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WHO IS WWOAP?

WWOAP’s members are people involved directly or indirectly with the operation, management, design or construction of municipally-operated or investor-owned public water supply systems including:

- Operators
- Engineers
- Chemists
- Bacteriologists
- Equipment and materials manufacturers or suppliers and their representatives
- Local, state and federal government officials and personnel
- Others who are engaged or interested in the water supply profession.

WWOAP RESOURCES FOR MEMBERS

Annual Statewide Conference

These yearly sessions feature outstanding speakers and presenters on a wide variety of subjects pertaining directly or indirectly to the profession. You and your spouse/guest may attend educational, social events and activities.

Sectional Meetings

We divided the Commonwealth into three distinct sections—Eastern, Central and Western—each of which meet separately several times a year. The meetings are an opportunity for Members and State and Federal regulatory agency representatives to hear or make presentations on subjects of interest, view displays, acquire information on the latest industry trends and discuss specific problems with others who have mutual concerns or have dealt with similar issues.

WWOAP Website

Our website, www.wwoap.org, contains a wealth of information aimed at increasing the knowledge and expertise of Pennsylvania’s water supply professionals. You can use the site to learn more about the WWOAP; stay up-to-date on meetings, conferences, exams and activities; find resource links and advertising opportunities; search job listings; and more. Members can also access a member’s only section which includes the Membership Directory.

WWOAP Newsletter

You’ll receive a newsletter three times a year which will cover industry news; the annual conference, sectional meetings, Executive Board sessions and committee activities; operator certification training courses, workshops and educational activities; new member listings, obituaries, address changes; personnel news, employment opportunities; and more.

Membership Directory

A Membership Directory is available at www.wwoap.org to all members. Included are listings of members’ contact information; current officers, committee chairmen and members; the Association’s bylaws; and more.

THE BENEFITS OF WWOAP MEMBERSHIP

Operators and Managers benefit through the exchange of ideas and solutions to problems which are discussed at the Annual Conferences, sectional meetings and workshops. Courses offered by the Education Committee help members keep abreast of developments within the industry, offer basic training courses for those new to the industry and help members prepare for state certification examinations.

Municipalities benefit through the guidance and information employees receive by attending and participating in the Annual Conference and sectional meetings. Encouraging employees to actively involve themselves in WWOAP will help municipalities gain more efficient, competent and professional operation and maintenance of their water treatment plants and distribution systems.

Manufacturers, Suppliers and Representatives receive invaluable exposure and contact with people who specify and use their equipment. They also may receive constructive criticism of products from those who use them under actual field conditions. These criticisms can be used to improve products and increase sales.

Consulting Engineers, Chemists and Bacteriologists gain exposure through preparation of articles and presentations of papers that describe projects recently completed. In addition, they have the opportunity to meet with potential clients and network with other industry professionals during WWOAP’s various activities.

Governments benefit because WWOAP maintains open channels of communication with the state and federal government through various programs, committee activities, Education Courses, articles published in the Newsletter, and current information on www.wwoap.org.

Educators and Students receive a link to the industry that goes beyond the classroom. WWOAP also awards annual grants to at least one outstanding student to help defray the education costs of pursuing a career in public water supply.