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2012 Chairman  
Chris Klusmeyer



The chairman for 2012 is Christopher C. Klusmeyer. Mr. Klusmeyer is employed with the Southeast Regional office of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Chris received the Southeast Section Kramer Award in 2002 and has been a member of the MWWC for fourteen years. He is a two time board member and was active in the Southeast section prior to becoming a state board member in 2008.

## **New Board Members**

This year the MWWC has two new board members; Jeremy Meyer and Julie Balmas.

Jeremy Meyer is the water plant superintendent for the city of Perryville and holds a class A water supply operators certification. Jeremy has been a member of the MWWC for sixteen years and has served as a section officer for the Southeast Section. Jeremy was the MWWC's Southeast Section's outstanding water plant operator of the year in 1999.

Julie Balmas has been employed with the city of Monett since 1997 and has served as the city's senior purchasing agent/warehouse manager for Monett City Utilities since October 9, 1998. Julie has been a member of the MWWC for thirteen years. She has been an active member of the Southwest Section where she is instrumental in helping to carry out their annual Spring meeting.

## **2012 Board Members...**

### **Officers:**

Chairman	Chris Klusmeyer	MDNR/SERO
Chairman Elect	Chris Brake	Columbia Water & Light
Vice Chairman	Tony Lamb	City of Jefferson
Immediate Past Chairman	Paul Shaw	City of Caruthersville

### **Directors:**

Director 1	Kent Peetz	City of Jackson
Director 2	Julie Balmas	City of Monett
Director 3	Jeremy Meyer	City of Perryville

### **Non-Voting Honorary Board Members:**

Ken Hogan	Retired -- City of St. Louis
Don Rea	City of St. Louis
Todd Baslee	City of Boonville

### **Board Member Emeritus:**

Robert S. Miller	Retired -- MWWC & MDNR
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### **2012 Section Board Reps:**

Will be named at the Section Meetings this coming spring

**Thank you to the East Central section, the Northwest Section, and the Southwest section for donating funds to help sponsor breaks at this year's annual meeting.**

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Mike Morris                      R.E. Pedrotti Co.  
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**New Life Members**

Greg Amsden                      City of Pevely  
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**Award Recipients**

**2011 Kramer Awardees**

East Central: Gary Heggemeyer  
Midwest Section: Jared Boast  
Northwest: Larry V. Hyre  
Southeast: Josh DeFord  
Southwest: William (Pat) Carey



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## 2011 Operators of the Year

East Central: Nick Williams (Wastewater)  
Midwest: J.D. (Justin) Fritchey (Water)  
Northeast: Dennis Cupp (Wastewater)  
Northwest: Ed Sherwood (Water)  
Dwain Parrish (Wastewater)  
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## R.S. Miller Award

Paul Michael Shaw; Caruthersville

## A.V. Graf Award

Kenneth Hogan; St. Louis (Retired)

## Award of Merit

Matthew J. Everts; Moberly

## W. Victor Weir Award

Scott A. Agnew; St. Louis

## State Wide Operator of the Year

Dwain Parrish; N. Kansas City

## Young Professional's Recognitions

Benjamin Sweet; Hayti

## Outgoing Chairman's Award

Paul Michael Shaw; Caruthersville

## Golf Tournament

32 players participated in this year's golf tournament that was played at Lake of the Woods Golf Course in Columbia. Sponsorships for players came from R.H. Tauser & Associates, R.E. Pedrotti Co., Ace Pipe Cleaning, Cahoy Pump Service, Utility Solutions Associates, Inc., Brenntag Mid-South, Sidener Environmental Services, and Illinois Electric Works. Many thanks to Stan Barr for donating embroidered golf towels bearing the MWWC's logo. Each player received a golf towel.

## **Congratulations to the following teams and individuals:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place (\$50.00 each) – Don Uberroth, Edd Reyser, Ray Greek, Nate Runyon  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place (\$30.00 each) – Ed Fisher, Chris Snider, Chris Spry, Jim Judkins  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place (\$15.00 each) – J.C. Vineyard, Ron Garriott, Steve Gordon, Mike Ussery  
Longest Drive (Two St. Louis Rams tickets) Tim Canter  
Closest to the Pin (Two St. Louis Rams tickets) Steve Tauser  
Longest Made Putt (Two free rounds of golf) Steve Gordon

The 2012 golf tournament will be held in Columbia on Monday, September 17th. For more information contact Mike Morris at 636/349-7100 or Floyd Turner at 573/874-6210.

## **50/50 Raffle Winner**

Congratulations to Ken Moser from the Leggett & Platt, Inc. Ken's share of the pot was \$93.00. The remaining \$93.00 was used to offset the cost of the annual technical program and vendor show.

## **Tomahawk Throw Winner**

Congratulations to Jeremy Meyer on winning this year's tomahawk throw. Jeremy won a new tomahawk and the book, "How to Throw a Tomahawk".

## **Plan Ahead to 2012**


### **2012 Section Meetings:**

East Central	Wednesday April 11	St. Peters
Midwest	Thursday May 3	Columbia
Northeast	Tuesday April 10	Macon
Northwest	Thursday April 5	Excelsior Springs
Southeast	Wednesday April 18	Cape Girardeau
Southwest	Tuesday May 1	Monett

## **Upcoming Annual Technical Programs & Vendor Shows**

### **Holiday Inn Executive Center; Columbia**

The dates for the next two annual meetings are September 18 – 19, 2012 and September 25 – 26, 2013.

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## **Central Office News Flash:**

### **Annual Meeting Registration:**

The number of vendors at this year's show was fewer than in the past several years as was the number of individual registrations for spouses and other guests. Overall attendance was down a bit this year as well. However, we are hoping to rebound a little for this upcoming year. MDNR awarded certification renewal credits for the two day course (#1102923) at 12.0 for Water Treatment, 12.0 for Water Distribution and 12.0 for Wastewater Treatment.

### **Free Web Links Available to MWWC Members**

If your city or company is interested in linking its website with the MWWC's contact Jared McKnight at [jared@mwwc.net](mailto:jared@mwwc.net) or 573/761-0376 x302.

### **Memorials Available**

If you are looking for a way to honor the memory of a deceased MWWC member, friend, family member or associate contact Sandi Miller at [sandi.miller@mwwc.net](mailto:sandi.miller@mwwc.net) or 573/761-0376 x300. A memorial plaque is displayed in MWWC's training center for this purpose. The name of your honoree will be engraved on a gold placard and added to the plaque.

### **Website Features Upcoming Training**

A list of upcoming MWWC training is available on the training link of MWWC's website, [www.mwwc.net](http://www.mwwc.net) or by calling Lori Cook at 573/761-0376 x301.

### **Honoring Our Heritage: W. Victor Weir**

W. Victor Weir was nationally known water works authority and president of the St. Louis County Water Company (1945 – 1959) and five other water utilities in various parts of the country.

Mr. Weir was respected and loved by all that knew him. He was skillful both in his profession and in dealing with people and was a scholar and diplomat. Mr. Weir served as the chairman of the Conference in 1937 and was active in the organization's voluntary program for licensing of water operators.

A memorial award bearing Mr. Weir's name was established and presented to Dr. Warren A. Kramer at MWWC's 1967 Awards Banquet. Through the annual presentation of the W. Victor Weir, Mr. Weir continues as a leading light in the affairs of the Conference.

Nominees for the W. Victor Weir award and MWWC's other state awards are taken throughout the year. For more information contact Sandi Miller at the central office.

**State Awards include:**

R.S. Miller Award  
A.V. Graf Award  
W. Victor Weir Award  
Award of Merit  
State Operator of the Year (Selected from Section operators of the year)  
John E. Betz Trainer's Award  
Kramer Awards (same recipients as sections)

**Section Awards include:**

Kramer Award  
Operator of the Year  
Eric Benda Award (Northeast Section)

**Other Awards and Recognitions:**

Proclamations  
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Nominations for these awards are taken all year by contacting the central office or by contacting a section officer.



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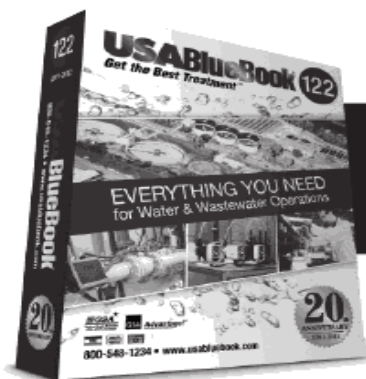
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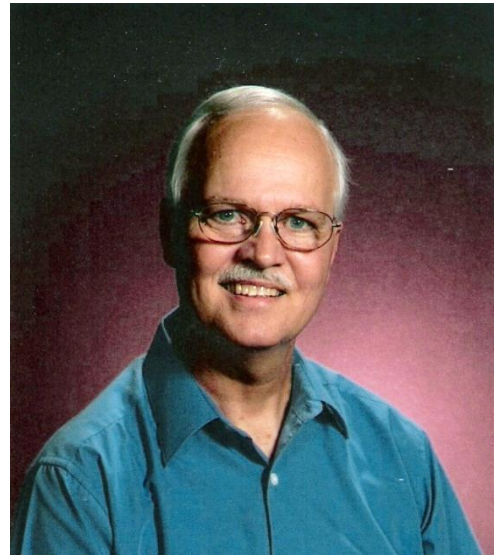
Jerry D. Wallace passed away on Friday September 23, 2011. Jerry joined the Missouri Water and Wastewater Conference in 1984 and attained life membership in 2009. He served as the chairman for MWWC's annual golf tournament in 1995, 1996 & 1997. After his retirement from Missouri's Department of Natural Resources, Jerry served as an instructor for MWWC's training program. Jerry received the W. Victor Weir Award at MWWC's annual awards banquet on Wednesday October 8, 2008. He is survived by his wife Donna and one daughter, Jenny Wallace.

Randy N. Johnson passed away on Sunday November 20, 2011. Randy was an active member in the MWWC on both the state and section levels. Randy was known and respected for his excellent abilities as a trainer of water and wastewater operators since 1979. Randy was the first recipient of two MWWC awards: the AV Graf Award in 2001 and the John E. Betz Outstanding Trainer's Award in October 2011. In addition to his background and experience as a trainer, Randy operated or managed various types of water and wastewater systems.

Both Jerry and Randy will be remembered as friends of the Missouri Water Wastewater Conference, its members and its staff.



Randy Johnson Shown in 2004



Jerry Wallace Shown In 2007

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