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Annual Meeting: Technical Program and Vendor Show

Wednesday, September 18, 2024
MPUA Kincheloe Conference Center
2200 Maguire Boulevard
Columbia, MO 65201

MWWC's 2024 Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at the MPUA Kincheloe Conference Center; 22000 Maguire Blvd.; Columbia, MO 65201. The agenda and registration form will be distributed and posted to our webpage, www.mwwc.net when they become available.

A group of rooms, at the Courtyard by Marriott, in Columbia for Tuesday, September 17, 2024 – Thursday, March 19, 2024 \$139 per night

The Marriott is located one mile from MPUA.

[Book your group rate for MO Water & Waste Water Conference](#)

The Last Day to Book is Tuesday, August 27, 2024

If you have questions or need help with the link, please contact the Courtyard by calling 573/443-8000.

For more information, see pages 3 - 5 of this newsletter.

For more information about the annual meeting, see pages 4 - 6 of this newsletter.



Chairman Verlon W Persinger's Address to the MWWC Membership:

Over the past couple of months since my last letter to you, our members, I have taken the opportunity to travel 1,566 miles around the State to attend various Section Meetings beginning with the Northwest Section meeting on April 4th and ending with the Southwest Section meeting on May 7th. I thoroughly enjoyed my visits to those Sections that I was able to attend, and I thank each of the Section officers for working hard to put on such great programs. I apologize to the East Central Section as I was unable to attend their meeting.

My main mission to attend the various Section meetings was to show support from the State Board of Directors and to further extend the information surrounding the future of the MWWC and what avenues the Board of Directors are currently taking under consideration. The Board of Directors has three (3) particular avenues that are being considered:

1. Joining with Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA) and allow them to oversee the daily operations of the Executive Office of the MWWC, schedule training and the annual meeting being held at the MPUA training facility, offer possible membership growth through their current membership, and assist the Executive Office as needed.
2. Entering into a contract with The 109 Group, a private contractor, to handle the daily operations of the Executive Office of the MWWC, offer a centralized banking / financial operation with each Section working off an annually set budget based on their current financial situation, grow the membership through a campaign effort, bring the MWWC into the 21st Century with upgraded technology available to all Sections, and schedule training and the annual meeting being held at a site to be determined on an annual basis.
3. Advertise, Interview and Hire someone to effectively take the place of Sandi Miller as the Executive Director of the MWWC. Daily operations would remain practically the exact same as currently designed.

The main objectives of the Executive Board of Directors is to keep the MWWC moving forward with today's requests and requirements from our Members, the Sections, the Vendors, the General Public and all Regulatory Organizations, Revitalize/Renew/Rebrand the MWWC to keep the MWWC viable in today's world, and to maintain the 100-year lineage of history set by past MWWC Board and Membership. If anyone would like to make suggestions or comments about their thoughts on this process, please feel free to reach out to me at the email address listed below. I would greatly appreciate hearing your thoughts and/or concerns.

One last thought and plea, please consider serving your sections as officers and/or planning committees and even serving on the State Board if your time and dedication allows. Thanks to each of you for what you do on a daily basis to keep our environment and your communities safe.

As always, I want to send out a B-I-G shout-out to Sandi and Leslie to thank you both, for what you have done and continue to do.

Verlon W. Persinger
MWWC Chairman
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Post Section Meeting Reports

The 2024 East Central Section Meeting was held, in St. Peters, on Thursday, May 16. Attendance at the event was 107 including sixty-six individual water and wastewater professionals, twenty-nine vendor reps, and twelve guests including retired life members and spouses. Incoming section officers are Chair Tony Davis (Missouri American Water), Vice Chair Jeremy Barron (Woodward & Curran), Secretary/Treasurer Bobby Nichols (Woodward & Curran), Training Chair Taylor Flynn-Elhoffer (Missouri American Water), Section Board Rep Shelley Lane (Missouri American Water). The tentative date for the next East Central Section Meeting is May 15, 2025. **The 2024 Midwest Section Meeting** was held, in Columbia, on Thursday, May 2. Attendance at the event was 109 including sixty-three individual water and wastewater professionals, twenty-two vendor reps, and twenty-four guests including life members, spouses, and presenters. Incoming section officers are Chair and Section Board Rep Tim Gephardt (University of Missouri Columbia), Vice Chair Terrance Camp (University of Missouri Columbia), and Secretary/Treasurer Dean Bryant (City of Columbia). The next Midwest Section Meeting will be held in Columbia on May 1, 2025. **The 2024 Northeast Section Meeting** was held, in Macon, on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Attendance was 123 including seventy-seven individual water and wastewater professionals, ten speakers, and forty-four vendor reps. Incoming section officers are Chair LaDon Atkinson (Alliance Water Resources), Vice-chair Travis Boss (Marshall Municipal Utilities), Secretary/Treasurer Lauren Watson (Macon Municipal Utilities), Section Board Rep Tyler Stuhlman (Alliance Water Resources). The section's operator of the year is Melissa Hirner, Alliance Water Resources in Hannibal. Next year's Northeast Section Meeting will be held on April 8 in Macon. **The MWWC Northwest Section Meeting** was held, in St. Joe, on Thursday, April 4. Attendance at the event was 135 including seventy-two individual water and wastewater professionals, thirty-six vendor reps, and twenty-seven guests including life members, spouses, and presenters. Incoming section officers are Chair Randall Harris (Platte Co. Regional Sewer District), Vice-chair Trudi Burton (Retired; City of Gallatin), Secretary/Treasurer Michelle Allwood (City of Maysville), and Section Board Rep John Brown (City of Fairfax). Trudi Burton received the section's David L. Williams Award. The section's Kramer Award recipient is Scott Jones (Platte County Regional Sewer District). Michele Allwood (City of Maysville) received the William Hills Award. Aaron King (City of Parkville) is the section's 2024 outstanding operator of the Year. Next year's Northwest Section Meeting will be held in St. Joseph on April 3, 2025. **The MWWC Southeast Section Meeting** held its 2024 annual meeting in Cape on Thursday, April 25. 210, including one hundred thirty-five individual water and wastewater professionals, fifty-seven vendor reps, and three guests attended the event. Incoming section officers are Chair Keith Morrow (City of Cape Girardeau), Vice-chair Barry Shirkey (Sikeston), Secretary/Treasurer Quentin Overbeck (City of Sikeston), Training Chair, Todd Fulton (City of Cape Girardeau), and Section Board Rep Allen Taylor (Retired). Todd Fulton (City of Cape Girardeau) received an award of recognition for fifteen years of service to the MWWC. Next year's Southeast Section Meeting will be held in Cape Girardeau on April 9, 2025. **The MWWC Southwest Section Meeting** was held in Springfield on May 7, 2024. Ninety-eight participants, including individual water and wastewater professionals, vendor reps, and guests attended the event. Incoming section officers are Chair Brandon Brown (Carthage Water & Electric Plant), Vice-chair Kelby Stephens (City of Springfield), Secretary/Treasurer Lindsay Bein (City of Springfield), Training Chair, Simon Kazempour (City of Springfield), and Section Board Rep John Waitman (City of Springfield). Randy Ridgeway (City of El Dorado Springs) is the section's 2024 Water Treatment Operator of the Year. Next year's Southeast Section Meeting will be held in Springfield on May 6.



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Pre-con Events:

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

- 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Vendor Booth Set Up in the Dining Room
- 3:00 p.m. Board Meeting in room 202
- 5:30 a.m. Board Member, Staff, and Section Officer Appreciation Dinner

Food and other Features

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

- Full Bob Evans Hot Breakfast
- Prime Times for Vendor/Operator Interaction and Networking
- Cash and Vendor Door Prizes
- 4.5 Operator Renewal Credit Hours for Water Treatment, Water Distribution, and Wastewater
- Smoked Chicken and All the Fixin’s by Nolan’s Catering
- Vendor Displays and Give-a-ways
- Business Meeting
- Award and Recognitions

Nominating Committee’s Slate of Incoming State Board Members for 2024 – 2025

Members will vote to approve this slate of officers at the annual business meeting on September 18, 2024.

Chair	Archie Hendren	City of Columbia
Chair Elect	Curtis Hedrick	City of Tarkio
Vice Chair	Mike McMillian	Alliance Water Resources
Director 1	Shelley Lane	American Water
Director 2	Kent Spainhour	Retired from City of Chillicothe
Director 3	Quentin Overbeck	Sikeston BMU
Immediate Past Chair	Verlon Persinger	Alliance Water Resources
Board Member Emeritus	Ken Hogan	Retired – City of St. Louis
Honorary Board Member	John Betz	Retired – City of Columbia
Honorary Board Member (Secretary)	Tony Lamb	City of Fulton



Technical Program

Joint Session

Room 120/Board Room

08:15 a.m. – 08:30 a.m.	Introduction and Course Overview, Chairman Verlon Persinger, AWR
08:30 a.m. – 09:00 a.m.	Business Meeting & Awards, Chairman Verlon Persinger, AWR
09:00 a.m. – 09:30 a.m.	Op Cert Update on Computer-Based Exams Darlene Helmig, MDNR
09:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Vender/Operator Interaction & Networking
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Drinking Water Regulatory Update Brent Weis, MDNR
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	MDNR Wastewater Updates Heather Peters, MDNR
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Lunch, Vender/Operator Interaction & Networking

Split Water Session

Room 120/Board Room

12:15 p.m. – 01:00 p.m.	Smart Pigging Water Mains; Mark Wade, P.E., Blue Water Solutions Group
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Split Wastewater Session

Rooms 112-113/Feller-Lissik

12:15 p.m. – 01:00 p.m.	The Science of Sewer Jetting; Barry Howell, Visu-Sewer of Missouri
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Split Water Session

Room 120/Board Room

01:00 p.m. – 01:45 p.m.	PFAS in Drinking Water; Josh Youngblood, MPUA
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Split Wastewater Session

Rooms 112-113/Feller-Lissik

01:00 p.m. – 01:45 p.m.	Navigating Enforcement and Funding, Rebecca Howley, CBA
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01:45 p.m. – 02:15 p.m.	Vender/Operator Interaction & Networking
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Joint Session

Room 120/Board Room

02:15 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.	Safety First – Expect Perfection (Employee Safety & Emergency Response) John Betz
03:00 p.m. – 03:30 p.m.	Yes, We Test Water, Ashley Mehmert, MO State Public Health Lab
03:30 p.m. – 04:00 p.m.	Interactive discussion by and between Ashley Mehmert a panel of certified water/wastewater operators. Panel Members: John Betz (MWWC’s lead trainer), Tony Lamb (City of Fulton), Quentin Overbeck (Sikeston BMU), Josh Youngblood (MPUA), Richard Kirsch (MDNR)



2024 Technical Program & Vendor Show Individual Registration Form

MPUA Kincheloe Conference Center
2200 Maguire Boulevard
Columbia, MO 65201

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Course #2402687

Renewal Training Hours: Water Treatment 4.5 Distribution 4.5 Wastewater 4.5

(Please Type or Print Legibly)

Name:	First	Middle	Last	Nickname

Company/Water District, etc...

Business Area Code & Phone	Cell Area Code & Phone
Billing Email Address	Personal Email Address

Please call 573/657-0266 or email sandi.miller@mwwc.net to confirm that your MWWC membership is current.

Please place a \surd in the box in front of the option for which you are registering.

- Member Registration (includes life members that are still working)** **\$150.00**
- Non-member Registration** **\$190.00**
- Retired-Life MWWC member** **FREE**
- Spouse and Other Guest Break and Meal Package** **\$50.00**

Please mark your method of payment & mail checks/vouchers to MWWC, P.O. Box 14170; Springfield, MO 65814

Check payable to MWWC Enclosed

Email invoice to _____

2024 Blue Drinking Water Blue Vouchers Enclosed

Blue 2024 Blue Water Vouchers will be mailed on or about (date) _____

Email link to pay by Credit Card to _____



Upcoming Training

For more information about these and other MWWC sponsored training events, visit the training program link on our website, www.mwwc.net.

June 20	2408597	Disinfection of Water Supplies
June 26	2408598	Water Testing and Wells
July 16	2408600	Operating and Managing Water Production & Distribution Systems
July 18	2408667	Wastewater Water Training: Aeration Why & How and Sewer Rehab
July 24	2408601	Inspection & Rehabilitation Practices
July 30	2408602	Basic Chemistry & Regulatory Responsibilities
August 6	2408603	Distribution, Water Treatment, & Water Quality
August 14	2408606	Operation and Maintenance of Wells & Basic Chemistry
August 22	2408604	Protecting Water Quality in Community Water Systems
August 27	2408605	Chemistry & Chlorination for Water and Wastewater Operators

Instructors Needed

The MWWC is seeking instructors for its training program.

Most of the classes are held online through Zoom.

If interested, please contact Sandi at 573/657-0266