

Who Are We?

The Wisconsin Water Association (WWA) is a section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the largest organization of water professionals in the world. Our members represent every sector of the water industry in Wisconsin, from utilities to vendors to regulatory agency staff to consultants. We offer a wide variety of educational and networking opportunities through conferences, workshops, expositions, and legislative activities dealing with water industry issues. Our mission is to unite the Wisconsin water community to protect public health and to provide safe and sufficient water for all.

AWWA was founded in 1881 at Washington University in St. Louis by 22 men representing water utilities in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, and Tennessee. In 1924, Wisconsin created the Wisconsin Section-AWWA to serve as the state's first association representing water utilities and associated water professionals. In 2001, the section changed its name to Wisconsin Water Association to emphasize the organization's dedication to protecting and enhancing safe drinking water in Wisconsin through education and sharing resources. The WWA continues to act as a part of AWWA and provides its membership with all the benefits associated with the national organization.

The WWA's membership is more than 700 professionals strong, including operators and managers from small and large utilities throughout the state. Active involvement in WWA provides opportunities to share knowledge and experience with others through educational seminars and participation in one of the association's 30 standing committees. These committees provide opportunities to talk about distribution system challenges, learn about the latest findings in water research, and travel to developing countries to help construct sanitary water supplies for people in need.



Become a member today!

The Wisconsin Water Association offers membership on three levels:

Individual. Water utility employees, engineers, scientists, public health professionals, consultants, educators and students are examples of members in this category.

Utility. Small water systems, contract operations firms and water supplier, wastewater system and water wholesaler organizations would be eligible for this membership.

Service Provider. Companies or firms engaged in sales, manufacturing, distribution, construction, consultation or professional services to the water industry fit this category.

To learn more about the benefits of each level and to apply for membership, go to

www.wiawwa.org
and click on "Member Services"

If you prefer to speak with us in person, please call
1-877-WWA-AWWA
(1-877-992-2992)

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The Benefits of Membership

Resources. As a member of WWA, you have access beyond the section's resources to the 60,000 AWWA members throughout North America who can help you research, solve problems and improve processes. You'll also get to know the members down the road who may encounter situations similar to your own or who understand how to address the state's regulatory requirements.

Through AWWA, you'll have access to the Water Library, a research and download center with more than 7,500 peer-reviewed articles. Locally, you'll have access to WWA's video library with five dozen training-film titles available for loan at your request. You'll also receive regular updates from WWA on issues within Wisconsin that affect the water industry, including calls to action, notices of regulatory changes and happenings within the Wisconsin water industry.

Members receive subscriptions to informative and world-respected periodicals through AWWA, as well as the quarterly WWA Newsletter filled with profiles of local utilities, case studies of water challenges that have been overcome, and news about your colleagues within the industry.

Community. Want to get more involved and knowledgeable about the water industry? WWA provides plenty of opportunities to network, share resources and make friends. With 30 committees, there's a place you'll fit right in, whether it's among the Young Professionals, in Customer Service, or among the Treatment Operations team. Participation expectations vary, so you can find a place within WWA that fits your needs and schedule. It's a great way to get to know your colleagues, learn more about the industry, and develop the resources to call when you need help.

The entire WWA community comes together once each year for the WWA Annual Meeting, which features a vendor exhibition, technical sessions presented by members and guests on a broad range of topics, and social activities to keep things fun. Past conferences have featured outings on the Wisconsin Dells Duck Boats, an old-fashioned German celebration on the LaCrosse Oktoberfest grounds, and a Casino night with tuxedo-clad dealers.

Power to the People. As a WWA member, you'll have the opportunity to work closely with legislators and government officials to form a positive solution to regulatory issues. Our members have represented the organization in task forces and workgroups for state code changes, development of conservation initiatives and implementation of Great Lakes water management. You'll also have access to the influence of the national AWWA organization as a WWA member. Our expertise on water related issues can help legislators make informed decisions that positively impact the citizens of our state.

Education. WWA offers unsurpassed educational experiences. Not only will you earn CEUs (continuing education units) and PDHs (professional development hours), you'll also receive discounts on registration for workshops, conferences and seminars you attend. Our educational focus goes beyond our membership, though, in an effort to develop a future workforce for our industry. WWA works with colleges, high schools, and even elementary schools to educate future generations about the importance of safe drinking water and the careers available in the Wisconsin water industry. Our AdventureKids Learning program has been nationally recognized for bringing WWA's efforts to improve water conditions in Guatemala to classrooms through live satellite broadcasts.

Perks. As a WWA member, you'll enjoy high-quality products and services offered exclusively to our members. From t-shirts to industry publications to discounts on special events, WWA will make opportunities available to its members throughout the year. Be the first on your block to take advantage of these great deals!

A Note to Young Professionals

As up-and-comers in the water industry, you're looking for ways to get yourself out there without giving up all your free time. With a WWA membership, you'll have the advantage of access to industry leaders and experts, as well as these excellent resources:

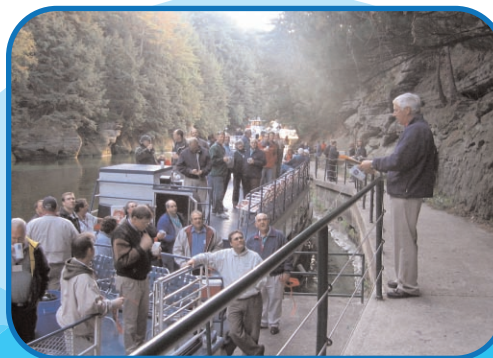
Scholarships. WWA Young Professionals award scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students looking to further themselves in the field of water science. Whether you're looking for a scholarship yourself, or interested in helping encourage students to earn a scholarship of their own, Young Professionals is the place to be.

Career Center. Search for jobs in Wisconsin through the WWA website or nationally through the AWWA Career Center. The contacts you make through the association will be invaluable as you seek to further your career.

Networking. Young Professionals know how to have fun. The committee holds special events during the year and hosts special activities during the Annual Conference, so you know you'll be surrounded by people your age.



Continue your education at conferences, seminars and workshops...



...participate in interesting and unique networking activities...



...and don't forget to have a little fun!