Member Engagement

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NEWEA at a Glance

- **89th year**—Founded in 1929
- **2,000 members** representing the six New England states
- **Annual Conference**—January, Boston, 2400 attendees
- **Spring Meeting**—June, rotates among states, 350 attendees
- **Committee Specialty Conferences**—typically six per year
- **Affiliated State Associations**—Conferences and Tradeshows
- **Legislative Engagement**—ASA and WEF Wash. DC Fly-in
- **Operations Challenge**—Spring Meeting and WEFTEC
Volunteer Opportunities

Collection Systems/ Water Resource Council
- Collection System Certification
- Collection Systems
- CSO/Wet Weather Issues
- Industrial Wastewater
- Stormwater
- Sustainability
- Water Reuse
- Watershed Management

Outreach Council
- Government Affairs
- Membership
- Humanitarian Assist. & Grants
- Public Education
- Safety
- Scholarship
- Student Activities
- Water for People
- Young Professionals

Meeting Management Council
- Conference Arrangements
- Exhibits
- Program
- Registration

Communication Council
- Journal
- Public Awareness
- Newsletter
- Website

Management Review Council
- Assessment & Development
- Awards
- Bylaws
- Member Appreciation
- Nominating
- Sponsor

Treatment, System Operations, & Management Council
- Asset Management
- Energy
- Laboratory Practices
- Microconstituents
- Operations Challenge
- Plant Operations
- Residuals Management
- Small Community
- Utility Management

Ad-hoc Council
- Veterans Workforce Dev.
- Innovation
2016 – 2017 Initiatives

- Student Outreach
- Young Professionals Development
- Veterans Workforce Development
- Innovation
Student Outreach

- PEC—Presentation Tool Kit K-12
- Teacher training
- College and university initiative
  - Student Chapters: Northeastern, Wentworth, and WPI
  - Executive Committee Meeting at Univ./College
  - Outreach Events held at UNH, URI, UVM, UMaine, UMass, WPI, Roger Williams University (2018)
- Committee charge revision—student outreach
Young Professionals Summit

- Initiative from 2016 NEWEA planning session
- Modeled after WEF’s YP summit
- Half day program—part of annual conference
- Event for YPs—plan, organize, and stage
- Post-event networking reception with members
Mentor Program

- Introduced by YP Committee at 2018 AC
- Match mentors and mentees—18 month program
- Lead to lifelong relationships
- Develop future NEWEA and industry leaders
YP—Poo and Brew

- Developed by YP committee 12 to date
- All NE states have hosted
- Plant/facility tour
- Reception at local brew pub
- Technical knowledge transfer
- Networking
- Relationship building
- Fun!
Veterans Workforce Development

- Idea presented by USN veteran and Maine plant manager Dustin Price
- Water Warriors white paper
- Create awareness of water infrastructure jobs
- 2017—established ad-hoc committee
- State subcommittees and liaisons
- Meet with regulatory agencies, labor departments, and job placement agencies
- Recruiting, placement, training, certification
- Lifelong career
Innovation Task Force

- Initiated in 2017
- Howard Carter, chair
- Innovation pavilion modeled after WEFTEC
- Connect with colleges and university on research programs
- Innovative technologies and trends
- Entrepreneurship
- Workforce development
- Charge is evolving
Thank You