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2023 – A New Year and A New Start

After nearly three years and since COVID-19 forced us to cease normal in person activities, all of MWWC's section meeting and annual meeting are back, in one form or fashion. Five of the six MWWC section meetings are being planned for April/May and the East Central Section has moved their section meeting to the Fall. Most of the classes, through MWWC's state training program are being conducted virtually by Zoom. DNR is now allowing us to do six hour virtual classes so operators are able to earn certification renewal credits more efficiently and cost effectively without having to be away from the plant. This newsletter contains more details about section meetings, training opportunities, and the 2023 Annual Meeting.

MWWC Section Meetings at a Glance

The MWWC is not set up to accept credit or debit cards.

Before making your payment for registration to the section, please check your membership status by calling 573/657-0266. Membership dues are payable to MWWC, P.O. Box 14170, Springfield, MO 65814

Pay Section Meeting Registration Fees to the section whose meeting you are registering. That address should be on their registration form.

Vouchers: If applicable for the Section Meeting(s) you are registering for, DNR Vouchers must be filled out in #2 pencils and mailed or hand-delivered to the section meeting that you attend.

2023 Section Meetings at a Glance continued

Midwest

Thursday, May 4

Columbia

Contact: Scott Hern scott.hern@como.gov 573/874-6211

Northeast

Tuesday, April 11

Macon

Contact: Ginny Ismay gismay@windjammercable.net

Northwest

Thursday, April 6

St. Joseph

Contact: Michele Allwood mallwood64469@yahoo.com 816/449-2185

Southeast

Wednesday, April 26

Cape Girardeau

Contact: Todd Fulton tfulton@cityofcape.org 573/339-6641

Southwest

Tuesday, May 2

Springfield

Contact: Chad Copher Ccopher@joplinmo.org 417/317-1270

2022 East Central Section Meeting Report

The MWWC East Central Section serves operators in the following counties: Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Montgomery, St. Charles, St. Louis, Warren, Washington

The section held its 2022 section meeting on Friday, September 23. The city of St. Peters hosted the event. Total attendance was 78 including 50 individual registrants, 22 vendor reps, and six life members, spouses, and other guests. The East Central Section's officers for 2022 - 2023 are: Chair, Shelley Lane (Missouri American Water, Chesterfield), Vice Chair, Tony Davis (Missouri American Water Co, Chesterfield), Secretary/Treasurer, Bobby Nichols, (Woodard & Curran), Training Chairman, Jeremy Barron (Woodard & Curran), Board Rep, Don Rea (retired)

The East Central Section will not hold a Spring 2023 Section Meeting. They are, however, planning an event for Fall 2023. A date will be announced later.

Tool Box Talks & Safety Check Lists by Mark Woodward, MEM

The following Tool Box Talks and Safety Check lists were put together by Mark Woodward, Senior Safety and Risk Trainer for Missouri Employers Mutual Insurance. Mark is also MWWC's lead safety instructor. The toolbox talks and safety check lists are posted on MWWC's webpage, www.mwwc.net>more>Tool Box Talks & Safety Check Lists.

Tool Box Talks: Amputations and Entrapment, Death By Backing, Distracted Driving, Emergency Planning, Excuses For Not Working Safely, Ladder Safety, Loader Safety, Moving Equipment, Personal Protective Equipment, Preventing Shoulder Injuries, Recognizing Jobsite Hazards, Sewer Tap Hazards, Vehicle Safety Walk Around, Water Main Break Hazards, Work Truck Safety.

Safety Check Lists: Trenching & Safety Check List, MOCS Pre-Excavation Safety Check List, Confined Space Entry

2023 Annual Meeting: Technical Program and Vendor Show

Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center -- Salon C
2601 S. Providence Rd.
Columbia, MO 65203

For hotel reservations call 1-800/659-2220 and ask for room block MWWC23

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Vendor Set Up
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Meet and Greet Social Hour

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Vendor Show and Technical Program

Awards & Recognitions

If you know someone that deserves to be recognized by the MWWC, please contact Sandi Miller at 573.657-0266 or sandi.miller@mwwc.net. Awards and recognitions are available on both the state and section levels of the MWWC.

GUIDELINES FOR MWWC AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations for MWWC awards are accepted at any time through the central office in Jefferson City. Members, employers, section officers, or board members can nominate the names of MWWC members who they view as being deserving of the recognition of the Missouri Water and Wastewater Conference. Nomination forms are available through the central office and should be completed, as accurately as possible, and submitted with a letter stating why the nominee is worthy of the recognition.

Specific requirements per award are as follows:

- 1) W. Victor Weir – The water or wastewater operator must have made a contribution in keeping with the attributes embodied in the commemorative award. The recipient of the annual award is chosen by the award committee and is recognized with a plaque at the annual meeting.
- 2) Award of Merit – Any water or wastewater works operator, superintendent, or person directly connected with the operation of such plants or distribution systems who holds an active member status in the conference is eligible for nomination. The nominee must pose exemplary leadership in the field of water and/or wastewater practice, operation, and inspiring loyalty and devotion to the citizens of the community. The recipient is awarded at the annual meeting.
- 3) Robert S. Miller – The nominee must be a member of the MWWC for not less than 10 years. The nominee shall exemplify outstanding devotion, dedication, loyalty, leadership, and exceptional service not only to the water and wastewater industry, but also to the Water and Wastewater Conference. Only one award is given at the annual meeting.
- 4) A. V. Graf Chairman's Award of Appreciation – This award is given in appreciation for involvement in the MWWC and service to its members. The nominee shall have exhibited efforts to raise the standards of treatment and practice of the water works art. Only those who have been a member for 10 years or more are eligible. This award is given out annually.
- 5) John E. Betz Outstanding Trainer's Award -- The award is given in recognition of the recipient's knowledge and skills of water treatment, wastewater treatment and/or water distribution and his or her ability to convey that information to operators in a professional yet personable manner.
- 6) Special Service Awards/Awards of Appreciation – May be given in recognition of acts of leadership or service to the MWWC. 7) Young Professionals Recognition – This award is given to water/wastewater professionals age 30 and younger in recognition of their work in the field.

MWWC Training Opportunities

– New in 2023: More hours for the same money

This list may not be all inclusive. To learn of other MWWC sponsored training events, visit our website at www.mwwc.net

February 9, 2023

Keeping You Safe For Your Valentine

2308070

Renewal Training Hours: Water Treatment 6.0 Distribution 6.0 Wastewater 6.0

2023 Blue Drinking Water Vouchers Accepted

February 15, 2023

Water Testing, Backflow, and Water Quality

2308071

Renewal Training Hours: Water Treatment 6.0 Distribution 6.0 Wastewater 6.0

February 22, 2023

Digging Deep Into Wells

2308069

Renewal Training Hours: Water Treatment 6.0 Distribution 6.0 Wastewater 6.0

February 28, 2023

America's Ageing Infrastructure

2308072

Renewal Training Hours: Water Treatment 6.0 Distribution 6.0 Wastewater 6.0

March 9, 2023

Water Testing, Backflow, and Water Quality

Pending DNR Approval

March 14, 2023

Trenching & Confined Space and Emergency Response & Building a Safety Plan

Pending DNR Approval

March 16, 2023

Wastewater Topics: Integrating Chemical Grouting with CIPP into Sewer Rehab, Sanitary Sewer Overflow/Fats, Oil, & Grease, Aeration & Next Generation Controls

Pending DNR Approval

MWWC Training Opportunities Continued

March 22, 2023

Operating and Managing Water Production and Distribution Systems

Pending DNR Approval

March 30, 2023

Well Construction and Operation, Guidelines for Operating Small Water and Wastewater Systems
2308180

Renewal Training Hours: Drinking Water 6.0 Distribution 6.0

April 4, 2023

Water Testing, Backflow, and Water Quality

Pending DNR Approval

April 13, 2023

Safety Data Sheets and Basic Chemistry

Pending DNR Approval

April 18, 2023

Effective Management of Water and Wastewater Conveyance Utilities Using Established and Advanced
Inspection and Rehab Practices

Pending DNR Approval