

# Women In Water Committee

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## **MISSION:**

Empower women working in the water industry by inviting them into a safe and comfortable environment to mentor and be mentored, develop a woman-to-woman support network, and engage in woman-centered educational and leadership development opportunities.

## **GOAL:**

To provide women working in water and wastewater utilities, engineering, laboratories, consultants, and the total water industry women-centered opportunities to connect and interact.

## **PROFILE OF THE COMMITTEE:**

We are an active and diverse group of women who have fun and create supportive opportunities for all women in the total water industry. We offer mentoring, networking, building confidence and camaraderie, deepening your knowledge and expanding expertise, leadership development, advice, and friendship.

## **WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS COMMITTEE?**

Easy way to get involved with a fun group of women at the Illinois Section of AWWA. As the saying goes, "No woman is an island". Regular interaction with like-minded and like-situational colleagues leads to learning, personal growth, and career progression. That is what belonging to Women In Water can do for you in a way that no other industry group can do.

## **FUN FACTS:**

Some inventions by women include electric hot water heater by Marion Donovan, 1950; circular saw by Tabitha Babbitt, 1812; dam and reservoir construction by Harriet Strong, 1887; and drinking fountain device by Laurene O'Donnell, 1985.

## **TIME COMMITMENT:**

Committee members are expected to be active on the committee, attending a monthly call that takes 1 - 2 hours per month. An additional 3 - 4 hours per year for a scheduled event such as No Water No Wine or dinner.

**COMMITTEE WEBPAGE:** <http://www.isawwa.org/women>

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#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

- **Dominique Abramavich**
- **Lara Biggs**
- **Amanda Burns**
- **Karen Cooper**
- **Elizabeth Doellman**
- **Crystal Draffkorn**
- **Laurie Dougherty**
- **Hannah Grooms**
- **Randi Haley**
- **Chelsea Hawkins**
- **Brianna Huber**
- **Kyla Jacobsen**
- **Kim Lucas**
- **Kelly Miles**
- **Michelle Nicol**
- **Lisa Perry**
- **Jamie Rott**
- **Kelly Simpson**
- **Lydia Balla Stamatopoulos**
- **Lori Stenzel**
- **Ann Wittmer**

#### **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE:**

Please feel free to reach out to Brianna directly to talk about current activities happening with the Committee!

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