**WEFTEC PROGRAM COMMITTEE APPLICATION 2023**

Consisting of over 150 water industry professionals who represent the many voices of WEFTEC attendees, the Program Committee strives to build a well-rounded technical program encompassing the scope of WEF's vision and mission.

**WHY JOIN PROGRAM COMMITTEE?**

* Networking opportunities with wide range of industry stakeholders**.**
* Exposure to latest industry trends and technical content.
* Professional experience in addition to determined career path.
* Contributing to the advancement of the water industry.
* Life-long connections & friendships with fellow members.

Our goal for the 2023 application period is to become a more inclusive group welcoming applicants from different backgrounds and ensure our committee continues to represent the diversity WEFTEC attendees.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBER DUTIES**

The main focus of the program committee is the design and implementation of WEFTEC's technical program. Major duties from program committee members include:

**Abstract Review**

* Review and score all of assigned abstracts
* Score abstracts impartially, consistently, and without bias

**Session Design**

* Stay up-to-date with industry concerns, trends, and changes
* Suggest content/topics WEFTEC attendees will want or need to hear during WEFTEC
* Design creative and engaging sessions based on industry trends and attendee interests

 **Moderation/Facilitation of WEFTEC Sessions**

* Maintain regular correspondence with assigned speakers in months leading up to WEFTEC
* Commit to communicating consistently regarding all WEFTEC related matters

**Travel**

* *Optional*: WEFTEC Program Planning Meeting (3-day commitment in Feb/March)
* WEFTEC (3 to 4-day commitment in Sept/Oct)

**MEMBER APPLICATION PROCESS**

**Applications are due October 31st, 2022 by 11:59 PM Eastern.**

After receiving applications, the Program Committee Steering Subcommittee will review the applications. If an applicant is accepted into the program committee, they will be contacted by WEF Staff via email.

All accepted applicants will be given a 1-year term within the program committee. If applicants are unable to commit to committee responsibilities, the term may not be extended.

**All applicants must have active WEF memberships to apply.**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

First Name:

Last Name

Work Phone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

WEF Membership Number:

**Did you serve as a micro reviewer for the 2022 WEFTEC Program?**

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

**If accepted into the program committee, you will be expected to review abstract submissions for WEFTEC. Will you be able to review abstract submissions from December to January?**

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

**If accepted into the program committee, you will be expected to serve as a moderator or facilitator for WEFTEC technical sessions. Will you be able to commit to communicating with session speakers leading up to WEFTEC and moderating/facilitating your assigned session during WEFTEC?**

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

**SHORT ANSWER SECTION**

* 1. Why are you interested in joining the Program Committee?
	2. Describe any industry experience, certifications, training, or projects (*research paper, initiatives, programs, publication author/co-author, volunteer service*) you have worked on recently.
	3. WEFTEC is a gathering place for those who come from different backgrounds but are connected by the water and wastewater industry. Each technical sessions must consist of speakers from different organizations to provide different perspectives and the program must cater to attendees who come from different educational backgrounds and professional experiences. It is imperative for a program committee member to keep this in mind when designing technical sessions.

Please describe what "diversity of thought" means to you and why it is important.

* 1. The program committee works to determine what the industry "hot topics" are each year and how they can be included within the WEFTEC program.

List three topics you believe would benefit the WEFTEC attendees if covered in the technical program.

* 1. As moderators and facilitators, many program committee members serve as the connection from their session speakers to WEFTEC. With different schedules and people in different time zones, it can be a challenge to keep all the session participants connected.

Describe a time when you have led a project or managed a team where someone was unresponsive, how you approached this individual, and what the outcome was.

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

For the technical program to cover various areas of interest within the water industry, the Program Committee is composed of twelve symposia. Applicants may select one or more symposia to apply to based on personal preference or professional experience or interest.

Note: Program Committee areas of interest are not limited to the twelve topics the symposia fall under.

This section of the application is not mandatory as we understand some may fall under topics areas that are not listed. Examples included but are not limited to Public Communication and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

**Select a maximum of two symposia:**

[ ] Biosolids and Residuals Management/Energy

[ ] Collection Systems and Distribution

[ ] Disinfection and Public Health

[ ] Facility Operations and Maintenance

[ ] Future Insights and Global Issues

[ ] Industrial Issues and Treatment Technologies

[ ] Municipal Wastewater Treatment Process and Design

[ ] Research and Innovation

[ ] Stormwater Management

[ ] Utility Management and Leadership

[ ] Water Reclamation and Reuse

[ ] Watershed Resources Management and Sustainability

**HOW TO SUBMIT:**

Thank you for your interest in applying to the WEFTEC Program Committee. To submit this form, please email with all questions answered to WEFTEC Program Coordinator, Jazmin Goines (jgoines@wef.org) with the subject line **"Program Committee Application - First Name, Last Name"**. If you would like your resume to accompany your application, please attach it to your submission email.

Notifications regarding application status will be sent out in mid-November.