

AUGUST 2023 WEF MA NEWS

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HAWAII WEA

Many Member Associations (MAs) want to help in support of the people of Maui as they gather to recover from a natural disaster. In the past years, WEF MAs have donated to local groups when a natural disaster has occurred. Hawaii WEA has provided a list of charitable local relief organizations that will best serve the people most severely impacted. The WEF family is keeping the people of Maui in our thoughts.

- Hawaii Community Foundation [Maui Strong](#) fund: Focusing on rapid response and working with local nonprofits to understand community needs. More [details](#).
- [Maui Food Bank](#): Collecting and distributing food to help the hungry in Maui County. More [details](#).
- [Maui United Way](#): Providing direct relief to families and nonprofits. More [details](#).
- [The Salvation Army](#) Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division: Providing food and resources for evacuees. More [details](#).
- [Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation](#): Partnering with the state Department of Education to support school communities in West Maui through Oct. 1. More [details](#).
- [Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement](#): Working to match every donation to Maui fire victims as of Friday evening. More [details](#).
- [Catholic Charities Hawaii](#): Actively working with other organizations to assess the critical needs of individuals affected by the wildfires.
- [Maui Humane Society](#): Supporting shelters for displaced people and animals and caring for injured animals. More [details](#).
- [World Central Kitchen](#): Providing meals to people in need by partnering with local organizations. More [details](#).
- [Hawaii Lions Foundation](#): Matching up to \$25,000 in donations for Maui disaster relief efforts. More [details](#).

CHECK OUT WEFTEC EVENTS FOR MA LEADERS

As you plan your WEFTEC schedule, Member Association (MA) Leaders may wish to attend events of specific interest just for MA Leaders. Please check back prior to WEFTEC as we may have added additional new events. [Read More...](#)

MAUI WILDFIRES

Our hearts and thoughts are with the people of Maui. [Read more](#) on ways you can contribute to the relief efforts.

WEFTEC MA LEADERS FORUM

Registration: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RFJX9T7>

October 1 | 9:00 – 11:00 am

Hilton Chicago | Continental C, Lobby Level

Please join with fellow MA Leaders for interactive sessions built around topics on Collaboration, Workforce and DE&I through the lens of equity. President-Elect Aimee' Killeen will provide the opening

message and WEF Board of Trustee Stephen Sanders will facilitate the sessions. A light continental breakfast will be offered.

2023 WEF AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to all 2023 WEF Award Recipients. To find out more, [click on this link here](#) to see who from your MA is being recognized. Don't forget to stop by the Awards and Presidential Celebration Ceremony on Tuesday, October 3 at WEFTEC 2023 to show your support.

2023 ANNUAL STUDENT CHAPTER MEETING

Come network with other student chapters, share ideas, and learn how WEF can help as you begin your professional career from the Student Activities Community, a subcommunity of the WEF Students & Young Professionals Community (SYPC) on Monday, Oct 2 from 10 – 11 am at McCormick Place South, Room 5103b Level 1. We will also hear from the 2023 Student Chapter of the Year Award recipients - the Alabama Water Environment Association, Azalea Chapter, at the University of South Alabama. Questions: contact WEF Staff [Brad Lovett](#).

WEF HISTORY TASK FORCE

WEF leadership has established a WEF History Task Force to document the history of our organization in advance of our 100th anniversary in 2028. The Task Force is inventorying all the documents and records in WEF's files. The group will also be reaching out to Past Officers to record their memories. The group will hold a meeting at WEFTEC on Monday October 2nd, 2:30 – 4:00 pm at McCormick Center in room N227a. Please stop by if interested.

REQUEST FOR MA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CHAIR UPDATES

Please use the link below to update the contact on file for your MA YP Chair: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZXQM6MP>

2024 WEF/AWWA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SUMMIT AND UMC

The Hyatt Regency Portland at the Oregon Convention Center is designated as the headquarter hotel. Conference registration and housing will open later this year.

Young Professionals Summit - February 12-13

Utility Management Conference - Workshops: February 13 | Conference: February 14-16

WEF MEMBERSHIP CORNER

WEF-Only Memberships & Comping Your MA Dues

Please fill out this [submission form](#) if your MA awards comped memberships that differ from WEF or your MA has members that join through AWWA. This most often occurs when an MA offers lifetime or honorary membership to a member that does not meet WEF's criteria. WEF's current policy requires membership types for WEF and MA to mirror each other and does not allow WEF-only memberships. WEF will not be able to zero out an MA member's dues unless you [complete this form](#).

Young Professional Membership Category

We are [collecting feedback](#) from the member associations about their approach to young professionals' membership and the policy. [The survey](#) results will support WEF as we examine the membership policy for young professionals.

New Membership Recruitment Campaign in Conjunction with WEFTEC

WEF launched a new membership recruitment campaign in conjunction with WEFTEC offering a 50% discount on WEF membership for non-members looking to attend WEFTEC for the first time. The goal is to recruit non-members to join and register for WEFTEC. The MA dues are not discounted as part of this campaign.

New WEF Credit Card Security

WEF will now be verifying both billing address and security codes (CVV) when taking credit card payments. Please check to make sure this information is up to date in our system. Most members need to update this information. You can also submit payment through check or ACH:

Check

Payable to WEF
Mail to PO Box 38008
Baltimore Maryland 21297 - 8008

ACH/Wire

Capital One Bank - 10700 Capital One Way, Glen Allen, VA 23060
ABA: 065000090 Account: 7528622024 SWIFT: HIBKUS44

LOUISIANA WEA HAS A NEW NAME!

On August 1, 2023, the Louisiana WEA officially changed their name to Clean Water Professionals of Louisiana. Please take a moment to visit their [new website](#).