



CWWA President's Corner

It is hard to believe that it is already spring and the Joint Annual Meeting is just around the corner. It has been a busy year for CWWA. We have taken great strides toward the implementation of our Strategic Plan and are in the process of revamping our website to make it more useful to our members. A members-only page has been added to provide our members with timely information about new and pending laws and regulations, testimony and alerts on key legislative issues and electronic access to newsletters and Board minutes. We have also nearly completed updating our Constitution and By-Laws with the help of some of our past CWWA presidents.



It has been a busy Legislative Session so far and many CWWA members have been hard at work reviewing legislation, providing input on proposed bills and working with Betsy Gara, our Executive Director, to formulate effective testimony in support of or in opposition to the many bills that affect water utilities. These issues include:

SB-365 - Requires operators of registered diversions to pay a fee set by the DEP commissioner; requires information regarding water diversions to be reported to DEP; establishes a water diversion account administered by the Water Planning Council; and requires DEP to adopt regulations relating to retiring water diversions and requires diversion operators to submit release data to DEP.

SB-367 - Requires that the Water Planning Council develop and approve a long-range statewide water resource plan and oversee water resource planning and allocation on a comprehensive statewide basis.

SB-371 - Requires that 90% of any buildable portion of class III land and 100% of any class II land be set aside for open space or recreational purposes in order for DPUC to allocate the proceeds of the sale substantially in favor of the water company's shareholders.

SB-377 - Allows Class B and Class C investor-owned water companies to impose a surcharge on customers' bills to offset costs associated with infrastructure replacement.

SB-462 - Allows courts to determine that an environmental law or regulation is obsolete or otherwise fails to protect the natural resource, thereby exposing companies to liability even if they are in full compliance with the law or regulation.

SB-465 - Prohibits the state Department of Public Health from approving an abandonment of a well or reservoir if such supply is needed by another system in the state regardless of whether it is viable for another system to use the supply.

HB-5235 - Provides a practical solution for the regulation and management of residuals re-use by providing that residuals blending and re-use be regulated under the existing General Permit for the Discharge of Water Treatment Wastewater through submittal of an Operations Plan.

HB-5237 - Imposes fees of up to \$10,000 per registration per year on operators of registered diversions; imposes impractical metering requirements by requiring the installation of a totalizing flow meter on all registered

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The CT-AWWA and CWWA Annual Conference

Lots of information, renewing friendships and some fun at beautiful Cape Cod

Mark your calendars and watch your mail. The 33rd Annual Joint CT Section AWWA and CWWA Conference will take place May 26-28 at the beautiful Wequassett Inn Resort and Golf Club in Chatham, Cape Cod, MA. The conference committee, under the leadership of CT Section AWWA Chair Dan Lesnieski of Connecticut Water Company, is putting the final touches on what promises to be an informative and exciting event for all.

CT Section AWWA is delighted to again welcome Katie McCain to the conference. Katie is now the National AWWA President-Elect, and attended our conference a few years ago. Katie will provide an update of AWWA at the national level.

The Associates Committee will be a sponsor of the welcome lunch on Wednesday, May 26 with a presentation by UCONN basketball great Rebecca Lobo. Dan Lesnieski and CWWA President Ken Skov of the Waterbury Water Department will welcome all attendees. Katie McCain will provide a national AWWA update.

Wednesday afternoon's program will continue with a legislative update by CWWA's Executive Director Betsy Gara followed by a Connecticut Department of Public Health Drinking Water Division Update and Security Initiatives presentation by Scott L. Szalkiewicz. At approximately 4:30 PM, John Herlihy of Aquarion will give a presentation on Drinking Water Division Water Quality Regulations. That will be followed by "Expanding and Improving Water Service" presented by Brian Robillard of Regional Water Authority.

The formal awards banquet on Wednesday evening will include the announcement that Jo Lingua of Connecticut Water Company is the winner of the Water for People Kenneth J. Miller Founders Award. The selection of CT Section AWWA's recipient of the J. Warren Fuller Award will also be announced. The recipient is not known until that evening and will be announced in a ceremony that will feature President-elect McCain and current Fuller Award winner, Len Assard of Heitkamp.


Thursday's agenda includes breakfast meetings for the boards of both organizations, followed by a session titled "Perspectives on Water Utility Security: The Communications Connection" by M. Stephen Rhoades, Chief Executive Officer of The Metropolitan District. Mr. Rhoades' talk will be followed by a presentation on Chlorine Dioxide Pre-Oxidation With GAC Filtration for Chlorite Control by Kevin Walsh, Director, Water Quality and Treatment, Connecticut Water Company and Scott Bonnett, PE, Senior Engineer with Metcalf & Eddy, Inc. At 10:15 AM, Nicholas Paulish, CEBS, Director, Human Capital at Deloitte Consulting, LLP will speak on Strategies to Control Health Care Costs

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diversions as well as a daily recording of diverted flow and hours of operation; and unfairly retires unused registrations based on failure to comply with certain earlier reporting requirements, as well as proposed annual deadlines for future reporting.

A number of our member utilities also testified on behalf of CWWA on these important issues. It is the expertise of our members that makes the organization effective.

To find out more about CWWA and our current legislative efforts visit our Website at CWWA.org. If you are interested in getting more involved please call CWWA's Executive Director, Betsy Gara, at 860-547-0566 or GaraLLC@hotmail.com. 

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CT-AWWA Public Information Committee

By: *Adrienne C. Vaughan and Matt Nozzolio*
Committee Co-Chairs


This newsletter, planning for the CPTV Science Fair, and the overall continued implementation of its Strategic Communications Plan have commanded the Public Information Committee's attention in recent months.

The result of its activities range from a newly designed CT-AWWA/CWWA News, the new name, In-Flow-Line, and plans for activities which are intended to facilitate the communications challenges of members and non-members.

To better serve you, the committee has addressed the following issues:

-  To improve the delivery time for our newsletter, deadlines for newsletter articles, starting with the July issue, are the 1st and 8th of March, June, September and December for routine and breaking news, respectively.
-  All CT-AWWA and CWWA committee chairs are asked to submit columns for the newsletters to keep readers aware of significant plans and developments in their areas of responsibility.
-  The team planned and recruited volunteers and handled give-aways for the CPTV Science Expo, (of which the theme was "Science: Improving Life in the 21st Century"), which took place in early April.
-  The group also continues to work with the Website team to improve its visibility and usefulness. It is a valuable and attractive communications feature that we all should continue to take advantage of.

To enhance the group's effectiveness and performance, we appeal to those committee members whose participation has waned. We highly value the expertise and talents of the membership and need those qualities for the success of existing and new projects and events.

The group is anticipating some new and exciting endeavors in the near future. Please join us, as we cannot reach our true potential without you. 

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From the CT-Section AWWA Chair



As always time flies.

It is hard to believe that a year has passed and my term as Chair is about to conclude. I would like to thank the CT Section AWWA Board and all the Committee chairs for their support and efforts. It takes a lot of hard work from dedicated people to make the Section successful and much of this falls on you.

Without your involvement the Section wouldn't be the value it is to our membership. The Section continues to meet its goals to be seen as the leading authority regarding water issues by those inside and outside our industry.

The past year has been exciting and productive for the Section. Our new joint newsletter with CWWA is a great success and brings us into the new century for communicating with our members. We will continue its development to make it as informative, productive and beneficial as possible.

New life has been brought into some existing committees with the refreshed efforts on Small Systems and Customer Service. The Associates Committee remains an active and vital part of the organization by sponsoring many events and establishing a scholarship program this year. We owe a great deal of thanks to our Enhancers. The Water for People Committee is again among the most active and committed in AWWA. Their project involvement and the creative nature of the Ben Orvedal Project set new standards and attracted attention across the country. Our other committees remain actively involved with industry issues and needs, thereby providing our membership with a unique, readily available resource.

Membership support and involvement on committee activities remains the strength of the Section. It also represents a challenge. Many of us are doing more with less resources and it is becoming more difficult to commit people to activities outside their "real" jobs. The success of the Section is dependent upon membership participation. Please keep this in mind and encourage continued involvement in Section activities from within your organization.

Once again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Chair for the past year. It has been a busy and rewarding year for both the CT Section AWWA and me. 💧

Dan Lesnieski
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Department of Public Health Operator Exams Scheduled

The Drinking Water Division of the Department of Public Health has scheduled Operator Certification Exams to be held at the Metropolitan District Commission Training Center in Hartford. The dates and deadlines are listed below.

Exam applications are available on the Drinking Water Division website: www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Water/DWD.htm. From there, click on "Drinking Water Division Programs", then "Operator Certification Program" and finally "Examination Dates and Application Packages".

Anyone wishing more information regarding the certification exams should contact Jennifer Pagach, Connecticut Department of Public Health at (860) 509-7333 or e-mail robert.rivard@po.state.ct.us. 💧

Water Treatment Plant Operator Exam

Application deadline: May 7, 2004

Exam date: June 15, 2004

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Application deadline: May 7, 2004

Exam date: June 16, 2004

Small Water System Operator Exam

Application deadline: August 6, 2004

Exam date: September 14, 2004

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Proposals Sought by The AWWA Research Foundation

The AWWA Research Foundation announced on February 25 that proposals are being requested for 21 research projects scheduled to be launched this year. The projects, with more than \$6 million in funding available, focus on a wide range of topics related to the drinking water community.

The projects are categorized into the Foundation's four strategic goal areas: efficient and customer-responsive organization, environmental leadership, high-quality water, and infrastructure reliability. The topics selected for study in 2004 reflect those that Foundation subscribers and others in the water supply community say are their most challenging.

Proposals submitted in response to an RFP must be postmarked by either May 7 or July 15, as specified in each RFP. All projects, unless otherwise indicated, must include 25 percent of the total project budget as in-kind or cash contribution. For each project, an appointed project advisory committee will evaluate proposals based on responsiveness to the RFP, scientific and technical merit, and qualifications of the researchers.

A complete list of the projects for which proposals are being requested can be found on the Foundation's website, www.awwarf.org. 

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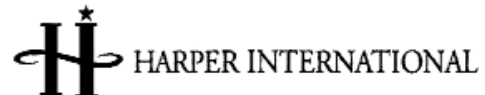
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Aquifer Protection Regulations Approved

Final approval was given to the long-awaited aquifer protection regulations. The regulations, effective 2/2/04, provide the minimum standard for land use regulations to be adopted by each municipality within which an Aquifer Protection Area is located. The regulations prohibit development of new high-risk land use activities that use hazardous materials and will require existing high-risk land use activities that use hazardous materials to register and adhere to best management practices.

Water companies are required to map, using methods specified in mapping regulations, the critical portions of the aquifer that provide water to the well fields. The preliminary (Level B) mapping has been completed for all the well fields, providing a general estimate of the critical areas.


This preliminary mapping will be refined by the water companies using extensive, site-specific data and ground-water modeling to determine the final (Level A) mapping area. The final mapping will define the regulatory boundaries for the land use regulations. A technical change to the existing mapping regulations is currently being considered. The first step in implementing the program will be for affected municipalities to appoint an existing board or commission to be the aquifer protection agency. A notification and information package detailing next steps and providing guidance to the affected municipalities is now available.

To download the regulations, please visit:
<http://www.dep.state.ct.us/wtr/aquiferprotection/apfinregs.pdf> 


Annual AWWA Legislative Fly-In

On April 21 and 22, the AWWA Government Affairs Office will be sponsoring its annual Fly-In in Washington, DC. Section representatives from around the country will be meeting with their Congressional Representatives and Senators to discuss issues of importance to the water industry that will be debated in Congress this year. These issues include drinking water infrastructure funding, water system security, source protection and MTBE.

This year, the CT Section will be represented by Tom Chaplik (Residuals Committee Chair and Board Trustee at Large) and John Herlihy, (Board Water Utility Council Chair).

Tom Curtis, AWWA Deputy Executive Director for Government Affairs, noted that last year's Fly-In was effective. "Shortly after the Fly-In, congressional offices began calling our Fly-In delegates and our office when they had questions on our issues," he said. "It particularly paid off when debates about the energy bill got hot and heavy." 

Connecticut Water Company tops DPUC Scorecard for Water Utilities

The State of Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) announced in March that Connecticut Water Company had the best rating in the Department's Consumer Service Complaint Scorecard for water utilities for the second straight year. Connecticut Water ranked second overall out of all 40 utilities rated in 2003 including cable, telecommunications, electric, and natural gas utilities. 

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ATCAVE 2004 – WRAP UP



Tom Curtis, AWWA Deputy Executive Director for Government Affairs, makes "A Timely Washington Report" at ATCAVE.

Under brisk temperatures and sunny skies, the 8th Annual Technical Conference and Vendor Expo took place on Wednesday, February 25th at the Aqua Turf. Once again, Mother Nature was kind to the Connecticut Section AWWA.

Nearly 70 vendors shared their latest products and information. Two classes for CEU training were offered – *Managing Chaos* and an Update on *Cross Connections*. Dr. Gerald Iwan of the Drinking Water Division of the Department of Public Health offered an explanation of the restructuring of the health department and John Herlihy of Aquarion enlightened the group with information on proposed regulations for disinfection byproducts and surface water treatment. National AWWA Deputy Director Tom Curtis offered the latest word from Washington, D.C. on infrastructure, MTBE other hot topics.

Matt Stosse of Connecticut Water Company, chair of the Young Professionals Committee, announced that Thomas Loto of Malcolm Pirnie was the winner of Connecticut Section AWWA's Fresh Ideas, and will advance to compete at the national AWWA conference in June. Loto's abstract, presented that day before judges Jack Jolls of Weston & Sampson, Matt Stosse, Dave Pinsky of Tighe & Bond, Len DeJong of Aquarion and Kim Holden of Regional Water Authority, involved the City of New London's evaluation of alternatives for increasing available water during a drought.

CT Section AWWA Chair Dan Lesnieski of Connecticut Water Co. welcomed all who attended, chair Jack Jolls and the Associates Committee served as hosting committee for the vendors and registration was handled by chair Rob Olejarczyk of Regional Water Authority and the Membership Committee. 💧

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At 11:00 AM, to close the morning session, Special Agent Brian Donnelly, Weapons of Mass Destruction Coordinator for the FBI in CT, will present, "A History and Overview of Chemical and Biological Warfare Agents."

On Thursday evening, the annual clambake will feature awards to the participants in the golf tournament, chaired by Peter Pezanko of Connecticut Water Company, and the bocce tournament chaired by Mark Anderson of EPPCO/Ferguson.

Friday morning will feature recent strategic plan coordinator Deanne Shapiro who will speak on diversity. Chuck Firlotte, Chief Executive Officer of Aquarion, will provide a look into culture shock he encountered working in England and then returning to work in Connecticut. Also scheduled is a Water for People Update and the final competition "SMARTS" game between CT Section AWWA and CWWA. Connecticut's own Len DeJong of Aquarion, who is Connecticut Section AWWA's national director and a national board member for Water for People, created the game. At last count, CT Section AWWA was the current holder of the "SMARTS" title.

Final comments will be provided by the incoming chairs: Marcey Munoz of The Metropolitan District for Connecticut Section-AWWA and John Tomac of Birmingham Utilities for CWWA.

Sponsorship opportunities and registration information will be mailed to the membership soon. 💧

Not Your Typical G-Man

Those who attend the Connecticut Section AWWA and CWWA 33rd Annual Meeting at the Wequassett Inn Chatham at Cape Cod on May 26-28 will get a chance to meet an FBI Agent who is far from what many of us visualize of when we think of the typical FBI Agent. Special Agent Brian Donnelly earned three degrees from St. John's University School of Pharmacy: a bachelor's degree in science, a master's of science in toxicology, and a doctorate in pharmacology/toxicology. He began his career as a clinical/forensic toxicologist and worked as a forensic toxicologist for the Suffolk County (NY) Medical Examiner. He joined the FBI in 1985 and since then has been published in numerous industry publications and has been a frequent lecturer at law enforcement and forensic conferences on a national and international level. He holds professional certification as a licensed pharmacist in the state of New York and has been a certified clinical laboratory technologist for New York City. 💧



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Larry L. Bingaman Appointed Sr. Vice President – Operations for Aquarion Water Companies of Massachusetts and New Hampshire

Former CWWA president Larry Bingaman will assume responsibility for operations at the Aquarion Water Companies of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, effective April 1. He will be leaving his position as Senior Vice President for Corporate Relations at Aquarion in Bridgeport and will relocate to Norwell, MA.

Bingaman has been with Aquarion since 1990 and served as co-chair of the Legislative Committee of CWWA where he represented the association's interests at the state capitol.

In his new role, Bingaman will have responsibility for all Aquarion Water Company operating matters for the two states. In addition, he is charged with establishing and developing effective relationships with all of the company's constituencies, as well as officials in state and local government, public utility and health and environmental regulatory agencies. 💧

CT-Section AWWA Fascinates Kids at Science Expo

On April 1, The CPTV Science Expo opened at Hartford's Expo Center and CT-Section AWWA was there in force to greet and teach the youngsters about water conservation and how difficult it is for people in developing countries to carry their water on their backs.

On opening day, The CT-AWWA booth was staffed by Connecticut Water Company staffers Josephine Lingua, Steve Melanson and Dan Meany; Cameron Walden from the DPH Drinking Water Division and Dave Kuzminski from the Town of Portland. Dave brought along his famous "Walter the Water Saver," which just fascinated the kids.

Using graphics and information from Water For People, the CT-AWWA was able to have kids experience what it's like lifting water with their backs or balancing it in a large bowl on their heads.

After just two hours on opening day, more than 3,500 kids had visited the Science Expo. The Expo continued daily though Sunday April 4. 💧



Dan Meany of the Connecticut Water Company helps youngsters understand how difficult it is to carry even a few gallons of water. Children crowded the CT-AWWA/Water For People booth to gain some understanding of what it is like to live without a readily accessible supply of drinking water.



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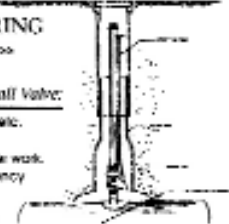
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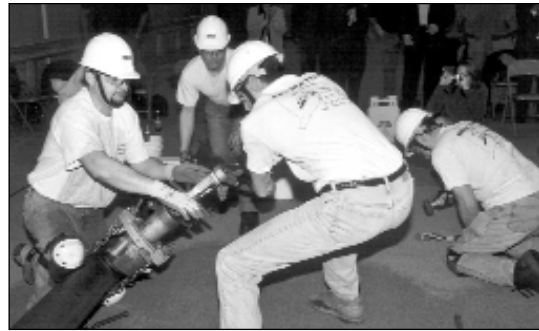
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Birmingham H2O Holds Securement Seminar



On March 4, utility crews from around the state learned that there is more to security than the type that keeps our homeland safe as Birmingham H2O Services sponsored a seminar on the new Connecticut DOT rules for securing equipment and cargo on truck and trailers. The seminar was taught by the Allstate Tractor Trailer Driving School at the Golden Age of Trucking Museum in Middlebury. Those in attendance learned about enforcement, accident prevention and why some of the old ways of securing equipment can be dangerous. 💧

Elm City Tappers Win Tap 2004



RWA's Elm City Tappers win Tap 2004.

As a spirited crowd cheered them on, the Elm City Tappers from the Regional Water Authority topped the Forest City Tappers from the Middletown Water & Sewer Department to take the CT-Section's Tap 2004 title with a time of 1 minute, 15 seconds. Middletown Mayor Dominique Thornton, Regional Water Authority CEO David Silverstone and Middletown Director of Water & Sewer Guy Russo joined in congratulating both teams for their remarkable demonstration of skill.

Mike Gionfriddo, Keith Leone, Peter Poissant and Ed White represented Middletown and Mark Steeves, Charles Coleman, Jose Torres, Vincenzo Landino and Angelo Giannotta took the title for RWA and will now move on to the nationals.

J. Robert "Bobby D" D'Onofrio managed the event and sponsorship was provided by Ferguson Waterworks – EPPCO, G.L. Lyons Associates and the Mueller Company. 💧

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