Kansas Water Environment Association

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Fact Sheet - 2012/2013



Mission Statement:

The mission of KWEA is to:

- ✓ Advance the professional development & education of its members.
- ✓ Deliver high quality products & services to members & stakeholders.
- ✓ Influence the development of sound public policy regarding the Kansas Water Environment.
- ✓ Promote, educate, and advance the water quality industry & the public.

Vision Statement:

The Kansas Water Environment Association will be recognized as the leading technical & educational organization in Kansas dedicated to the preservation & enhancement of the Kansas Water Environment.

Summary of 2012 Program:

- ➤ KWEA has as of January 2013, 458 members: 310 Professional, 100 PWO, 22 YP's, 10 Life, 4 Corporate, 2 Executive, 5 Retired, 4 Student, & 1 Honorary. Thirty-five of our members are female.
- KWEA oversees the ABC Voluntary Certification Program in Kansas and currently has 616 Certificate holders in the following disciplines: 351 Collections, 140 Distribution, 64 Water & Wastewater Laboratory, 47 Plant Maintenance, 7 Industrial, & 7 Biosolids Certificates. Approximately two hundred exams were administered in 2012. The Plant Maintenance & Distribution certification programs have grown at the largest pace in the last three years.
- ➤ KWEA's Annual Conference was held jointly with the Kansas Section of the American Water Works (KsAWWA) in 2012. Attendance matched the highest on record with 780 attendees. Approximately 61 % of the attendees were KWEA affiliated with 39 % being KsAWWA. Ninety –three exhibit booths were sold. KWEA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with KsAWWA through 2020. Contracts have been negotiated and are signed with the hotels through 2015 as well as with the exhibit booth coordinator.

- ➤ KWEA's Annual Budget is ~ \$135,000 and we hold ~ \$120,000 in reserves. The operating budget is ~ \$40,000 which is generated primarily from the Annual Conference.
- ➤ KWEA administers a scholarship program with a reserve of ~ \$33,000. In 2012 KWEA awarded \$3700 in scholarships. The following awards were given in 2012:
 - College scholarships of \$1200 (Shirley Coles Memorial), two scholarships in the amount of \$750 each and two in the amount of \$500 each.
 - The vocational scholarship of \$500 in memorial of Jerry Davies was not awarded in 2012.
 - In 2012 the Golf Tournament raised \$1246 and the SSSSS contributed \$1434 to the scholarship program leaving the reserve untouched.
 - KWEA hopes to establish an Endowment Program for the Scholarship Fund which will enable it to more formally solicit donations.

> Current KWEA initiatives include:

- Continued implementation of the revised committee structure enacted in
- Complete detailed review and revision of KWEA's Constitution and Bylaws
- Continued review, strengthening, and revision to KWEA administrative practices including audit, succession planning, budget, and strategic outlook/planning