

Education Committee

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MISSION: Dedicated to the development and delivery of low-cost and convenient educational opportunities for water and wastewater industry professionals

The Section educational programming generally consists of 3 – 5 hour seminars, live webinars (which are also archived for additional viewing), mini-conferences, night courses, on-line learning, home study courses and video/ DVD rentals. The Education Committee works with section staff to develop and monitor the Section's educational programming. Additional educational programming includes developing and moderating the Operator Day and Stretch Your Education tracks at WATERCON.

GOALS:

- Develop a process to measure our market share and member participation.
- Increase the attendance at training events by at least 3% each year.
- Foster the increased level of education credit hours issued by developing or improving educational programming activities.
- Maximize relationships with other groups and associations.
- Support other committees on technological related topics.

PROFILE OF THE COMMITTEE:

We are a mix of water system managers, operators, engineers, manufacturer representatives, retirees, and technology-minded individuals.

WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS COMMITTEE?

Members are on the forefront of educational programming and technological development.

Speakers become known as experts in their fields.

Get a first peek at what educational opportunities are being offered.

Committee membership is a great way to network with others in your field!

See cutting edge technology first hand!

FUN FACTS: The E.D.U.C.A.T.E. (Educating the Drinking water Utility Commendation Award for Training Excellence) award is shaped like an apple to recognize the outstanding educator of the year.

Approximately 1,000 people per year attend ISAWWA-sponsored seminars.

Approximately 1,800 people per year attend ISAWWA-sponsored webinars.

MEETING SCHEDULE: This committee meets once a month via conference call, usually the second Wednesday, for one hour. There is usually one in-person meeting per year, which often takes place at WATERCON.

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VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE:

WATERCON:

We are looking for volunteers to man the Joint Committee booth, 2 hour shifts
Operator Day Track moderators – 3-5 volunteers, 2-3 hour blocks

WEBINARS:

- Webinar presenters – Webinars are usually 1 hour, over lunch.
- Webinar moderators – 1 hr moderator training for first-time moderators, 1.25 hr for actual webinar
- Quiz developer - Develop 5 multiple-choice quiz questions for our library of archived webinars. 1 hr to review the webinar and develop questions.

SEMINARS:

- Speakers – any water, wastewater, stormwater, operations, engineering, technology/IT, or regulatory topic! We are always looking for seminar presenters on various topics related to water, wastewater or stormwater. Presentation times vary.
- Volunteers to help program and monitor other seminars.

SEMINAR-IN-A-BOX TRAINERS:

- Seminar in a Box – presentation of materials that are already prepared, or development of new Seminar-in-a-Box. Presentation times vary.
- Introduction to Wastewater — presentation of materials that are already prepared.
- Electrical Fundamentals — presentation of prepared training materials - 24 hours spread over several days.
- Pumps & Pumping Workshop — presentation of prepared training materials—24 hours spread over several days.

METER SYMPOSIUM

- We are looking for 3 – 5 volunteers to help program and monitor the annual Meter Symposium one day mini-conference.
- Volunteers for this event will log approximately 3 – 5 hours of time to program the mini-conference and one day to attend the mini-conference.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT TRAINING

- We are looking for 3 – 5 project management seminar presenters; The project management seminars could range in length from 3 – 5 hours of training to a multiple day/night course.
- We also are looking for a group of project management trainers to develop a Seminar-in-a-Box for project management training.

Contact any of our Committee members
if you'd like to get involved!

