The Water Environment Association of South Carolina has nearly 2700 members dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of our most precious natural resource ... WATER.

Founded in 1927, WEASC has grown to meet the challenges of our ever-changing environment. WEASC is one of the early members of the Water Environment Federation (WEF).

WEASC is divided into ten districts, each having its own governing structure. These districts allow members in all areas of the state involvement with the affairs of their particular region, and also an opportunity to participate in our Association without extensive travel.

Professional Development...

One of the primary missions of WEASC is to educate our membership and all those interested in protecting our water resources. We strive to be the state resource for information regarding the water industry.

Specialty Workshops and Seminars

Held at various times and at different locations throughout the state, these workshops and seminars focus on topics that are of current concern to our membership. WEASC also works with other related associations such as the South Carolina Section of the American Water Works Association in providing these seminars and workshops.

Annual Conference

Each year WEASC and the South Carolina Section of the American Water Works Association jointly host the South Carolina Environmental Conference held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. This conference blends traditional educational presentations with exhibitions of equipment and services, current regulatory requirements, presentations of annual awards to leaders of our industry, as well as social events.

Operations Challenge Competition

Each year, Operations Challenge teams from various utilities compete in the areas of laboratory skills, safety, operational problems, collection systems and maintenance. Winners from each division can then compete in the national competition held at the annual WEF conference.

Committees...

WEASC has over 25 active standing committees, ranging from membership to operations and from awards to personnel education. The committees include:


Members may join a committee at their local district or become a part of a statewide committee. The committee structure is patterned after the WEF committee structure for continuity and sharing of information.

Honors and Awards...

To enhance WEASC's image and recognize the achievements of our members and others in the industry, WEASC and its local districts present awards in various areas including plant operations, maintenance, safety, laboratory excellence, and public service. The Water Environment Federation also provides awards on a national level.

Each year, students from South Carolina's universities and colleges are invited to enter a student poster competition on topics related to the water industry. The winner, selected at the Annual
Conference, is offered an opportunity to attend
WEFTEC with expenses subsidized by WEASC.

Scholarships...
We as water professionals know that these
precious gifts can only be maintained by
individuals who have pursued the specialized
education and training integral to a successful
career in water management.

One of the things we do best in the Water
Environment Association of South Carolina is to
provide, support and encourage environmental
education. The Water Associations (SCAWWA
and WEASC) have joined forces through a
collaborative campaign to support environmental
education. The Legacy of Learning Campaign has
created a legacy by establishing an endowment
which will provide scholarships for many
generations of water professionals to come. The
Legacy of Learning scholarships in the water and
wastewater fields will be awarded to students at all
levels of higher education throughout our state.

For the Water Environment Association of South
Carolina, the campaign funds larger awards at
technical colleges within each of the Association’s
ten districts, filling gaps left by South Carolina’s
lottery-funded scholarships. In 2013 WEASC
awarded 19 scholarships from the Legacy of
Learning endowment in addition to the Rich,
Abernathy and Keinath Fellowships established at
Clemson University. Fundraising is underway to
establish a Fellowship at the University of South
Carolina, with the first full fellowship awarded in
2015. The scholarship program has expanded to
include five additional schools and increased
award amounts.

Publications...
WEASC members receive several local and
statewide publications that help keep them
informed of meetings, seminars, new technology
and other items of interest. These publications
include:

The Journal
Published quarterly, this magazine provides
WEASC members with information concerning
government activities, equipment, current and
new technologies, district meetings and
events, educational opportunities, and
WEASC business information.

District Newsletters
Published by individual districts, these provide
information about upcoming meetings, local
issues, and state related announcements.

WEF Publications
Members of WEASC and WEF are eligible to
receive any one of several publications
prepared by the WEF.

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