it easy. All levels of government, our parent organization, and your local association have been active dealing with a wide range of issues, initiatives, and activities. I find it both challenging and exciting to be part of this dynamic activity.

Nationally and locally, issues such as nutrients, blending, disinfection, incineration, funding, security, microconstituents, and our carbon footprint are all being discussed and addressed in some way, shape, or form. As an organization that supports environmental protection, we can have a major role in helping to shape the future regulatory roadmap. It is interesting to think about how, not so long ago, many thought that implementation of secondary treatment would be the end of all major wastewater work. It makes me wonder what issues our next generation of water quality professionals will be addressing.

The Water Environment Federation continues to address and improve the communication, coordination, and cooperation between WEF and the local associations. As Central States president, I am amazed by the frequent, relevant information provided by WEF to our local association Executive Committee. I've personally become very

impressed with our WEF Executive Director, Bill Bertera, and think we can all be proud of belonging to such a well run and managed organization. Recently, your Central States Executive Committee participated in a conference call as part of a Member Association Outreach program. Issues such as expectations of each other, understanding of resources available, and gaps in service were discussed. We will soon receive the report summarizing the results from calls with all MAs and will share that information with you in the future.

The national and local regulatory area continues to evolve. Nationally, issues such as funding levels and handling of wet weather flows may have a major impact on all of us in the future. Locally, several issues are being addressed as well. For example, in Wisconsin meetings are being held regarding potential nutrient limits far more stringent than we have ever seen. The Wisconsin Section has been actively tracking and participating in the dialogue on this contentious issue. Furthermore, local governments are closely tracking expenditures as the economy is impacting all of us.

I believe we are the best suited professionals to address these challenging issues.

## CSX 2009

Once again, we held our Central States Exchange (CSX) at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. On July 16-17, the Executive Committee, State Section officers, and committee chairs were invited to share ideas, issues, and concerns in a casual environment intended to enable free and open communication. Although a smaller group than in the past, the engaged and enthusiastic group identified several ideas and initiatives for enhancing and improving our local association and sections. Want to help set the future direction of this organization? Get active, get to a leadership position on a committee, and get to CSX. This year some ideas such as better engaging students and young professionals, and developing workshops to address operating problems were discussed. Elsewhere in this issue you will find more information on the latter item.

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## WEFTEC 2009

In this economy, I know it will be difficult for many of you to attend WEFTEC in Orlando. I hope those who can find a way to go will take advantage of the many opportunities to learn, interact with other like-minded professionals, and develop relationships. Our Executive Committee will meet on Sunday, October 11. This is one of our regularly scheduled meetings. Contact your state section trustee or an Executive Committee member with any question, issue, or concern you have regarding the activities of your association. Also, as in the past several years, we will hold a reception, in conjunc-

tion with the Illinois Association, on Sunday evening. If you are attending WEFTEC, please be sure to come to this free event for some fellowship and refreshments. And, please be sure to thank the sponsors whose contributions make this event possible. Once again, we will have two teams participating in the Operations Challenge. We wish them luck and know that, as always, they will represent us well.

So, maybe summertime living hasn't been easy, but it has been interesting, challenging, and exciting. Our work continues to be dynamic, creating opportunities for all of us. I hope to see you at a meeting soon. **CS**

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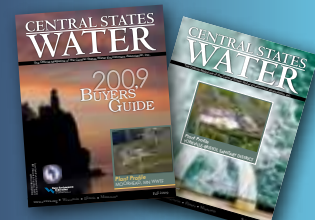
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# BUSY!

Eric R. Lecuyer



As I reviewed each of the messages from our contributors, I came across a common theme...BUSY! We all seem to be incredibly busy and I don't know about you, but it seemed like the summer just shot by, or did I blink? Our lives have become so cramped with activities, deadlines and commitments, we all seem to rush from one to the next, without time for much of a breath between, let alone a quick stop to smell the roses.

Society has undergone a tremendous change with technology chaining us to our

responsibilities through cell phones, text messages, Twitter (whatever that is) and other tools intended for convenience, but exploited by those who would wish our constant attention; employers, constituents, clients and much more rarely, family. There seems to be no escaping our responsibilities, not even for a few moments and I can think of nothing more rude than receiving a phone call from work when I finally snuck away for a couple of hours of fishing from my canoe. I don't know about you, but I can't seem to bring myself to shut off my cell phone(s),

except when they make me on airplanes. When I do shut them off, my sense of relief is quickly replaced with dread, knowing that there will be several voice mails, tons of emails and even a text or two about picking something up on the way home, (which I don't mind as long as it's beer that's needed!)

Knowing how busy everyone is makes it vitally critical that the time you spend with Central States is well spent, rewarding and enriching. We strive as an association to make each of our events the best they can be, at all levels. We seek feedback to assure that we are exceeding expectations for our various seminars, conferences and other events. We value your feedback and appreciate the time you take from your busy schedules to provide thoughtful constructive criticism or pass along a couple of kudos to a hard working seminar committee. A good deal of time was spent at CSX '09 discussing our

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need to assure that each of our events provides value to our members and is never perceived as a waste of time. Our Technical Program Committee strives to provide the best possible program of wide interest to our many members of diverse backgrounds. Careful thought is put into meeting the educational needs of facility operators, collection system operators, engineers, managers, consultants, academics and equipment manufacturers and representatives when selecting technical papers from the many abstracts submitted. Equally, the Education Seminar Committee spends a tremendous amount of time identifying the best possible speaker for each of the program elements on the topic to be presented. Selected presenters are not just subject matter experts; they are able to present information in a highly meaningful way, assuring that the audience's varying needs are met. We value your time, and value your attendance and support of our many events.


In my last message, I discussed the potential impact of the ARRA "stimulus funds," and I am amazed at just how busy consultants are letting bids. Equipment suppliers, contractors and others are overwhelmed with preparing one bid after another, on a super tight schedule and with even more red tape than ever. Our hope is that this BUSY is good and will lead to a resurgence of jobs and result in the badly needed shot in the arm for our economy. As the floodgates of projects break open, we can only hope that the results are good for all of us and at some point, we can return to a more normal pace of business in a strong and growing economy.

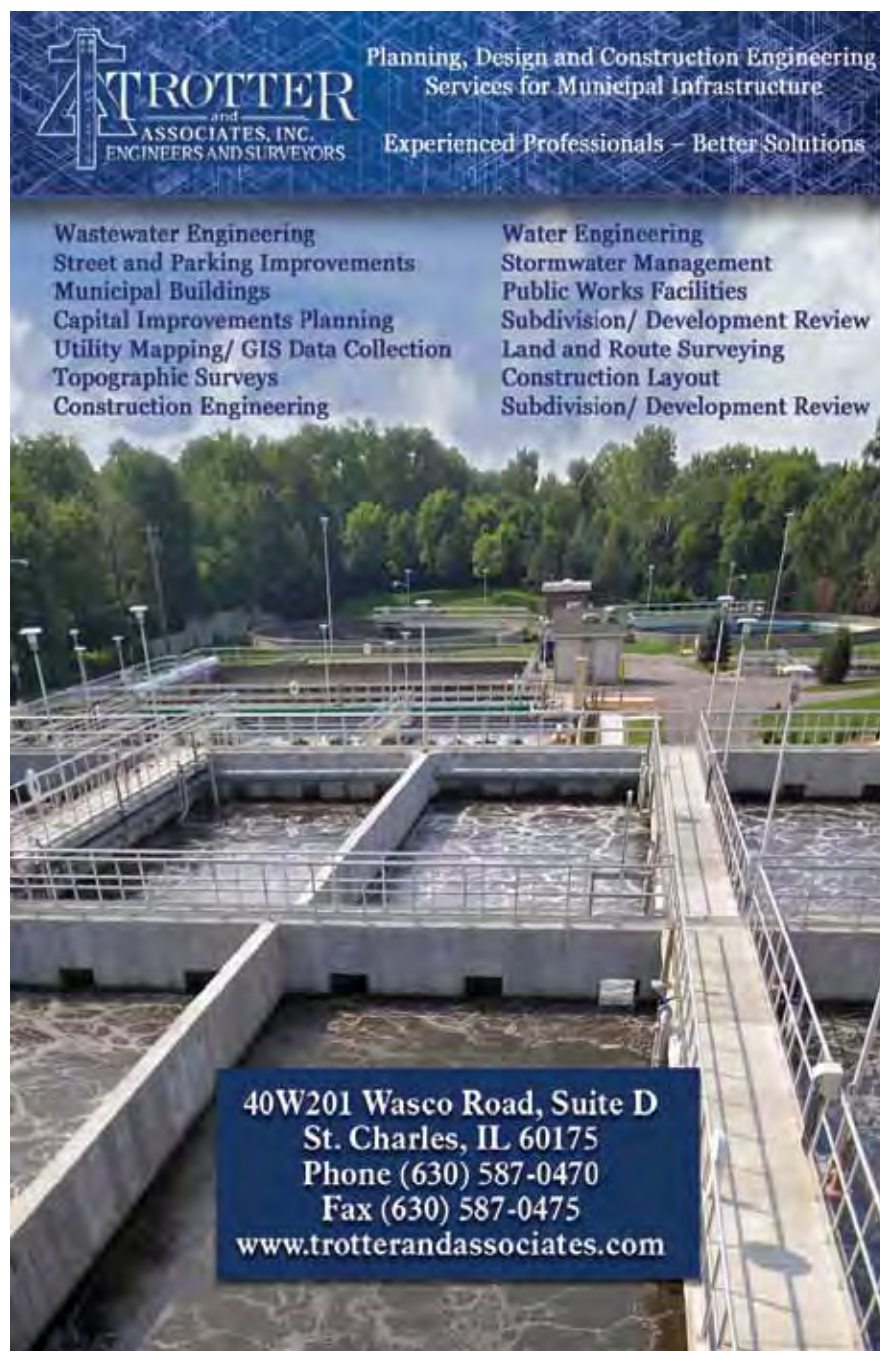
On a final note, in the Summer issue of *Central States Water*, there were many wonderful, high quality photos of our 82nd Annual Meeting. There is a very good reason that the photos were of such quality...I didn't take them. Being the very BUSY guy that I am, I forgot to provide a photo

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credit to my daughter Emily, who is a skilled photographer able to take well composed and in-focus photos, even in the fast moving atmosphere of an awards ceremony. I can only hope that

she has been too BUSY to notice this oversight!

We'll see you at WEFTEC '09...do not miss the CSWEA/IWEA Welcome Reception! 



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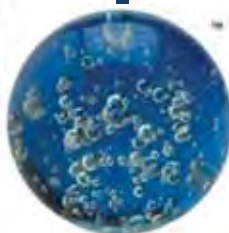
CSWEA and IWEA members are invited to join us for our 14th Annual WEFTEC Welcome Reception, Sunday, October 11, 2009. The reception will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the WEFTEC Host Hotel, The Peabody Orlando Hotel. This event has become the "not to be missed" kick off to WEFTEC and provides an excellent opportunity to meet up with friends and make plans for the week. Our joint Welcome Reception continues to be a wonderful success thanks to the support of our many sponsors. Oops...forgot to become a sponsor, no problem; you can easily register your firm's sponsorship by visiting [www.CSWEA.org](http://www.CSWEA.org). See you all there!

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# WEFTEC '09 for Students and Young Professionals

Several exciting events are in store for our Students and Young Professionals attending WEFTEC '09 in Orlando. Be sure to support our two CSWEA Student Design Teams, who will compete on Sunday, October 11 from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Our team from the University of Wisconsin, Madison will compete in the classic design category, presenting their project "The Application of Co-Digestion in Madison Wisconsin and Surrounding Communities". Presenting will be Josh Gable, Nick Bartolerio, Dan Bauknecht, Michael Sargent, Hiroko Yoshida and Kevin Ziolo. The advisor for the U of W team is Dr. Jae Park. Our team from the University of Minnesota will compete in WEF's new category, for Humanitarian and Environ-



L-R- Hiroko Yoshida, Nick Bartolerio, Dan Bauknecht, Josh Gable

mental projects and present their project, "Water Supply in Rural Uganda". Presenting will be Adam Both, Steve Hankey, Eric Hettler and Greta Schmalle. The U of M team's advisor is Dr. Julian Marshall. Be sure to stop by and see these amazing presentations, support our teams and if you are a consultant looking for the next great young engineer for your firm, see your future.

Other events for students and young professionals include:

University Student Lounge, open Sunday, October 11 through Tuesday, October 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The lounge provides an opportunity for networking, a career fair and a light lunch and refreshments.



L-R- Eric Hettler, Steve Hanke, Adam Both

WEF SYPC Community Outreach Project, Wading Wetlands, a service project to replant, restore and revitalize the wetlands. The project will be undertaken on Saturday, October 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Orange County Utilities Northwest Reclamation Facility in Orlando.

WEF's Student and Young Professionals Committee will meet on Sunday, October 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Student Chapter Annual Meeting will take place on Monday, October 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Young Professionals Technical Sessions are scheduled for Monday, October 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., WEFTEC '09 Session #12, "Sustainable Solutions in Wastewater Treatment" and Session #38, "Achieving Low Nitrogen Limits with IFAS, MBBR and MBR".

The Student and Young Professional Networking and Career Fair will be on Monday, October 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Poster Symposium will be Monday, October 12 from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.

The Young Professional Reception will also be on Monday, October 12, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. [CS](#)

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# Support Your CSWEA Operations Challenge Teams

Once again, for the 22nd year, CSWEA will be entering two teams, the Pumps and the Shovelers to compete in Operations Challenge at WEFTEC '09 in Orlando, Florida. Team members have been hard at work preparing at the CSWEA Official Operations Challenge Summer Camp in Madison Wisconsin. When team members broke camp, they were highly confident having worked to sharpen their wastewater skills.

The Pumps are comprised of Coach Rich Ashling, Captain Dennis Egge (Janesville, WI), Robert Barnard, (Moline, IL), Darsey Thoen, (Moorhead, MN) and Ken Bloom, (Marathon, WI).

The Shovelers team is lead by Coach Jim Miller, Captain Jim Huchel (Crystal Lake, IL), Matt Schmidt (Kaukauna, WI),

Lyle Lutz (Plover, WI) and Todd Carlson, (Duluth MN)

The Central States Water Environmental Association is pleased to offer sponsorship opportunities for our 2009 Operations Challenge Teams. As in the past years, this unique opportunity is offered to members of Central States first, including members, equipment suppliers, engineers and others so you may join in our association's participation in Operations Challenge '09. Your participation will not only enhance the Operations Challenge '09 Teams' ability to prepare and compete, it will continue to promote the association's objective of fostering interaction between all members. We believe that a high profile, professional image is presented by the Central States Operations Challenge Teams, and your participation may supplement your marketing plan and the

portrayal of your service or product.

Sponsorship opportunities are limited, and past sponsors will be given the first opportunity to join the 2009 effort. The deadline for receiving sponsorship is October 2, 2009. We are excited about the WEFTEC '09 and look forward to carrying your company's logo into the Operations Challenge '09 arena.

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## WHAT YOUR SPONSORSHIP PROVIDES

Funding of the CSWEA Operations Challenge comes from a number of sources. First, CSWEA provides significant funding for the entry fee, as well as a travel stipend for those team members whose employer does not cover team members travel expenses. The individual State Sec-



tions of Central States also provide funding to their team members, again based on un-reimbursed travel expenses. Finally, sponsorship monies supplement the funds available from Central States, and off set some of that cost to the association. It has been an important factor that team members have the opportunity to receive reimbursement travel expenses because it has allowed many more members to become involved in the association. Since our teams are comprised of members from each state, it is important that we have the opportunity to practice together as a unit, since the level of competition has increased over the years.

Thanks to our sponsors, more new people have had the opportunity to participate in this exciting event, regardless of their employer's participation. This further enhances the association by involvement of more members, and facilitating the interaction of members from all geographical locations as well as membership type, whether as a PWOD member, corporate member, equipment supplier, member of academia or the engineering profession.

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# THE GREAT SUPER BOWL ADVENTURE

By Dan Lynch


Have you ever wanted to go to the Super Bowl? Maybe make a weekend of it? It could be fun, but \$800 game tickets, airfare, hotel rooms; it all gets pretty expensive. I never thought I would be going to a Super Bowl; it's hard enough just to get Packer tickets. So how did my wife, Patty and I end up in Tampa Bay at Super Bowl XLIII watching one of the best football games ever? Actually, it was simple. I just had to take a little chance and hope for some luck. I entered a drawing (It's a lot like a raffle, but I don't think I am supposed to say raffle). I didn't expect to win, I entered because it was for a good cause, but as they say – you can't win if you don't play. So read the rest of this article, get out your checkbook (or credit card) and buy a ticket. Only 300 tickets will be available so your chances of winning are pretty good. Don't wait too long or you'll be watching Super Bowl XLIV

from your brother-in-law's couch.

Last year was the first time Central States was involved in The Great Super Bowl Adventure. The grand prize is an all expense paid trip for two to the Super Bowl, a value of about \$6,000. The trip lasts five days (four nights) and includes round-trip airfare to Miami, hotel accommodations, two Super Bowl XLIV tickets and an assortment of VIP/NFL activities. All of the proceeds go to Water for People (WFP), the charity of choice of the Central States Water Environment Association and the Water Environment Federation. The mission of Water for People is to help people in developing countries improve the quality of their life by helping them obtain sustainable drinking water supplies and sanitation facilities. It has helped almost 100,000 people in four continents since it started in 1991. WFP saves lives. It saves children's

lives. WFP is a great organization with a noble cause and deserves as much support as we can give it. Over the years Central States has donated thousands of dollars to WFP and we are always looking for ways to raise more. The Great Super Bowl Adventure is a good way to raise money for this worthwhile cause. Have you found your checkbook yet?

I don't think it's possible to have more fun at a football game than Patty and I had at Super Bowl XLIII. It is an amazing experience, both the game itself and the fanfare leading up to the game. The NFL experience is like a football-focused state fair set up next to the stadium that is open for days before the game. The NFL has events scheduled every day leading up to the Super Bowl. You can golf with NFL celebrities; you can dance and have dinner with the NFL celebrities. You can even bowl with them if you want to. When we got to our seats, we were surrounded by Pittsburgh fans who wanted to know who we were cheering for. I said the Packers. We were adopted by the Pittsburgh fans for the rest of the game. They are good fans. The half-time show with Bruce Springsteen, the fireworks, everything was pretty amazing, but the game itself was fantastic. On our way home Patty and I were talking about going to Miami, even if we didn't win the Great Super Bowl Adventure again, but I have already made my donation.

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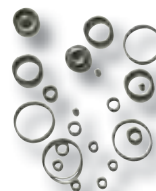
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# CSWEA's CSX/YPX '09 wrap-up



Once again, leaders from CSWEA at all levels gathered at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells for two days of brainstorming and strategic planning on ways to improve our association. This was a great event with plenty of interaction between committees and our three sections. Here is a rundown of the Big Ideas that we compiled at CSX '09.

## Big Ideas

1. Forge a stronger relationship between State Section Committees, CSWEA Committees and the corresponding WEF Committee by:
  - a. Committee Exchange Meetings at the Annual Meeting
  - b. Section or CS Committee member to act as liaison with WEF Committee
  - c. Set up quarterly conference calls for corresponding State Section Committees, invite WEF Committee leader to participate.
2. Strengthen committees at all levels, reinforce committees with well defined purpose, action plans and committee leadership succession plans.
3. Use Ad Hoc Anaerobic Digester Foaming committee as prototype for filling our member's technical assistance needs.
4. Seek to co-sponsor Annual Meetings and other events with state and local operator groups.
5. Participate in and support state and local operator group events.
6. Include option for non-CSWEA members to become Associate Members and annual Education Seminar.
7. Welcome/Thank you for joining or renewing membership letter (or email) with committee information to all new/renewal members each month.
8. I.D. new members at Annual Meeting, invite them to join committees and get involved.
9. Identify CSWEA with World Water Monitoring Day test kits, our future members.
10. Heavily promote "cost effective CEU's" at MWIE.
11. Solicit and screen papers from Grad and Undergrad students for Annual Meeting.
12. Separate solicitations for Student Papers and Student Design Competitions to prompt more interest.

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13. Make contact with Student Chapters soon after start of school year, update contact info and link to website.
14. Investigate Ontario WEA's Student Chapter Exchange program and replicate.
15. Publish testimonials from Students on the great experiences they have had at CSWEA and WEF-SJWP events.
16. Conference Call between CSWEA Student Chapter Liaisons prior to school year.
17. Provide start up funds for Student Chapter each year, tied to receiving annual report, officer's list and contact info, chapter roster.
18. Facebook pages for Student Chapters.
19. Co-sponsor social events with State AWWA Chapters.
20. Sr. members need to get YPs to events. Sell senior members on benefits of getting YPs to events.
21. YP Designation in Technical Program for Annual Meeting to ID YPs.
22. YP as moderators for technical sessions at Annual Meeting.
23. Include YP on LAC committees.
24. Set tangible goals for YP committee, meaningful activities.
25. YP connection through e-blasts to YPs Facebook, Twitter etc.
26. Set goal of having an YP on every Section and CSWEA Committee, where practical.
27. Future YPX to be in form of Boot Camp for young engineers covering marketing, project management, etc. Possibly tied to Ed Seminar opposite of Student Design Competition.
28. Retool YPX as Leadership Academy.
29. Oh yeah, and keep having fun!

What a great CSX! You do not want to miss CSX '2010 scheduled for July 15-16, 2010 again at the Kalahari. [CS](#)





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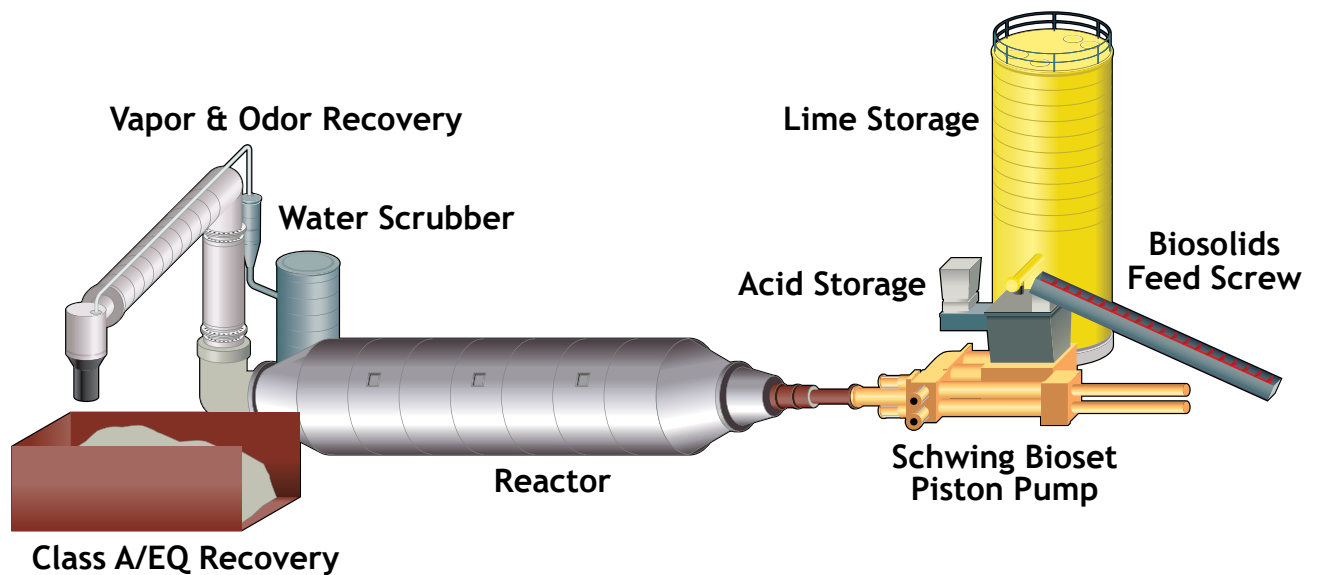
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# Here Comes the 5th Annual Midwest Water Industry Expo

By Jay Kemp, Dan Lynch and Dan Duchniak



Can you believe that the Annual Midwest Water Industry Expo is five years old? That's right; the 5th expo will be on Tuesday and Wednesday February 9-10, 2010 at the Kalahari. Plan on attending, the expo is everybody's favorite mid-winter getaway. Our first four expos were great and we expect even more fun and good sharing of information in 2010. After returning to the Kalahari last year, we continued a trend of increasing both the number of people attending and the number of exhibits. We expect this growth trend to continue and are planning to be even bigger next year. If you haven't ever been to the expo or you haven't gone recently, come see what you've been missing.

The expo has been enjoyed by the attendees and exhibitors. Both groups found it to be a productive and valuable use of their time. Everyone leaves looking forward to next year. Over the years, a lot of people have brought their families so they can give them a little break from winter at the Kalahari's Water Park. You get a room with up to four water park passes for only \$99.

Last year's emphasis was on improving the vendor talks, getting more operator credits and generating more floor traffic in the exhibit hall. For next year we will concentrate on bringing more equipment into the hall. The expo is intended to be a means to bring utility personnel (or anyone in this profession) into contact with equipment suppliers and manufacturers to promote the free exchange of information. Essentially our goal is to bring a quality water and wastewater exposition to the upper Midwest so operators and others can see equipment that they wouldn't normally have a chance to see.

The expo is the exhibitors' opportunity to present their goods and services to their

customers and potential customers early in the year when purchases are being considered and to provide the opportunity for open dialogue with the vendors for awareness of upcoming projects and utility needs. The Midwest Water Industry Expo accomplishes that goal.

So besides the numerous comments from vendors and attendees alike that the expo was a hit, here's some fun facts about last year's expo:

- Last year, the fundraising raffle gave away well over \$5,000 in prizes including a 42-inch flat screen television, three smaller flat screen televisions and many other exciting prizes. Over the years, the raffle has given away \$20,000.
- The raffle proceeds of over \$2,000 went to Water For People and Wisconsin Water for the World on behalf of Central States and WWA. This raffle has raised over \$10,000 for these two causes.

- More than 400 individuals, not counting exhibitors, attended the expo.
- 95 exhibit spaces were used.
- Held 32 half-hour vendor presentations where vendors could talk specifically about the products they represent.
- Four CEUs per day, up to a total of eight for water or wastewater.
- Continental breakfast and lunch provided both days.
- Meet and greet from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9.

Planning is already under way for the expo, but it's not too late to get involved. If you would like to help on the expo committee, send an email to Jill Duchniak ([jill@wiawwa.org](mailto:jill@wiawwa.org)) or talk to anyone on the committee. So thanks to those of you who attended a previous expo, and be sure to come back for the 5th! Bring a friend.

See you at the Kalahari. **CS**

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# STOCKHOLM JUNIOR WATER PRIZE NATIONAL COMPETITION – ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Our two students from Minnesota and Wisconsin, Megan Miller and Jamie Molloy, traveled to Anchorage, Alaska in late June to compete in the national SJWP competition. Both had a wonderful time, meeting many fellow students from around the country with awesome projects and presentations. While their projects were not judged to be in the top three, they did a great job representing CSWEA.



Megan Miller (Center)



Jamie Molloy

## 2009 U.S. NATIONAL WINNER: EILEEN JANG – NORTH CAROLINA

Abstract: Mercury (Hg) is an environmental contaminant that is neurotoxic to humans, particularly to individuals exposed through consumption of fish. In aquatic environments, Hg-sulfides, such as HgS nanoparticles, are precursors to methylmercury, the form of Hg that bioaccumulates in fish. Current knowledge is limited regarding processes through which HgS nanoparticles persist. The goals of this study were to: 1) synthesize uncapped HgS nanoparticles, 2) characterize these nanoparticles, and 3) test aggregation rates of nanoparticles in solutions simulating natural conditions. A novel aqueous synthesis process for uncapped nanoparticles was developed using a controlled precipitation process. The resulting metacinnabar-HgS(s) was characterized through transmission electron microscopy, energy dispersive x-ray spectroscopy, and x-ray diffraction spectroscopy. Using dynamic light scattering, the aggregation rate of HgS nanoparticles was found to increase as salinity increased. Furthermore, the aggregation rate decreased in the presence of cysteine, an organic acid prevalent in sediment porewater. Through comparison of cysteine to a structurally-similar organic acid, serine, it is believed that the sulfhydryl group in cysteine is responsible for controlling aggregation rates. By studying the biogeochemical processes of these ubiquitous nanoparticles in aquatic systems, this research has deepened the understanding of mercury in its aqueous phase and furthered the emerging field of nogeoscience.

## 2009 U.S. NATIONAL FINALISTS: SCOTT BOISVERT – ARIZONA

Abstract: Chytridiomycosis, a disease caused by the fungus *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*, is threatening amphibian populations worldwide. This research evaluated how the aquatic environment of a host amphibian influences the growth of *B. dendrobatidis*; specifically, the water chemistry. Amphibian habitats were identified for water sampling to represent the major Arizona watersheds, allowing diversity in geographic conditions believed to impact the water chemistry of a site. Bioassay experimentation measured optical density over time, indicating the fungus' growth within each water sample. Ion Chromatography (IC) and Ion-Coupled Plasma Spectrometry (ICP) documented the water chemistry. A step-wise multiple regression analysis ( $\alpha=0.1$ ) isolated the factors significant to *B. dendrobatidis* growth. Elements were identified as potential inhibitors or facilitators, and bioassay experimentation evaluated their impact on growth. Concluding, the aquatic environment does affect *B. dendrobatidis*, as growth responses varied dependent upon the chemical composition of the site ( $R^2=99.91\%$ ) and varied with geographic location. This project helps to interpret the impact of the aquatic environment on *B. dendrobatidis* growth. Chytridiomycosis is a global problem, and trends observed in Arizona may help others regions, working to promote a universal solution.

## COLLIN MCALILEY – FLORIDA

**Abstract:** This project investigated a potentially exciting chemical approach to mitigating the effects of Florida harmful algal blooms (HABs) using the amino acid derivative, cysteine methyl ester (CME). *Karenia brevis*, the alga causing Florida HABs, releases powerful neurotoxins called brevetoxins. CME was evaluated because it is known to chemically neutralize brevetoxins by molecular binding. The departure point for this project was to investigate how long a single CME treatment would

effectively neutralize brevetoxins, in vitro, at typical Gulf of Mexico summer and winter temperatures, 29°C and 18°C respectively. Sonicated *Karenia brevis* was combined with artificial seawater, treated with CME, and incubated. The incubated samples were processed using Solid Phase Extraction (SPE) to collect the resulting toxins and derivatives. SPE eluted products were analyzed for brevetoxin content using High Performance Liquid chromatography–Mass Spectrometry. Results showed CME to be very effective in neutralizing brevetoxins. A single CME

treatment remained 100% effective for 37 days and partially effective for at least seven additional days. Temperature was not found to have a significant influence on how long a treatment was effective ( $P=0.0978$ ).

## LI BOYNTON – TEXAS

**Abstract:** The narrow detection range of conventional chemical specific tests necessitates the development of an efficient and versatile assay for the detection of a broad range of water contamination. The presence of such chemicals in domestic water supplies as well as in developing countries also demands a cheaper biotoxicity assay to improve public health worldwide. Thus, research was conducted to explore the effect of six contaminants on the bioluminescence of the bacterium *Vibrio fischeri*, including  $\text{CuSO}_4$ ,  $\text{ZnSO}_4$ ,  $\text{NaNO}_3$ ,  $\text{HgCl}_2$ , Atrazine, and Permethrin. A decrease in *V. fischeri*'s bioluminescent properties was correlated to the presence of contamination. Bacteria were cultured in both liquid flasks and agar plates, and contaminants were added according to EPA values. To evaluate bioluminescence, cultures were photographed at 30-second exposure in a lightproof box containing a digital camera connected to a PC. Each image was analyzed using the Image J's Batch Measure Macro to obtain its mean light intensity value. The average of multiple trials verified the adverse effect of all contaminants on bioluminescence within 150 minutes of introducing the contaminants. [CS](#)

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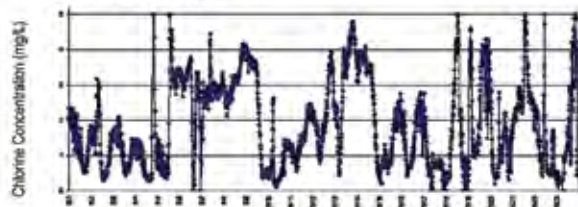
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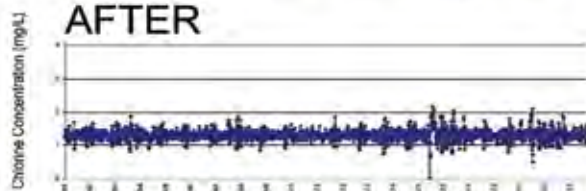
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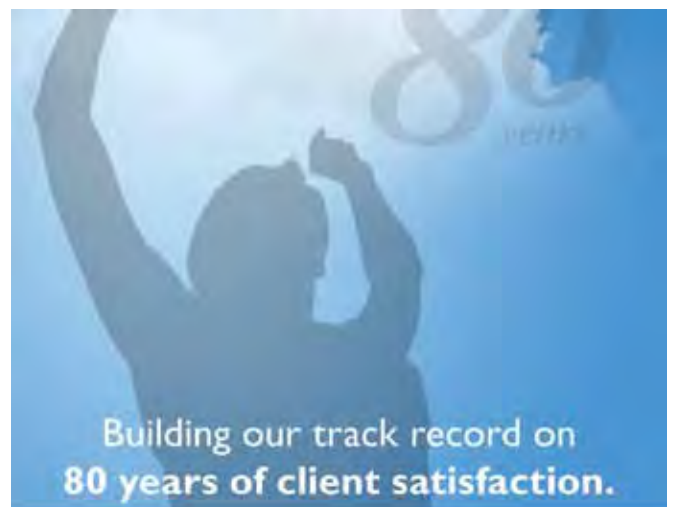


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## Plant Profile By Andy Bradshaw

# CITY OF MOORHEAD, MN WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

The City of Moorhead Wastewater Treatment Facility (MWWTF) service area includes the City of Moorhead, City of Dilworth, and the Town of Oakport, MN. There are approximately 15,600 connections, 178 miles of collection system, and 43 lift stations serving a population of 41,334 residents. Average flow to the MWWTF is 4.5 MGD with a design flow of 6.0 MGD and an average wet weather design flow of 9.0 MGD.

### Wastewater and solids treatment process

At the MWWTF, preliminary treatment consists of bar screens, aerated grit removal, and a 1.1 MG equalization basin. Flow from preliminary treatment is routed to one of two parallel liquid process trains. Each train consists of a primary clarifier, a high-purity oxygen activated sludge aeration basin, and two final clarifiers. Following final clarification, flow from each train is combined and directed to three polishing ponds (1.1, 3.0, and 4.9 acres, respectively) operated in series. Between the #1 and #2 polishing ponds is a moving bed biofilm reactor (MBBR) for nitrification. Chlorine gas is used for disinfection and sulfur dioxide gas is used for removal of chlorine residual. A nearly two-mile-long outfall pipe transports treated wastewater to the Red River of the North where the outfall discharges a little more than eight river miles upstream of the neighboring City of Fargo, ND wastewater outfall.

Settled solids and scum collected in the primary clarifiers is pumped directly to one of two high-rate primary anaerobic digesters. The other digester receives waste activated sludge (WAS) and secondary scum after it is thickened by one of two gravity belt thickeners. Gravity belt thickener filtrate is sent to the headworks. Solids are treated to Class B standards in the two anaerobic digesters. A third digester can be operated as a primary digester, but the heating and mixing systems are turned off. This third digester provides temporary storage and is equipped with a membrane gas holding cover and stores gas from all three digesters. Digester gas is burned in a dual fuel boiler for heat recovery and a waste gas burner flares any excess gas. Treated

biosolids are pumped from the secondary digester to an underground biosolids storage facility. In the storage facility, biosolids are gravity thickened with the supernatant being returned to storage basins in the headworks for controlled pumping to the plant. Thickened biosolids are provided to area farmers and land applied for free.

There are 19 full-time and four part-time employees responsible for all plant and collection system operations, maintenance, laboratory, and administrative duties. In addition, MWWTF staff operate and maintain 124 miles of storm sewer, 89 stormwater ponds, 15 stormwater lift stations, and nine flood control lift stations. A supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system is used to monitor both the plant and all lift stations. Process instrumentation and SCADA work is performed by in-house staff.

### Facility improvements

Since the facility was placed online in 1983, a number of improvement projects have been completed. In 1987, difficulties with an ozone disinfection system prompted switching to chlorine disinfection. In 1994, the biosolids storage facility was constructed. The MBBR went online in 2003 as one of the first municipal tertiary applications in the country. In 2004, a headworks project included the addition of new force mains, a new influent channel, the equalization basin, new primary clarifier and final clarifier flow division structures, and replacement of grit handling equipment. During the past year, a solids handling





improvement project was completed that included:

- Replacement of gas heating and mixing systems in the digesters with jet mixing and spiral heat exchangers.
- Replacement of floating digester covers with two fixed covers and a gas-holding membrane cover.
- Replacement of dissolved air flotation (DAF) thickeners with gravity belt thickeners (GBT).
- New boilers for digester and plant heating systems.
- Purchase of 200 acres of farmland which is leased to farmers with provisions to facilitate biosolids disposal.
- Expansion and remodeling of the administration building and lab.

The GBTs thicken WAS to approximately 6% total solids versus only 3.0 to 3.5% using the old DAF thickeners. This volume reduction also results in less digested sludge being pumped to

the biosolids storage facility and less biosolids supernatant return to the headworks. Digester gas production has increased and the new membrane cover and new boiler systems have improved gas storage and utilization capabilities.

### Industrial pretreatment

Industrial flow accounts for roughly 25 percent of the billable flow to the MWWTF and 35 percent of the influent CBOD<sub>5</sub> load. The largest industrial user is a barley malting facility with a discharge of approximately 0.6 MGD at 500 mg/L CBOD<sub>5</sub>. A hydro-sieve at the malting facility is used to remove excess barley solids and the relatively steady 24-hour per day discharge prevents loading and flow spikes at the MWWTF. There is one very high strength hauled discharge to the MWWTF from a contractor

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## 2009 flood event challenges

In March and April of 2009, a record flood event occurred on the Red River of the North. During the flood, portions of the sanitary sewer collection system were inundated with river water requiring numerous bypasses from the system to prevent or minimize threats to public health, safety, and severe property damage. Further compounding the flood fight, 3.7 inches of rain and over 17 inches of snow fell within nine days and much of the runoff could not be drained by gravity to the river. In order to protect other parts of the system, three lift stations in an evacuation zone had to be turned off. In addition to bypasses from the collection system, the flood event required emergency operational measures to be implemented at the Moorhead Wastewater Treatment Facility. Due to the high river level, the outfall pipe couldn't handle all the flow and threatened to flood parts of the

plant. A portable pump was used to send flow from the polishing ponds to a drainage ditch which ultimately flowed to the river and reduced backup in the outfall pipe. Facility staff worked around the clock to keep wastewater, storm, and flood systems operating. [CS](#)



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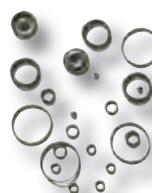
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Jefferson County, WI, June 14, 2008. A road is washed out from the flooding of the Crawfish river. Many roads had been washed out or under water in Iowa, Wisconsin and Indiana. Barry Bahler/FEMA

By Dan Lynch, Janesville Water & Wastewater Utilities

# WisWARN: Operational and Growing

A statewide mutual aid response and assistance program primarily for water and wastewater utilities has been formed in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network, or WisWARN, was created to provide a method to allow a utility from one community to help a utility in another

community with personnel and resources following a natural or manmade disaster. This program is operational and growing. The establishment of this mutual aid network will help ensure that vital services remain operational during and after disasters (such as the flooding in southern Wisconsin last year).

With the support of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) the WisWARN mutual aid agreement and website were developed. The mutual aid agreement is the basic document that allows its member municipalities to participate in what is essentially an intergovernmental agreement. The intergovernmental agreement approach was used because it allows participating municipalities to maintain their governmental immunities and liability limits. The WisWARN mutual aid agreement provides the overall operating rules for participating utilities during a crisis. The agreement was a consensus document by a group of attorneys representing the cities of Madison and Milwaukee; the Green Bay Water Utility; the Milwaukee, Madison and Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage Districts; and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

The WisWARN website ([www.WisWARN.org](http://www.WisWARN.org)) is an important communication tool during emergencies, but it also serves other purposes. It contains the master resource inventory of available personnel and resources available from member utilities and emergency contact information.



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Member utilities can go to the website to update their information and, during emergencies, a utility requesting assistance goes to the website to find the nearest needed resource(s). The contacted utility determines if it can respond and if it can't, the next utility with the needed resource is contacted. Initiating a WisWARN request for assistance is as simple as sending an email or making a phone call. Not only does this process allow for a very quick response, but the local municipality remains in charge and gets only the resources it has requested.

Other benefits of joining WisWARN include:


- There is no cost to join or annual cost to belong to WisWARN.
- There is no commitment or obligation to respond to any request for assistance. No WisWARN member is ever required to respond to a particular disaster.
- WisWARN uses a single statewide agreement which establishes uniform administrative and operational procedures concerning: insurance, workers compensation, equipment rental rates, etc., and measures relating to actual response procedures in the field.
- Unlike many emergency response programs, WisWARN can be implemented locally without a state or local "emergency declaration."
- WisWARN allows local control of all response activities.
- WisWARN does not supersede other local government mutual aid agreements.
- It allows specialized operations such as water and wastewater utilities to be

assisted by people with similar training, knowledge and experience.

- WisWARN can be used during non-emergencies to locate unusual repair parts or equipment or just to obtain advice.
- It will facilitate local training and preparation for natural and manmade disasters.

The WisWARN concept has been endorsed by most of the state and national professional water associations. In addition, the Wisconsin Alliance of Cities, the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, the WDNR and other state agencies support WisWARN and its goal of a statewide utility-to-utility mutual aid program.

The following is the current list of WisWARN members. A similar number of utilities have made a verbal commitment to join and are somewhere in the process of getting commission or council approval.

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  2. Elkhorn – Water and Wastewater
  3. Friendship – Water and Wastewater
  4. Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District
  5. Green Bay – Water
  6. Janesville – Water and Wastewater
  7. Jefferson – Water and Wastewater
  8. Kenosha – Water and Wastewater
  9. Lancaster – Water, Wastewater and Public Works
  10. Lake Geneva – Water, Wastewater and Public Works
  11. Lodi – Water and Wastewater
  12. Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District
  13. Milwaukee – Water
  14. Platteville – Water and Wastewater
  15. Plymouth – Water and Wastewater
  16. Racine – Water and Wastewater
  17. Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District
  18. Stevens Point – Water and Wastewater
  19. Watertown – Water, Wastewater and Public Works
  20. Wausau – Water and Wastewater
  21. Weston – Water and Wastewater
- Go to [www.WisWarn.org](http://www.WisWarn.org) and join WisWARN or send me an email. It is easy to join and will be good for your community. Thanks to all of you! 



La Crosse, WI, August 25, 2007. A hazmat firefighter from La Crosse, WI climbs into the response truck after successfully salvaging a damaged container containing hazardous materials in Southwest Wisconsin. A train derailed when flood waters hit the train. Photo by Patsy Lynch/FEMA

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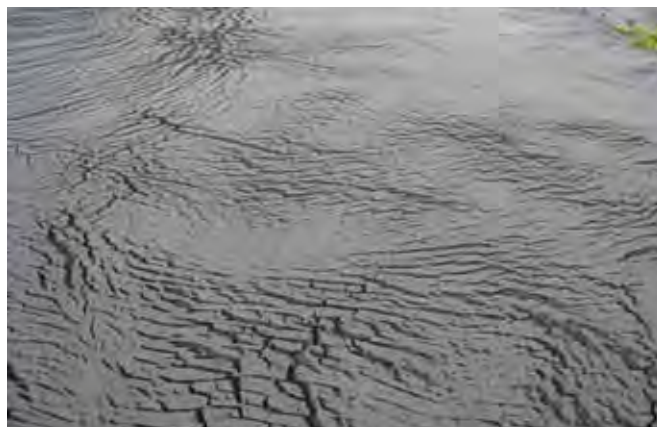
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# Formation of Ad Hoc Committee on *Anaerobic Digester Foaming*



By Jeff Brochtrup

As Eric Lecuyer mentioned in his Executive Director's Message in the summer issue of *Central States Water*, a group of attendees at the 82nd CSWEA Annual Meeting in May identified a common interest in anaerobic digester foaming. After further discussion following the conference, CSWEA President Rusty Schroedel has decided to appoint an ad hoc committee to address the topic. Jeff Brochtrup of the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District has been appointed the chair of the committee. The committee has been established with two members from each section, representing facilities, consultants or academia from each State Section, in

addition to the Chair, CSWEA President and Executive Director. Members include Dan Zitomer from Marquette University, Steve Reusser from the Madison Metro facility, Scott Trotter of Trotter and Associates, Jim Huchel of Crystal Lake IL facility and Al Parrella from WLSSD and Bob Stark from Red Wing, MN. If you are interested in serving on the committee or tracking the work of the committee feel free to contact Jeff Brochtrup at [JeffB@madsewer.org](mailto:JeffB@madsewer.org) or Eric Lecuyer at [cswea@ymail.com](mailto:cswea@ymail.com).

The general committee charge is to plan and execute activities to enhance the awareness and knowledge of

anaerobic digester foaming. Initial ideas on activities to undertake are a survey on the extent and nature of anaerobic digester foaming and a workshop on the same topic. The committee charge specifically asks that the group develop, and implement a pilot operations workshop on anaerobic digester foaming.

The original idea that surfaced at the annual conference was to have an informal meeting of several agencies with an interest in digester foaming. After a number of members came forward to volunteer that they were dealing with foaming issues at their plants or for their clients the idea evolved to form a larger working group to meet and exchange information about digester foaming. It has since evolved into a working group that is a formal ad hoc committee of the association. There are several reasons for this. One, interest in forming a group seems to be fairly widespread. Two, formation as an ad hoc committee of the association would allow the association to provide funding for activities if a need is identified. Third, there is an interest in seeing if this effort might be a model of how our association could assist our members in addressing particular interest areas in the future.

Look for updates on committee activities in future issues of *Central States Water* and at the website on the Digester Foaming Workgroup page [www.cswea.org/digester/](http://www.cswea.org/digester/). CS



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# City Of Marshfield

## SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

BY RON DICKRELL

The following are the highlights of the City of Marshfield's sanitary sewer collection system operation and maintenance program:

### CLEANING

Of the 729,000 ft. of sanitary sewer lines, nearly 300,000 are cleaned annually. Using two full-time staff to perform this service in-house saves sewer users \$73,000 per year versus contracting for these services.

### TELEVISIONING

All sanitary sewer lines have been televised with a mainline camera, recorded, and data logged with PipeTech software.

Manholes are also televised, recorded, and data lagged for maintenance

prioritization. All data is then assembled for review by a Clearwater Committee which categorizes and prioritizes each line and/or manhole for repair or replacement.

### GIS

All data is entered into a master Global Information System (GIS) for use by all departments within the city.

With the click of a button all sanitary sewer line manhole videos may be viewed, design data examined, and line and/or manhole condition observed.



## REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS

Over \$1,200,000 per year is allocated for sanitary sewer replacements or repairs. Sanitary sewer lines are replaced by the traditional excavation method or in-place sewer lining is extensively used by the City of Marshfield. Sanitary sewer lining projects have saved over \$1,000,000 per year for the last five years versus excavation projects. In the future, another method that will be used is pipe bursting.

## FLOW MONITORING

Over 20% of the sanitary sewer system is flow monitored each year. The data is collected with five flow monitors owned by the utility. This data is used to identify lines affected by significant inflow/infiltration within the sanitary sewer system.

Conducting this program with our own staff and equipment saves the Utility over \$20,000 per year.

## PRIVATE PROPERTY LATERALS

Private property laterals are found to be a significant source of clearwater entry into the sanitary sewer system. Our staff provides service to the sewer users of televising their laterals to identify defects allowing clearwater entry. A program has also begun whereby private property laterals are voluntarily replaced on new curb and gutter street projects. As further incentive for the homeowner to replace their lateral, the utility is considering forgiving the lateral assessment to the homeowner within the street right of way in return for the owner's commitment to replace their lateral.

## COLLECTION SYSTEM SEMINAR

In cooperation with the Central States Water Environment Assn. Wisconsin Section Collection System Committee, the City of Marshfield Wastewater Utility has hosted two annual "Northwood's" Collection System Seminars in Marshfield. Informative collection system speakers were selected each year and vendors provided information booths and equipment demonstrations for collection system operators. [CS](#)



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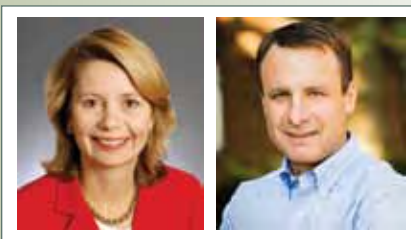
Senator Ellen Anderson will be our opening keynote speaker and will provide us an update on environmental issues currently working their way through the Minnesota legislative process. Senator Anderson was first elected to the Minnesota Senate in 1992 representing several St. Paul neighborhoods. Senator Anderson chairs the Senate Jobs, Energy and Community Development Committee, and is a member of the following Senate Committees: Environment, Agriculture and Economic Development Budget Division, K-12 Budget Division, and Commerce.

She also serves on the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources;

Unemployment Insurance Advisory Board; Legislative Electric Energy Task Force; Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans; and, three committees with the National Conference of State Legislatures: Energy and Electrical Utilities Committee and Communications, Technology and Interstate Commerce Committee; and High-Level Radioactive Waste Working Group. Senator Anderson has been a leader in the areas of sustainable energy policy, affordable housing, family friendly workplace policies and worker rights, violence prevention, progressive tax structures, and inner city revitalization.

Since being elected, Senator Anderson has received numerous awards.

Mr. Jonathan Foley, Director of the Institute on the Environment at the University of Minnesota, where he is a professor and McKnight Presidential Chair in the Department of Ecology, Evolution and



Senator Ellen Anderson

Jonathan Foley

Behavior, will be our lunchtime speaker. He also leads the Ione's Global Landscapes Initiative. Mr. Foley will provide an update on the Institute's research efforts, which encompass 1) energy and climate change, 2) food, land and ecosystems, and 3) fresh water. Foley's work focuses on complex global environmental systems and their interactions with human societies. He and his students have contributed to our understanding of large-scale ecosystem processes, global patterns of land use, the behavior of the planet's climate and water cycles, and the sustainability of our biosphere.

Foley joined the U of M in 2008, after spending 15 years on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, where he founded the Center for Sustainability and the Global Environment. He has won numerous awards and honors, including the National Science Foundation's Faculty Early Career Development Award; the J.S. McDonnell Foundation's 21st Century Science Award; an Aldo Leopold Leadership Fellowship; and the Sustainability Science Award from the Ecological Society of America. In 1997, President Bill Clinton awarded him the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

We will have several other outstanding technical papers and presentations during the day from many of our local talent. We are also planning an Environmental Challenge for the students. [CS](#)

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# Submit for an Award

By Jim Miller

Water and wastewater professionals working in the water quality industry are often overlooked for our critical role in protecting public health and the environment. A top priority of CSWEA each year is to recognize the efforts of our members and water and wastewater professionals at all levels. We also seek to provide top quality nominees to The Water Environment Federation (WEF) each year for national level recognition. In order for you or a deserving colleague to be recognized, submit a nomination to WEF and Central States for one of the many awards available. While our roles are often undervalued and the important tasks we perform as part of our daily activities are invisible to the very public that we protect, submitting for an award can help bring the recognition you deserve. Whether in design, academia, equipment manufacture and supply, management, or operations, many of us know individuals who have successfully addressed unique and challenging issues. All of us know someone we believe to be deserving of recognition. Our awards program offers that opportunity.

Below is a listing of the award opportunities. Sadly, many awards have few or no nominations each year, resulting in a missed opportunity to provide recognition to deserving water quality profes-

sionals. It's time to brag a little bit about the accomplishments of our members. Please carefully review the various awards available and nominate one of our many deserving members.

Please note that award submittals need to be made by November 1, 2009 to allow distribution to the respective CSWEA or WEF Awards Committees for consideration. CSWEA will present the winners with their awards at the 83rd Annual Meeting Awards Banquet, May 13, 2010. WEF awards will be presented at WEFTEC 2010, in New Orleans.

## 2009 CSWEA & WEF AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Nominations are now being accepted for the following WEF awards and should you be aware of a worthy nominee we ask that you please complete and return the bottom portion of this page for consideration. Note that it is OK to self nominate. Each award is briefly described below and complete information may be found on the [www.CSWEA.org](http://www.CSWEA.org) or [www.WEF.org](http://www.WEF.org) websites.

**CHARLES ALVIN EMERSON MEDAL:** This award is presented by WEF to an individual whose contributions to the wastewater collection and treatment industry most deserve recognition. Areas of involvement

include membership growth, water resource protection, improved techniques of wastewater treatment and fundamental research.

**HARRY E. SCHLENZ MEDAL:** This award is presented by WEF and recognizes the achievements of an individual outside of the water environment profession, who takes up the banner of environmental public education. This person is typically in the journalism, film or video production field.

**RICHARD S. ENGLEBRECHT INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES SERVICE AWARD:** This award is presented by WEF and recognizes sustained and significant contributions to the furtherance and improvement of the activities of the Water Environment Federation in the international field.

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD:** This award is presented by WEF and CSWEA to the water quality improvement program that best demonstrates significant, lasting and measurable excellence in water quality improvement or in prevention of water quality degradation in a region, basin or water body.

#### GORDON MASKEW FAIR MEDAL:

This award is presented by WEF and recognizes worthy accomplishments in the training and development of future sanitary engineers. Nominee must be a WEF member.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARDS:** There are three categories of Public Education Awards: Individual, Member Association and Other. The awards are presented by WEF and recognize significant accomplishments in promoting awareness and understanding of water environment issues among the general public, through the development and implementation of public education programs.

**GEORGE BRADLEY GASCOIGNE MEDAL:** This award is presented by WEF to the author(s) of an article, which presents the solution of an important and complicated operational problem within a full-scale, operating wastewater treatment plant, which is appropriately staffed. Article must have been

published in a federation or member association magazine/newsletter during the previous year.

**THOMAS R. CAMP MEDAL:** This award is presented by WEF to a member who demonstrates a unique application of basic research or fundamental principles through the design or development of a wastewater collection or treatment system.

**THE PHILLIP F. MORGAN MEDAL:** The Morgan Medal is awarded by WEF and recognizes valuable contribution to the in-plant study and solution of an operational problem. A published paper is not required.

**THE GEORGE J. SCHROEPFER MEDAL:** The Schroepfer Medal is awarded by WEF and recognizes a professional engineer for conceiving and directing the design of a project to achieve substantial cost savings or economic benefit over other alternatives, while achieving environmental objectives.

#### MEMBER ASSOCIATION SAFETY

**AWARD:** This WEF award is presented to a member association to recognize the success of the safety programs in their local wastewater works.

**ARTHUR SIDNEY BEDELL AWARD:** The Bedell is a Federation award that is given annually to one recipient in recognition of outstanding achievement in the sewerage and wastewater treatment works field, as related particularly to the problems and activities of the member association. The Bedell award subcommittee selects the nominations, and the award is presented at the CSWEA Annual Meeting.

**WILLIAM D. HATFIELD AWARD:** The Hatfield Award is a Federation award given annually to one recipient in recognition of outstanding operation of a wastewater treatment plant. Each State Section may nominate one person per year and submit it to the Hatfield subcommittee. This award is presented at the CSWEA Annual Meeting

**OPERATIONS AWARD:** The Operations Award is a Central States award that is given annually to one recipient in each state. The purpose of this award is to recognize operators of wastewater treatment facilities who are performing their duties in an outstanding manner and our demonstrating distinguished professionalism. The States Sections' Committee makes the selection and each State Section winner will receive their award at the CSWEA Annual Meeting.

**RADEBAUGH AWARD:** The Radebaugh Award is given to the author of a deserving paper presented at the previous year's annual meeting. The Radebaugh award subcommittee selects the winner from nominations received and the award is presented at the CSWEA Annual Meeting.

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD:** The Academic Excellence Award is given to one student per year from each eligible institution in the state section hosting the Annual Conference (Minnesota is hosting the next conference.). An eligible institution shall be a college or university having a recognized graduate or undergraduate program in engineering as accredited by



the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. The candidate shall be selected by the Department Chairman or other designated person at the eligible institution. Selected candidates are able to attend the CSWEA Annual Meeting with expenses paid, to receive their award and scholarship.

**COLLECTION SYSTEM AWARD:** This Award is given annually to one member from each section in recognition of outstanding contributions in advancing collection system knowledge and direct or indirect improvement in water quality. Each State Section Collection System Committee can nominate one individual per year with the selected candidate receiving the award at the CSWEA Annual Meeting. The recipient of the Association Award shall be nominated annually for the WEF Collection System Award.

**GEORGE W. BURKE SAFETY AWARD:** The Burke Award is made annually by WEF to a municipal or industrial wastewater facility for promoting an active and effective safety program. Each State Section Committee can nominate a facility and the nominations are then sent to the general awards committee. The winner will be presented with the Burke Safety Award at the CSWEA Annual Meeting.

**CENTRAL STATE SECTION SAFETY AWARD:** The CSWEA Facility Safety Award is made annually by CSWEA to a municipal or industrial wastewater facility within each State Section in recognition of active and effective safety programs from Burke Award submissions and the awards are presented at the CSWEA Annual Meeting.

**INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** The award is given at the CSWEA Annual Meeting to one industry per year in recognition of outstanding contributions in waste minimization, pollution prevention, environmental compliance and environmental stewardship. Each State Section Industrial Committee may nominate one facility per year.

**LAB ANALYST EXCELLENCE AWARD:** This is a WEF award that is given annually to one recipient in recognition of

outstanding achievement in the area of water quality analysis. Each State Section Laboratory Committee may nominate one person. This award is presented at the CSWEA Annual Meeting.

**INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** The award is given to one industry per year at the CSWEA Annual Meeting in recognition of outstanding contributions in waste

minimization, pollution prevention, environmental compliance and environmental

**BILL BOYLE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD:** This award is given to one teacher per year in recognition of outstanding education assistance to students of any level in the study of the water environment. The award is presented at the CSWEA Annual Meeting.

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Further information on the above awards can be found at [www.CSWEA.org](http://www.CSWEA.org), [WEF.org](http://WEF.org), or by contacting Eric Lecuyer, 815-954-2714, [cswea@ymail.com](mailto:cswea@ymail.com) 

*Good Luck!*

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Please complete the following information and submit to Jim Miller at [jm55313@yahoo.com](mailto:jm55313@yahoo.com)

Nominations must be received no later than November 1, 2009 for consideration as the Central States WEA Nominee for each award category.

Award Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Contact Information:**

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

WEF member ID \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief description of your nominee's qualifications for the award:

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**Contact info:**

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- To provide a regional (Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin) organization offering multiple opportunities for the exchange of water environment knowledge and experiences among its members and the public and to foster a greater awareness of water environment achievements and challenges.
- Serve the international community of water environment professionals.
- To support and encourage activities and programs within the three states as developed by the members and committees of the State Sections.

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CSWEA activities allow members to establish contacts within their communities, whether facility operators and managers or consulting engineers and ask for counsel and advice on work situations in the water environment field. Attending association functions can provide members with career opportunities.

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## OUR VISION

To provide a Water Environment Federation (WEF) organization (Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin) offering multiple opportunities for the exchange of water quality knowledge and experiences among its members and the public and to foster a greater awareness of water quality achievements and challenges.

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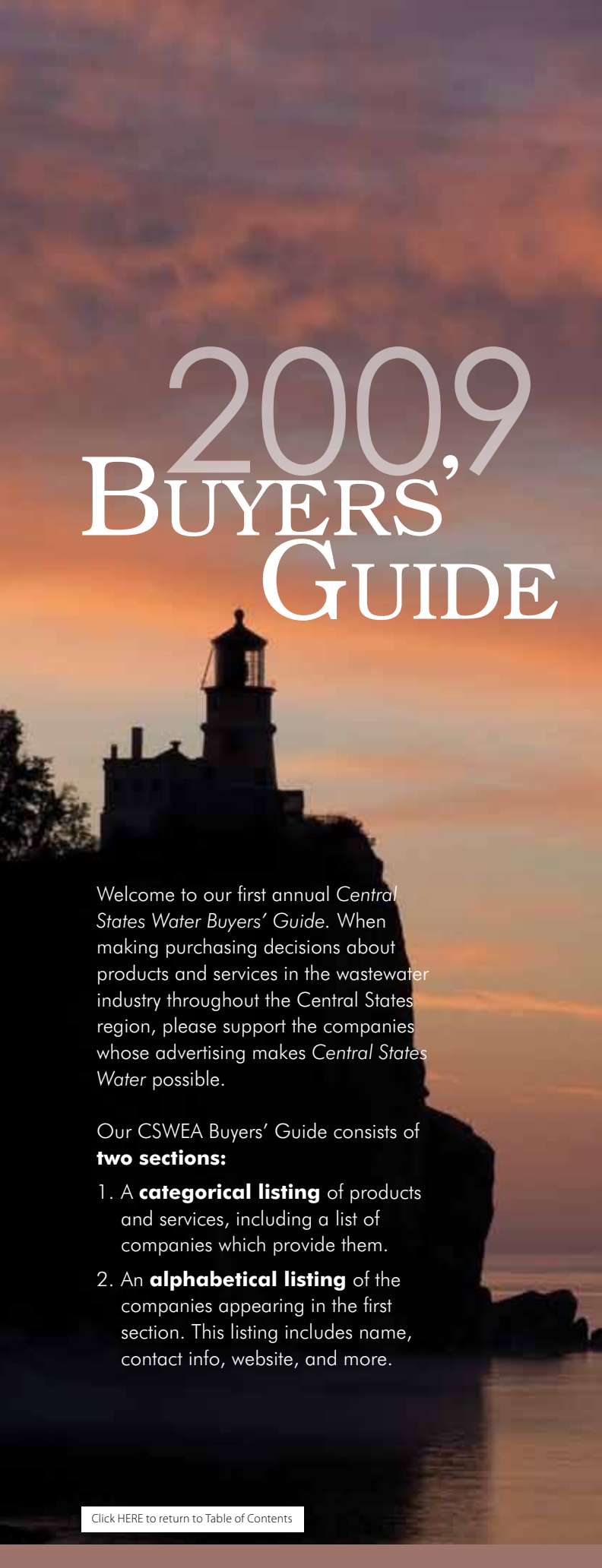
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1. A **categorical listing** of products and services, including a list of companies which provide them.
2. An **alphabetical listing** of the companies appearing in the first section. This listing includes name, contact info, website, and more.

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# Section Event Successes

By Jim Beier

**W**ow! I hope everyone is as busy as I am here in the Wisconsin Section. I would not be surprised if the months of August and September 2009 are remembered as the most active in the water and wastewater municipal bidding market this decade. A mammoth amount of design engineering and project review has been completed – and in record time – and we can expect an equally busy 2010 (and beyond) construction season as a result. I am anxious to see how it all comes together.



CSX '09 went off without a hitch on July 16-17 in the Wisconsin Dells at the Kalahari Resort. Members of all three State Sections were present and we discussed a wide variety of issues affecting our organization including Young Professionals, Membership, Student Chapters, our relationship with WEF and other professional State organizations (like WWOA, WWA and WRWA). If you are interested in our meeting minutes and action items, please contact me and I'll be happy to share.

Our Section is currently enjoying great membership and attendance at many other fine events and seminars. We recently had our Summer Business meeting and follow-on Young Professionals and Seasoned Professionals event at Miller Park. Thank you to Trevor Ghylin for organizing and Tom Mulcahy for setting up the tailgate, tickets, and fun. We had nearly 30 new and veteran Section members at the pre-game festivities and enjoyed a very good baseball game afterwards. Unfortunately the Brewers couldn't come through in the bottom of the ninth inning and lost to the Padres.

The Collection System "Northwood's" Seminar was held in Marshfield, WI on August 6 and it more than DOUBLED its operator attendance from their inaugural seminar last year. Congratulations to the committee leadership of Andrew Craven, Randy Belanger and Todd Stelmacher. We also can't say enough about the efforts of our local arrangers in Marshfield: Jean Coy and Ron Dickrell – fantastic work! If you are a northern Wisconsin operator, engi-

neer or vendor, please plan on attending this collection system seminar next year. There were excellent presentations covering odor control, safety and WDNR updates to the CMOM and CMAR programs.

The CSWEA and WWA joint Management Seminar was held at Cabela's again in mid August in Richfield with excellent attendance and full schedule of speakers and topics. Approximately 45 managers and professionals were exposed to a series of presentations covering topics like asset management and construction claim disputes. My special thanks go out to Paul Nehm, Tom Krueger and Ken

Sedmak as our representatives on this committee. Please note, however, that the committee is looking for new blood and would welcome help from new Section members and Young Professionals. Please contact any of the Section's committee members for more information about joining this committee or helping in any way.

Our Government Affairs Committee is extremely active in many legislative, regulatory and political issues affecting every member of our Section and probably every discharger. The list of activities, discussion boards and sub-committees is too long to mention here, but we do need more interest and support from operators as we work through these issues with Federal, State and Local government officials. Please contact Brandon Koltz or Jane Carlson if you have any questions or suggestions.

Our November Board Meeting will be held in Fond du Lac on the 5th. All Section members are welcome and we encourage you to attend as we plan and budget for the following year.

Please don't forget to support our sponsor charity, Water For People, with the purchase of a \$100 raffle ticket to win two tickets, four nights of lodging, rental car and airfare to the 2010 Super Bowl which will be in Miami, Florida on February 7. Tickets can be purchased via credit card on line at [www.CSWEA.org](http://www.CSWEA.org). Please contact any Section Board member if you are interested in helping with selling raffle tickets to help support this great cause. **CS**

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# A Busy Summer

By Jason Benson

Summer is almost over and it seems like it never started. The weather has certainly been anything but typical. As always the MN Section remains busy planning and attending many events throughout the summer. Here are some of the recent activities.

The **MWOA/CSWEA Summer Laboratory Training Seminar** was held in St. Peter, Minnesota on June 17-18, 2009. Once again this was a successful training seminar that was well attended thanks to the efforts of Marion Graham, Patti Metler, and Mary Ann Baumgart. The main topics included "MDH Accreditation Program Updates" and "Microbiology QC Rule Requirements for the Laboratory."

The **CSWEA CSX&YPX '09** was held July 16-17, 2009 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Several members of the Minnesota Section attended along with their counterparts from Wisconsin and Illinois. This annual event provides an excellent avenue for the exchange of ideas between Sections and committees. Many great ideas, goals, and young professional activities were shared to continue finding ways for making our organization successful as well as rewarding for our members.

The **2009 MWOA Annual Conference** was held July 28-31, 2009 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Pre-Conference activities included a golf tournament, sporting clays, and four-wheeling adventures. Grand Rapids offered a great venue for the conference as well as providing many great activities for the outdoor enthusiasts. Pat Meyer, MWOA president and Stephen Welliver, Grand Rapids Public Utilities Chairman gave the welcome address. The keynote speaker,



Michael Lane, gave a great motivational talk entitled "When You Finally Start Paying Attention – Life Takes on New Meaning." There were several training and technical sessions focused on biosolids, collection systems, and O&M. The conference was well attended. A huge thanks should go out to all of those involved in planning such a successful conference.

Several upcoming events for the MN Section are currently in the planning stage. Upcoming events include:

- November 12, 2009: MN Section CSWEA/A&WMA Conference on the Environment, Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center, MN
- February 2010: MN Section CSWEA/MWOA Annual Innovative Approaches to Wastewater Operational Problems Seminar, St. Cloud, MN

**Please save these dates on your calendar for these important events.**

If you would like to grow professionally and give back to our organization, please consider joining one of the many committees or activities of Central States. Chris Harrington has recently volunteered to become the Stockholm Junior Water Prize Committee Chair. Thank You Chris! We still have a number chair positions to fill including the Vice Chair position for the MN Section. We will need to fill our Vice Chair position at our next meeting in November at the Conference on the Environment so please if you are interested or have someone to recommend please get your names to me. For further information, contact any of the MN Section Committee chairs found on the website: [www.cswea.org/minnesota](http://www.cswea.org/minnesota). 



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# Working Hard for Your Section

By Gary B. Scott, Chair CSWEA Illinois Section

**Y**our State Section continues working hard to improve our organization for you. The Section held its Quarterly Section Meeting on July 14 at the Glenbard Wastewater Authority. Majorities of the Section Chairs were present, and minutes from the meeting can be viewed at <http://www.cswea.org/illinois/section-meetings>. Highlights included:

- At the Annual Meeting the CSWEA Executive Committee approved, and the Section adopted a change in our Section By-Laws which established the position of 2nd Vice-Chair. Election of Dean Wiebenga; Peterson & Matz, as Second-Vice Chair. The Illinois Section believes this will give us quite a better succession plan, and should give us a bit more continuity from year to year. Congratulations Dean!
- Trustee Sue Baert reports WEF is discussing and implementing a program by which to better serve Member Associations. She also commented on World Water Monitoring Day September 18, 2009. During Aug.-Sept. Sample kits are generally distributed to schools/environment clubs.
- Vice-Chair and Membership Chair Eddie McCall reported that he and Scott Trotter, Student Chapter Chair, are coordinating efforts to hit the Student Chapters and Universities at U of I, IIT, and Northwestern as the fall semester begins.
- Young Professional Chair Rich Hussey reported on efforts to sponsor a YP event (more info below).
- Collections System Chair Mark Eddington reported that the Seminar was a great success, and CEUs were qualified by the IEPA for participants. Seminar Proceedings can be found at <http://www.cswea.org/illinois/seminarproceedings>.
- The Illinois Section is investigating a Section social event to be held sometime near the end of summer. This event is intended as a thank-you for participating members and their families, and may be used as a membership event as well. Discussion leans toward an informal picnic type event as yet to be determined.
- Lab Chair Mary Dressel reported on the successful joint CSWEA-IL/IWEA Laboratory Seminar. Seminar Proceedings can be found at <http://www.cswea.org/illinois/seminarproceedings>.
- Steve Bollweg reported planning is progressing for the Operations Seminar to be held at Fox Metro in Aurora on September 17. Information on Seminars is found at <http://www.cswea.org/illinois/events>.
- Maintenance Seminar Chair Doc Burke reported that the seminar will be at the Naperville Training Facility on November 18, with speakers almost finalized. CEUs will again be available as well as a nice lunch.

Discussion on improving committee participation and increasing membership were again a topic, and as an



organization we must strive to include a larger core of our membership. By this writing you will have seen an e-mail blast letter campaign for membership recruitment of co-workers and known associates. If you have any interest in participating to improve our organization, or can recommend someone who might, please contact a Section Officer. You will also find that the Illinois Section is offering Associate Memberships as part of **ALL** seminars at a 50% discount to seminar participants if not CSWEA members.

Valuable networking opportunities and program initiatives are coming up at our seminars. Invite some of your co-workers; reach out to your neighboring agencies. Your participation and input as members is vital to our organization's success.

The Tag-Team roadshow was under way in August as I write this, with Vice-Chair Chair Eddie McCall and Student Committee Chair Scott Trotter off to several college and universities to share their energy, experience, and dedication to help our Section explore ways to better communicate with and involve students in our YP Chapters. I anticipate these two will be back with many good stories of these young groups to tell.

During August and September Trustee Sue Baert and Lab Chair Mary Dressel worked diligently to make World Water Monitoring Day another success. Keeping our school-age children on the road to environmental awareness is one of our key initiatives for both future membership and environmental excellence right there alongside the YP and student teams.

Young Professionals Chair Rich Hussey held an IL Section YP Event co-hosted with IWEA, Saturday August 29, 2009 at Top Golf Chicago; Wood Dale, IL. **Top Golf Chicago** is a sports entertainment complex combining games with great food and an environment you can enjoy year-round. Top Golf featured computerized microchips in every golf ball to track your shots and award points by hitting targets ranging from 20-250 yards away (too short for you, Rich!). The YP session included a golf instructor for 90 minutes with range balls, pop, and appetizers. What a great event for all in attendance and an opportunity to share with those entering the environmental field.

Steve Bollweg was one of the speakers representing CSWEA at the Fox Valley Operators Mini-Conference August 20 at Huntley, IL. This in preparation for the Operations Seminar on September 17, hosted at Fox Metro Water Reclamation in Aurora, IL. Steve promised an excellent line-up of speakers, and lunch is included in each registration. Steve is one the stalwart advocates of the CSWEA and an icon for the Illinois Section. I hope you had time to attend both, as great information is the norm at each.

Doc Burke has the Maintenance Seminar well in hand for November 18 at the Naperville Training Center as you see

above. We expect a large turn-out for this year's impressive line-up of speakers. Last year's comments were fantastic, and Doc is working to exceed last year's quality. Watch the website and your e-mail for the seminar announcement soon.

The annual Government Affairs conference, co-hosted with IWEA, is set for January 27 with a location yet to be established. This is a quality seminar which takes a great deal of effort on the part of both agencies. Anyone with ideas or suggestions should bring them forward quickly.

Our next Section Meeting will be hosted by ESI Consultants, Naperville, IL on October 22. Mark Eddington will

be our host, and information should be out as you read this. Please make sure you forward any items for discussion or consideration quickly.

Vice-Chair Chair Eddie McCall reports initiatives are being developed in support of membership opportunities. At our Annual State Section Meeting, Scott Trotter volunteered to chair the Student Committee. Scott has the right combination of energy, experience, and a dedication to help our Section explore ways to better communicate with and involve students in our YP Chapters. Combine this with Rich Hussey's enthusiasm for the YPs, and we are sure to further develop

these important programs for the future of our Section.

While I will not be attending, those of you planning to attend should look forward to a bigger, better WEFTEC in Orlando, FL. WEFTEC set records for both the technical program and exhibition in Chicago last year. If you can attend, please do! You will learn from your peers about the latest practices, technologies, solutions and regulations in the water quality field; you can choose from a comprehensive list of technical sessions, workshops and facility tours from 15 technical tracks to design your own learning experience. You will earn CEUs by participating in workshops; earn PDHs by attending technical sessions; and earn contact hours by participating in tours and for time spent in the WEFTEC Exhibition. You can get valuable networking with over 20,000 of the world's leading water and wastewater professionals. And you will view the latest, cutting-edge technologies from more than 1,000 leading companies at the largest annual water quality exhibition in the world.

Whatever you decide do, plan to attend the CSWEA Welcome Reception at the Peabody Hotel on October 11, 2009. Meet up with colleagues, renew old friendships, and begin new ones. See if the "Lecuyer Party Machine" can outdo the Annual Meeting at Lincolnshire ... Stay tuned.

Finally, if you want to grow professionally, and give back to your community, please consider joining one of the many committees or activities of CSWEA. Getting involved can change your life and career. Go to <http://www.cswea.org> and take a look around. You're sure to find something that will have a positive impact on you and your career. ☺

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September 17, 2009  
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## OCTOBER

**WEFTEC '09**  
October 10-14, 2009  
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**CSWEA-IWEA WEFTEC '09  
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October 11, 2009  
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October 22, 2009  
Naperville, IL

## NOVEMBER

Deadline to Submit Award Nominations  
November 1, 2009

**WI Section Board Meeting**  
November 5, 2009  
Fond du Lac, WI

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November 12, 2009  
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November 18, 2009  
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**MN Section CSWEA/MWOA  
Collection System Workshop**  
November 20, 2009  
Location TBA

## DECEMBER

**Deadline to Submit Abstracts for  
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December 7, 2009

## JANUARY 2010

**IL Section CSWEA/IWEA  
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January 27, 2010  
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## FEBRUARY 2010

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February 9-10, 2010  
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February 23, 2010  
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