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Mission Statement:
To advocate for Michigan's water resources, reviewing and analyzing policies, rules, regulations, and legislation pertaining to water environment matters; developing MWEA's position on water environment issues for BOD approval/ adoption, and for public presentation via seminars and written communications; and providing a united voice for MWEA's members.

Goals:
Research the potential value of hiring a lobbyist and make a recommendation to the BOD in early 2018. Identify, critically review, communicate and influence pending legislation and regulations to better support clean and safe water. Identify key legislative goals and consider an active role in the development of legislation for issues that directly impact the MWEA and its membership.

What to expect as a new committee member:
- 4 to 6 face-to-face meetings annually.
- Become actively engaged and involved in legislation and government affairs.
- Provide input to the BOD for MWEA.
Operators Challenge

Develop and conduct an annual Operations Challenge to select at least one team to represent MWEA for the Challenge at WEFTEC.
Mission Statement:
To encourage participation by the exchanging of ideas between sections and assisting in the reactivation of inactive sections and to plan for and conduct annual Regional Meetings.

Goals:
To provide career enhancing technical, educational, and networking opportunities to wastewater operations, collections system, and wastewater professionals in the municipal, industrial, lagoon, commercial and regulatory organizations within the State.
Mission Statement: Our purpose is to bring MWEA, all its benefits and tools, to the water and wastewater operators of Northern Michigan.

Goals: To provide training and networking opportunities for Northern Michigan Operators.

What to expect as a new committee member:
- 3 to 4 face-to-face meetings annually.
- Meetings are held on Tuesday or Thursdays at the MDEQ office in Gaylord, MI and last 2 hours.
- Build relationships with other Northern Michigan Operators.

Members must assist in planning the Northern Michigan Operators Seminar in September each year.
Joint Expo

Help in the coordination of the annual Joint Expo Seminar which is co-sponsored with MI-AWWA!
**Mission Statement:**
Develop the technical program for the annual Wastewater Administrators Conference.

**Goals:**
Deliver a diverse and informative conference with both technical and managerial CECs, provide social and networking opportunities.

**What to expect as a new committee member:**
- 1 face-to-face meeting a year
- 2-3 hours of work a year outside of meetings.
- Work on creating a great annual event with minimal time commitment.

**Must be able to attend and assist at annual WWAdCon event.**
**Mission Statement:**
To protect Michigan’s water environment by encouraging professional expertise in environmental laboratories through training and education.

**Goals:**
To promote education through public outreach, professionalism and good laboratory practices, and innovation and collaboration.

**Laboratory Practices**
What to expect as a new committee member:

- 11 face-to-face meetings annually.
- 1-5 hours of commitment outside of meetings annually.
- Gain invaluable professional networking and professional friendships outside of your organization.

*Must be able to attend meetings to perform seminar planning. This typically involves a WWTP tour and lunch!*
Mission Statement:
Network with professionals in the wastewater industry to discuss process-related issues and develop an annual Process Seminar.

What to expect as a new committee member:
- 4 to 6 face-to-face meetings annually.
- Meetings typically held on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday lasting 1.5 hours.
- Meet at various WWTPs around the state.
- 1-5 hours of commitment outside of meetings.
- Network with wastewater professionals to discuss new and on-going treatment issues.

Attendance at meetings and annual seminar is not mandatory, but is encouraged.
Mission Statement: To provide leadership and promote beneficial uses of biosolids.

Goals: To make Michigan a national leader in environmentally sound biosolids processes and products.

What to expect as a new committee member:

- 4 face-to-face meetings annually.
- 2 hour meetings held in various locations around the state.
- Coordinate exhibition booths at Ag Expo, Joint Expo, Biosolids Conference and Michigan Township Association annual meeting.
- Stay up to date on issues regarding biosolids.

Committee members are asked to participate in tasks that will further the committees goals and agenda.
Mission Statement:
Promote effective implementation and administration of Industrial Pretreatment Programs through the sharing of information, education, training and the recognition of professionalism.

Goals:
Plan and organize a successful annual seminar. Increase participation at meetings and a seminar.

What to expect as a new committee member:
- 10 face-to-face meetings annually.
- Meetings lasting 1.75 hrs. held at various WWTPs typically taking place on Thursdays.
- Great for new those new and experienced in IPP.

Attendance is encouraged at the annual seminar.
Mission Statement:

To provide a forum for the ongoing education of operators, managers, engineers and technical sales professionals within the State of Michigan on wastewater collection systems’ construction, operation, maintenance and management.
Discuss new H&S ideas for Seminar and any new up and coming changes in H&S regulations!

What to expect as a new committee member:

- 1 face-to-face meeting annually.
- Meeting is held at the Joint Expo in Lansing and lasts 2 hours.
- Become part of the discussion of new Health & Safety ideas for the Health & Safety Seminar and any new changes.

Committee members are highly encouraged to attend the H&S Seminar.
Mission Statement:
To help facilitate and deliver information regarding maintenances best practices in regard to treatment plants, pump stations, and distribution systems.

Goals:
Through the exchange of maintenance information, it is the goal of this committee to enhance individuals, the utilities and the water treatment industry as a whole.

Emphasis on putting education to the forefront, having fun and taking various field trips.

What to expect as a new committee member:
- 6 to 9 face-to-face meetings annually.
- Average of 10 hours of work required outside of meetings annually.
- Enhance mechanical knowledge and expertise, while providing a platform to teach the next generation.
Mission Statement:
To provide support, resources and education to water and wastewater utilities and others associated with the implementation of asset management.

Goals:
Provide educational seminars, write articles for MWEA and MI AWWA publications, provide networking opportunities and share information with MDEQ.

What to expect as a new committee member:
- 6 face-to-face meetings annually.
- Maximum of 8 hours of work annually outside of meetings.
- Involvement provides opportunity to discuss policy and provide feedback to MDEQ.

Participation in seminars is encouraged.
Mission Statement:
To bring Wastewater Lagoon Professionals, Regulators, Engineers and Manufacturer Representatives together to share ideas and solve problems related to lagoons.

Goals:
To plan and conduct an annual committee sponsored seminar for training and continuing education.

What to expect as a new committee member:
- 5 to 6 face-to-face meetings annually.
- Networking opportunities which provide different and beneficial perspectives.
- Committee meetings held at various wastewater lagoons around the state.
- 1 to 2 hours of work required outside of meetings annually.

Members are encouraged to attend annual committee sponsored seminar.
Mission Statement: Guide people to energy efficiency resources and ideas. Provide education technologies, trends, legislation and funding related to sustainable energy practices.

Goals: To promote energy neutrality at WWTPs in Michigan based on the framework of WEF’s Energy Roadmap, foster communication amongst MWEA members, and liaison with Government Affairs to seek out and garner State and Federal support.
Mission Statement:
To support and maintain a formal system for utilities and public works agencies state-wide that provide mutual aid to one another during emergencies.

Goals:
To grow the membership base state-wide in 2018.

What to expect as a new committee member:

- 4 face-to-face meetings annually.
- 6 hours of committee work is required outside of meetings annually.
- Coordinate training on emergency activation and response.
- Gain knowledge and mutual aid within the state and interstate.

Committee members are required to attend training and present on topics.
Mission Statement:
To protect and manage groundwater resources through professional enhancement and public education.
Mission Statement:
To provide leadership on Watershed Management and Stormwater policy, practice and education focusing on both rural and urban watershed issues and stormwater infrastructure in urban areas.

Goals:
Educating our members and encouraging member participation in local Watershed Management projects. Push for dedicated funding options for municipal stormwater assets in Michigan.
Mission Statement:
To promote the development of high-quality drinking water and sanitation services, accessible to all, and sustained by strong communities, businesses and governments.

Goals:
To increase awareness of the many communities who do not have access to clean drinking water and safe sanitary facilities, to educate about how this lack of infrastructure impacts community life, and to raise funds to help provide solutions to drinking water, sanitation and hygiene challenges.

What to expect as a new committee member:
- 4 face-to-face meetings annually.
- Coordinate and plan events like Paddle With Purpose, Celebrate Water For People and the Exhibit at Joint Expo.
- Connect with water professionals outside of your region or with different expertise.
- 12 hours of work outside of meetings annually.
Mission Statement:
To promote relationships between schools and their local WWRF and/or the MWEA; to provide small grants to schools for various water quality projects.

Goals:
To promote relationships with schools and to provide grants to schools.

What to expect as a new committee member:
- 1 face-to-face meeting annually.
- Coordinate activities like Adopt-A-School.
- Work with local schools and teachers.
- Network with MWEA members.
Mission Statement:
To educate and inform the public, educators, students, and job seekers about the value and importance of water as a profession.

Goals:
Host and attend events to educate about the profession, develop and grow H2OMich as a key source of career info, support related academic programs to help students excel in the field, increase the number of and quality of individuals seeking careers in our field.

What to expect as a new committee member:
- 4 to 5 face-to-face meetings annually.
- Plan presentations, facility tours, career fairs, website & matters material, and promotion materials.
Mission Statement:
To foster understanding and exploration of the water environment to facilitate respect and stewardship of the world around us.

Goals:
To be responsible for the development, recommendation and presentation of youth education designed to enhance the youth's understanding of water environment issues.

What to expect as a new committee member:
- 1 face-to-face meeting annually.
- Volunteer to judge science fairs, select Teacher Grant winners, host vendor booths, and provide mentoring or in-classroom support.
- About 5 hours of work required annually outside of meetings.

Have fun interacting with kids and teaching!
Mission Statement: To provide new professionals and new members within MWEA with an opportunity to maximize their potential as professionals in the water environment field in addition to providing services and programs to encourage student involvement.

Goals: To help new professionals, new members and students establish a relationship with MWEA and provide guidance, professional development, training, mentoring, and networking opportunities.

Get to know others who are new in the water industry!
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