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The Newsletter of NJAWWA

New Initiatives for the New Year

By John Hroncich

I would like to begin by thanking all those involved in the planning and implementation of the annual conference this past March. I received many nice compliments about the conference and hope that we can build on this success into the future. We did some simple and yet different things this year that contributed to the positive feedback. By moving the opening session to Tuesday afternoon we opened the way to two full days of technical session for people to get their training contact units on Wednesday and Thursday. For the first time we had vendor sessions in the exhibit hall that allowed individuals to gain hands on training that the manufacturers group was able to organize and deliver. The Operator Bowl was moved from the traditional slot on Thursday to Wednesday, the day designated for operators, to give as many operators as possible the opportunity to attend the sessions, participate in the competition and be able to socialize in the evening with others fellow operators.

I would also like to thank our national representative Michael Leonard for attending and spending the week with the section. It was a pleasure to talk about how to make the section better and to get some insight into what AWWA is doing. Michael was most encouraging to me in a number of areas, especially in the formation of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee and the Trustees Road Show.

As mentioned in my speech Thursday night at the banquet, I have proposed the formation of an ad hoc governance committee tasked to review how the section operates currently and provide recommendation by March 2006 as to what direction the section needs to move in the future to make us a stronger NJAWWA. The committee is comprised of individuals that have been past chairs of the section, current and



past committee chairs and individuals that have not been part of the section leadership in the past. The mix of individuals is intended to get views from a variety of interests in the section including operators, engineers, and manufacturers. This committee make up has, at this writing, not been confirmed but expect that to be done in the next few days.

The other initiative is to have the "Trustees Road Show". The purpose of this initiative is to reach out to leaders in our section to get feedback as to how we are doing in meeting the needs and expectation of the membership. I hope to get feedback as to what the section can do better, what the section can do different and get a sense as to what we can do to increase volunteerism and membership. We expect to have the presentation materials ready by June and begin to meet with individuals after that. I am truly excited about these two initiatives and will report back on progress in the next issue of Pipeline.

On May 12, 2005, we met with all the committee chairs and had a dialogue on what we need to do as a section for the coming year with Strategic Planning guiding the discussion. We had a fruitful exchange that will guide

us in developing committee initiatives for the year and the overall budget. I want to thank all those individuals that took the time to participate.

Over the last month I have seen an increase in legislative activities in Trenton that the section has been asked to provide comments and our position on certain issues. On Thursday May 5, 2005 of "Drinking Water Week" a few of us went to the State House in Trenton to promote safe drinking water and to meet with legislators. We were fortunate enough to be asked to give testimony on the Water Supply Master Plan bill up for vote by the Environment and Solid Waste Committee. We supported the bill and recommended it pass because it was good for our industry, the environment and the citizens of New Jersey. In addition, we have since also supported the MTBE ban, a bill that only the previous week was on the assembly agenda.

A very controversial issue coming up in Trenton is mandatory fluoridation, which carries divergent opinions within our section. I have asked the Water Utility Council to identify the section's position on mandatory fluoridation and provide guidance as to the general consensus of the membership. The major concern is whether fluoridation should be mandated by the State or if home rule should guide the mandate. If a community wants fluoride to be added to the water supply then the serving utility could provide that treatment. Communities need to balance the benefits of fluoridation against the potential issues associated with the treatment process. For more information and the official NJAWWA position statement on this issue, please visit our website at www.njawwa.org.

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Water for People Kayak and Section Picnic Event, July 30

By Cynthia Hartley

Join New Jersey AWWA and Water For People for our First Annual Water For People Summer Canoe/ Kayak and Section Picnic. Bring family and friends for a leisurely canoe/kayak ride through the beautiful and serene New Jersey Pinelands along the Oswego and Wading Rivers. The relaxed pace of the flowing rivers make this an ideal location for experts and novices of all ages. Afterwards, come with us to Oswego Lake to relax, have a dip in the lake and a bite to eat.

- WHO** Friends & Family of NJAWWA Members
- WHAT** Day of Kayaking, Canoeing, Good Food (included) and Good Fun
- WHERE** Pine Barrens Canoe
3260 Route 563, Chatsworth, NJ 08019
- WHEN** Saturday July 30, 2005 at 9:00am
(Raindate August 6, 2005)
- WHY** Have Fun and Raise Money for Water For People

- FEES** \$35 - Adults
\$25 - Children under 16
Picnic only - \$15

We are currently seeking Corporate Sponsors for this event. This is a great way to reward your employees! Corporate Sponsors of \$500 receive 10 complimentary registrations, your banner - provided by you - hung at the event and recognition in the next issue of Pipeline. Corporate Sponsors of \$1,000 receive all of the above and 12 additional complimentary registrations. For sponsorship or more information contact Cynthia Hartley at 718-350-2502 or

cynthia.hartley@mwhglobal.com.

For over a decade Water For People has been the charity of choice for the American Water Works Association. Throughout the world, Water for People uses water as a catalyst for socio-economic change in communities that lack access to drinking water, adequate sanitation and hygiene education. For more information on Water For People, please visit their website at www.waterforpeople.org.

Cynthia Hartley is a Senior Administrator with MWH and Chair of the NJAWWA Water for People Committee.

2005 NJAWWA Fall Conference to be held September 8



The NJAWWA Fall Seminar and Awards Dinner will be held on September 8, 2005 at the Eagle Ridge Country Club in Lakewood, New Jersey (www.eagleridgegolf.com). A detailed schedule, directions and registration forms will be mailed to all members and posted on www.njawwa.org as soon as they become available.

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My initiative on the legislative side is to bring the section front and center among state legislators in Trenton to bring forth our position as the expert in drinking water in New Jersey. With the support of the utility council together with member input I believe our voice can be heard.

The AWWA has asked all section to standardize their assessment fee to one of five tiers. The assessment is the additional charge members pay over their regular membership fee. The AWWA has tier one at 5% of membership dues with 5% increments for each tier going up to 30%. The NJAWWA in the past has charged a flat \$15 for the assessment. After consideration and discussion the trustees voted for tier C a 15% charge, or and increase of \$5 over the current rate. Currently the assessment goes to paid staff for supporting the committees and section activities. The Strategic Planning Committee has been reviewing the needs of each committee and

how paid staff can assist in meeting those needs. To lessen the administrative burden on volunteers, the section is planning to expand the services of the paid staff that will be paid for by the section assessment.

One last item is that the location and date of the 2006 conference is tentatively scheduled the week of March 20 at the Borgata. I am currently negotiating with the Borgata event manager and hope to have the contract signed in the next few weeks.

I am looking forward to a busy and exciting year. If you have any opinions or concerns please feel free to contact me. My contact information is on the section website www.njawwa.org. Thank you.

John Hroncich is the Operations Manager of United Water Jersey City and is the Chair of the New Jersey Section of AWWA.

"60 Minutes Bill" Passes Assembly and Senate Votes

By Carol Walczyk

On May 12, 2005 New Jersey Assembly Bill 2173/Senate Bill 1956 passed the Senate with a vote of 38 to 0. This legislation upgrades criminal trespassing from a disorderly persons offense to a crime of the fourth degree when it involves trespassing in any power generation facility, waste treatment facility, public sewage facility, water treatment facility, public water facility, nuclear electric

generating plant or any facility that stores, generates or handles any hazardous chemicals. A fourth degree crime is punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to 18 months and/or a fine of up to \$10,000.

As of press time, this legislation had not yet been signed into law by Acting Governor Richard Codey. Utilities can contact Gov. Codey to encourage him to sign this legislation

by mail at 125 West State Street, P.O. Box 001, Trenton, NJ 08625; by fax to (609) 292-3454; or by email via the State website at <http://www.nj.gov/governor/govmail.html>.

Carol Walczyk is an Associate with Hatch Mott MacDonald and the Editor of Pipeline.

NJAWWA Supports Legislation to Ban MTBE Use in NJ

By the NJAWWA Water Utility Council

Bill A2018, which would ban the use of MTBE in New Jersey, was released by the Senate Environment Committee on May 19. The bill was amended to extend the effective date of the legislation an additional year, to January 1, 2009.

In New Jersey, 34,000 Underground Storage Tanks (UST) contain gasoline. With an average UST size of 5,000 gallons, this represents a combined gasoline storage capacity of 170 million gallons and conservative annual throughputs ranging up to 1.7 billion gallons. MTBE is an oxygenate making up 11% of the volume of gasoline. This translates into an annual throughput ranging up to 187 million gallons of MTBE in USTs in New Jersey alone.

MTBE is highly soluble and resistant to degradation. There are more cases in which potable water wells were impacted by MTBE than any other gasoline related compound. MTBE's

high affinity for water also makes treating MTBE very costly. While carbon canisters are routinely selected for water treatment in private home applications, higher concentrations or higher water volume users require stripping towers and blowers for effective treatment. This leads to costly capital construction projects and high ongoing operations and maintenances costs.

MTBE has been found in surveys of New Jersey drinking water since the 1980's. Following adoption of the standard for MTBE, the NJ Bureau of Safe Drinking Water has been collecting data on MTBE in public water supplies since 1997. The data collected in one year of sample results (7/97-9/98) found MTBE above the detection limit in samples from 59 community water systems out of approximately 400 that sampled (15%). For non-transient non-community systems, there were

detections in 64 systems out the 397 systems reporting (16%). In these systems, there is likely to be no water treatment.

MTBE is the most frequently detected volatile organic chemical in public water supplies. This finding indicates a relatively rapid increase in its prevalence in the water supply, since it has only been used for a relatively short period of about 20 years. During the same sampling period (7/97-9/98), the next most frequently found volatile organics (trichloroethylene, tetrachloroethylene, and 1,1,1-trichloroethane) were each detected in 8%-9% of public water supplies – about half the frequency of MTBE detection.

NJAWWA urges its members to contact their legislators to support the passing of this bill. Please visit the www.njawwa.org website for more information and a suggested letter that can be used to contact your legislators.

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**Mandatory Fluoridation -
visit www.njawwa.org for more information
and NJAWWA's official position statement.**

NJAWWA Implements New Software for Section Activities

By Mona Cavalcoli

Wouldn't it be great to register online for the NJAWWA Annual Conference? Or sign up and pay for a seminar online? Or visit the website to check on how many TCH's you've earned this year?

Well... that day may not be here tomorrow, but it's coming!

The New Jersey Section AWWA is embarking on a new initiative that will impact the future of Section operations. After much discussion regarding Section activities, membership issues, and overall Section needs, NJAWWA has purchased and is in the process of implementing a new software package that will ultimately give the Section a control over its information and records management, and will also give NJAWWA members conveniences such as online registration for conferences, seminars and events; as well as the ability to look up information about their own membership and continuing education records.

The Section's Information Technology Committee has been instrumental in researching software packages that would meet the Section's needs as well as fit within its budget. The decision was made in the fall of 2004 to purchase a program called IMPak, developed and manufactured by Integrated Software Solutions of Vienna, Virginia.

IMPak is considered an "association management software" package – a program that comprehensively manages membership records, financial transactions, member communications, meeting registration and vendor management, and many other features that enhance the way organizations manage records.

Some of the key features that IMPak offers NJAWWA are:

- Tracking member participation (at conferences, seminars, committees, leadership roles, awards, CEU's, etc.)
- Building historical records of membership and member participation
- Tracking demographic information as provided
- Analyzing membership participation trends (provide section with ability to plan events & activities to best suit membership needs)
- Enhancing conference registration processes

- Improving communication with members through mail, fax, and electronic communication
- A web-based system that will allow for our volunteers – and members – to use it at their convenience

The process of implementing the new program has begun, but will also take time to be fully functional.

Right now, the Information Technology Committee and Section Manager are working with Integrated Software Systems to continue developing the customized version that meets all of NJAWWA's needs and requirements. The next big steps include training key volunteers that will be using the system the most frequently, and then integrating IMPak into our own NJAWWA website so that all members can do

things like look up their membership records, update their address and contact information, and monitor their continuing education credits.

The goal is to begin using the new IMPak system for registration at Section events this fall, so that glitches, troubles, and possible pitfalls can be detected before the 2006 Annual Conference.

The Section is very excited about the new IMPak system, although it will likely be a process not without some struggles, frustrations, and grumbling along the way. We thank you in advance for being patient with us as we work to make the Section better for you.

Mona Cavalcoli is the Section Manager of NJAWWA.



Section Manager Mona Cavalcoli works on the new NJAWWA Section database with assistance from Information Technology Committee member Mike Yamrus.

NJDEP Commissioner Bradley Campbell Presented with 2005 Public Service Award

By the NJAWWA Public Information Committee

During the Annual Conference, Bradley M. Campbell, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, (NJDEP) was honored with the 2005 Public Service Award for his efforts to elevate the importance of water supply issues. Commissioner Campbell has managed New Jersey's water resources during a record-setting drought and has worked to implement the Governor's aggressive agenda to provide long-term protection of the state's drinking water supply.

This plan has resulted in the NJDEP signing a contract to complete an interconnection study to examine how to efficiently manage and utilize the state's various water supply sources.

"Commissioner Campbell has worked to strengthen the state's environmental laws and improve the quality of natural resources in New Jersey and is deserving of this honor," said NJAWWA Chair John Hroncich. "Our association shares the Commissioner's commitment to water supply protection and prudent investment in the state's drinking water infrastructure. We will continue to work cooperatively to ensure a safe and abundant water supply to residents of New Jersey," added Hroncich.



NJDEP Commissioner Bradley Campbell (center) accepts the 2005 Public Service Award. With the Commissioner are Patrick Torpey, NJAWWA's lobbyist (left) and Neil Goldfine, Chair of the NJAWWA Water Utility Council.

2005 Fuller Award Winner: Neil Goldfine

By the Fuller Award Committee



2005 Fuller Award Winner Neil Goldfine (center) is congratulated by past winners (standing, L to R) Ed Bastian (1984), Bill McLees (1989), John Young (1994), John Dyksen (1991) and Frank Moritz (2004) as NJDEP Commissioner Brad Campbell (seated, far left) and Lynn Goldfine (seated, far right) look on.

At the 2005 Annual Conference, Neil Goldfine of the Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority was presented with the 2005 George Warren Fuller Award. The Fuller Award is conferred to a member of each AWWA section each year for “distinguished service in the water supply field and in commemoration of the sound engineering skill, the brilliant diplomatic talent, and the constructive leadership of persons in the Association which characterized the life of George Warren Fuller.”

Neil is a professional engineer and professional planner in New Jersey. A graduate of Lehigh University, Neil worked for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for ten years, and has been the Executive Director of the Atlantic City MUA for 25 years. Neil has been the chair of the NJAWWA Water Utility Council for several years, during which he has influenced major policy in NJDEP and has spearheaded or stifled legislation to the benefit of the water industry in New Jersey. Neil’s depth of knowledge in

government, engineering, management, public speaking and New Jersey history make him a “go-to” guy on all of the big issues. In addition to legislation, these issues have included the NJ Water Supply Master Plan, Water Conservation and Drought Emergencies. Beyond what Neil does for the water industry, Neil has served on the Atlantic County Solid Waste Advisory Council for the past 23 years, and is president of the local Little League. He is married with two children and is an avid golfer.

Harold V. Florence Jr. Meritorious Operator Award Won by Michael Florence

Named for a long-time and active NJAWWA and North Jersey Water Conference Member, Licensed Operator, and Mentor, this award is bestowed annually upon an operator who has brought a higher degree of excellence, learning, initiative and resourcefulness to bear in the operation of a public water supply system. At the Annual Conference, the 2005 Florence Award was presented to Michael Florence of the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission. This honor was especially poignant as the award is named after Michael’s father.



Michael Florence (left) accepts the 2005 Florence Award from Section Chair John Hroncich.

2005 Annual Conference Awards Summary

Fuller Award
Neil Goldfine, Atlantic City MUA

Florence Award
Michael Florence, NJDWSC

Next Generation Award
Nicole Wiley, CH2M Hill

Fresh Ideas Award
David Tanzi, CDM

NJAWWA Student Poster Competition- Graduate Students

1. Zach Gallagher: “Reclaimed Water for Beneficial Reuse - TSS & Turbidity Monitoring Program and Spike Study”
2. Karilyn Heisen, Bertrand Byrne, Hadi El-Khoury: “Drinking Water Quality at Rutgers”
3. Shirisha Daita, Manasa Kotha: “How Do You Like Your Coffee?”

NJAWWA Student Poster Competition- Undergraduate Students

1. Matthew DeNafo, Kristen Bacher, Erin Frey: “Removal of Arsenic from Water”
2. Rebecca Roy, Thomas Roguski, Han Lee: “Using Solar Energy to Increase the Efficiency of Septic Systems”
3. Dan Maguire, Jessica Bernardini: “Outdated Sewers Drown the Town of Westmont with Problems”

Highlights of the 2005 Annual Conference

By William Mowell

The 70th Annual Conference of the New Jersey Section was held at the Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, March 29 - April 1, 2005. With the theme of "Managing a Finite Resource," the Conference provided the 730 registrants with a myriad of activities from technical programs to musical entertainment.

The Technical Program began the Conference on Tuesday with discussions on Water Reuse, a topic closely associated with the Conference theme. The program continued through Wednesday and Thursday with a breadth of topics, ideas, information, and education. When they weren't hearing jackhammering from above and the musical "42nd Street" from below, attendees could direct their attention to the Program and earn up to 14 TCHs from the 66 individual presentations. The program fulfilled some of the key goals of the Section: education and information transfer for all types and levels of personnel within the field of water supply.

The 80 participating exhibitors also provided various opportunities for education and technology transfer as they discussed their products and services. This year saw the introduction of presentations in the Exhibit Area on Wednesday afternoon, when attendees had the choice of obtaining 2 TCHs from a series of 20-minute technical presentations related to the products and services offered by several of the exhibitors. As with years past, the exhibitors hosted several opportunities for fellowship to renew relationships and establish new contacts, as well as providing opportunities to better understand the various products and services available to us all.

"What Old is New Again," revisiting the theme from the 2004 Annual Conference, could well be applied to several of this year's activities, with changes to their old familiar appearances and surrounds. The Trustees and Business Meetings were combined this year into a single event held on Tuesday afternoon. This more streamlined event provided additional time for other activities to occur and segued into a relocated Opening Session that also doubled as a ribbon cutting (okay, so it was with a pair of hedge clippers) to officially open the Conference and the Exhibitors' Meet and Greet.

The Operator Bowl saw the return of Jim "José" Cowley (who is on assignment on Puerto Rico) as well as the Operator teams, many of whom were unable to attend last year because of the operator licensing exam schedule. Congratulations and good luck to Steve Devlin, Roger Budd, and Carl Behrens who won the competition and will be representing the Section at the International AWWA Conference in San Francisco in June.

Other notable events during the Conference included a performance by the Section band, Water Hammer, at the Exhibitors' Meet and Greet; the year/conference in review slideshow at the banquet; the 3K Run/Walk; the Young Professionals and Operators Meet and Greet; the Student Poster Session; the Non-Denominational Prayer Breakfast; and the Guest Program (42nd Street).

Thursday night was the Annual Banquet, which was kicked off by the infamous frozen "A" martini bar and cocktail reception. Music by The Grease Band accompanied the transfer of the gavel from Larry Merk to John Hroncich. Award presentations included the Fuller Award, presented to Neil Goldfine and the H.V. Florence, Jr. Meritorious Operator Award, presented to Michael Florence.

Thanks to all that attended and even more so to all those that participated in the planning and carrying out of the event. Planning for the 71st Conference is already underway. At press time, plans were being finalized to hold the 2006 Annual Conference at the Borgata Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, March 20-24, 2006. Please check our website at www.njawwa.org for details as they become available.

William Mowell is the Engineer of Ridgewood Water and the Chair of the NJAWWA Annual Conference Committee.





Revitalized Small Systems Committee Active at the Annual Conference

By Max Huber

The NJAWWA Small Systems Committee enjoyed a renewed sense of purpose during the annual conference at Atlantic City this past March-April. With a new committee membership roster and a firm plan of action, Small Systems tackled the 2005 Operator Bowl and presented it at the conference. While a full house cheered on, MC Jim Cowley posed questions to the 12 contestants (four teams) while also interjecting humorous comments to keep the Bowl moving and lively.

The Bowl contestants, composed of Matthew Mallen, Keith Lamb, Dalia Ghobrial, Bill Maxwell, Eric Fouder, Stephen Devlin, Roger Budd, Carl Behrens, Charles Bernheimer, Fred Schindler, Bob Lender and Craig Dombrowsky, did their best to answer the various questions posed by Cowley, and then 'buzzed' in answers.

The winning team, composed of Budd, Devlin, and Behrens, will go on to represent the New Jersey section the National Convention this June in San Francisco, California. They also took home an impressive trophy designed by Chris Andreasen of the Small Systems committee.

Small Systems also made its presence felt in the Wednesday morning set of presentations. The topics included discussions of the disinfection byproduct rules, given by Roger Budd (Barnegat Township MUA), rules regarding the total coliform regulations by Joe Durocher, (NJDEP) and case studies of water system violations and remediation by Mike Furrey (Agra Environmental & Laboratory Services).

If you are interested in getting involved with the Small Systems Committee, please feel to contact committee co-chair Max J. Huber (Agra Environmental & Laboratory Services), at 973 989 0010, or email agra.lab@verizon.net.

Max Huber is Vice President/Director of Operations of Agra Environmental & Laboratory Services, and co-chair of the Small Systems Committee.



SAVE THE DATE!
**NJAWWA 2006 Annual
Conference**
March 20-24, 2006
Borgata Hotel & Casino
Atlantic City, NJ

2006 NJAWWA Annual Spring Conference Call for Papers

By Mark Tompeck

With a successful 2005 Annual Conference just behind us, it is already time to begin planning for next year's Spring Conference, which will be held on Tuesday, March 20 through Friday, March 24, 2006. We are striving each year to make the next conference technically stronger to provide an opportunity to present research findings, regulatory updates, treatment developments and generally share information with our fellow water industry colleagues. We strongly encourage those who have not submitted previously or who have not submitted in recent years to consider this opportunity.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: In order to secure the necessary Technical Contact Hours (TCH's) for the program, we are requesting that abstracts be submitted for consideration by September 2, 2005. Your abstract should not exceed 300 words and the title should be no greater than 10 words. Abstracts should be submitted to the Technical Program Committee in care of:

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The abstract should also clearly indicate the following information:

- Speaker name and title
- Organization
- Presentation title
- Address
- City / State / Zip
- Tel / Fax / email
- Brief biographical information including education and qualifications

Individuals interested in submitting an abstract must utilize the downloadable form found on the NJAWWA website at www.njawwa.org. Abstract submission in electronic format is preferred. For your abstract to be considered it must be received by the Committee no later than Friday, September 2, 2005.

ABSTRACT REVIEW: Soon after the September 2nd deadline, abstracts will be reviewed by the Technical Program Committee for technical merit, originality, timeliness and relevance. Abstracts received after the deadline may not be accepted.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE AND SUBMITTAL DATES: Acceptance notification will be made to the corresponding author by the end of November 2005. Submittals of all presentations will be required by February 24, 2006. Speakers are encouraged to submit a written paper as well as their presentation by February 24, 2006. Copies of abstracts, papers and presentations are intended to be included as part of the Conference Proceedings.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: Registration fees are a major source of funding for the conference and a significant percentage of registrants will be making program presentations. Speakers who are attending the conference only on the day of their presentation will be offered a complimentary one-day registration. All other speakers must register and pay for attendance. Please be reminded that speakers are required to cover all costs for attending the conference, including conference registration for days when not speaking, travel and lodging expenses.

QUESTIONS: Please direct your inquiries to William Mowell, Chair – Annual Conference Committee at (201) 670-5509 or wmowell@ridgewoodnj.net; or Mark Tompeck, Chair - Technical Program Committee at (973) 912-2526 or mark.tompeck@hatchmott.com.

Mark Tompeck is a Vice President with Hatch Mott MacDonald and the chair of the NJAWWA Technical Program Committee.

2005 Fresh Ideas Winner: David J. Tanzi

By Lindsey Lento

At the 2005 Annual Spring Conference five young professionals were entered into the Fresh Ideas competition. Fresh Ideas is an AWWA program in which young professionals can receive recognition and compensation for presenting a paper at the section conference. This year, all five young professionals did an outstanding job presenting and each one deserves recognition. I would like to thank Roger Budd, Joe DuRocher, Margie Gray, Hetal Mistry and David Tanzi for doing an outstanding job presenting and therefore making this year's Fresh Ideas program very competitive.

The winner of this year's Fresh Ideas competition was David J. Tanzi from Camp Dresser & McKee. Mr. Tanzi received \$300 and a Fresh Ideas plaque along with a free registration to the AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition in San Francisco should he choose to display his paper as a poster at the conference. Congratulations to Mr. Tanzi for being this year's Fresh Ideas competition winner!

Fresh Ideas is an ongoing program and will be run again at the annual spring conference in Atlantic City. If you are a young professional that will be presenting at next year's spring conference and would like to enter Fresh Ideas, please contact Lindsey Lento at 856-824-2584 or llento@amwater.com for more information.

Lindsey Lento is a Design Engineer with American Water and the Chair of the Membership Services Committee.

Local Leaks

Michael S. Johnson of Buck, Seifert & Jost, Inc., has obtained his New York Professional Engineers License and has been accepted by the Academy of Environmental Engineers as an Associate Environmental Engineer... Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Bill Packer**, who underwent surgery in late March... Congratulations to the following members for passing the March 2005 operator licensing exams: **Ronald S. Parsons** (T-1); **David G. Gelona**, NJAW (W-3); **Kenneth P. Taylor**, NJAW (W-3); **Andreas Asch** (W-4)... **Mona Cavalcoli** will be riding in three charity bicycle rides this year: the American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure (June), the Tri-State Trek for ALS Research (July) and the MS-100 for multiple sclerosis research (September). For more information contact Mona at mcavalcoli@earthlink.net.

Got a leak? Submit news about NJAWWA members' professional and personal milestones for publication in Pipeline. See page 12 for editor contact information.

NJAWWA Visits the Statehouse for Drinking Water Week

By Robin Casale

Representatives of the New Jersey Section of AWWA visited the statehouse on May 5, 2005 to promote the importance of safe drinking water in New Jersey. During the visit, the group was presented with a proclamation, signed by Acting Governor Richard Codey, officially acknowledging May 1 – 7 as “Water Week” and calling upon all New Jersey residents to practice wise water use and protect source waters from pollution.

The Section, including representatives from American Water, Middlesex Water Company, Trenton Water Works, New Jersey American Water,

and United Water New Jersey took the opportunity to speak with legislators about the Section’s role as a premiere organization in the State, dedicated to preserving public health and welfare by insuring the highest quality drinking water.

Section Chair, John Hroncich, testified before the Assembly Environmental Committee on behalf of the Section on Senate Bill S-466, the Statewide Water Supply Plan. In his comments, Hroncich spoke out in support of the bill citing that it will “serve to elevate water resource issues across the state, protect watersheds thereby preserving ground and surface

water quality, and insure the creation of a comprehensive water supply plan to meet the needs of all citizens of New Jersey. Hroncich called the legislation “good for the drinking water community, good for the environment, and good for the citizens of the state.”

For more information relating to the activities of the NJAWWA Public Information Committee, please contact: Robin Casale (856) 309-4612 or Bernadette M. Sohler (732) 634-1500.

Robin Casale is a Senior Operations Specialist with American Water and is the co-chair of the NJAWWA Public Information Committee.



NJAWWA visits the Statehouse. From L: Maureen Duffy (NJ American), Stacy Fysz (Trenton Water), Mildred Acevedo (NJ American), John Hroncich (United Water), Bernadette Sohler (Middlesex Water), Robin Casale (American Water)

Acting Troupe Does a Bang Up Job at the Mystery Dinner Theater Event

By Nicole Wiley

Since this was a joint event between the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Sections of NJAWWA, not everyone knew each other when we all got together in Cherry Hill on April 19th for the Mystery Dinner Theater Event. Still, even before the show began, it wasn’t hard to walk into the room and tell which people were in AWWA and which were with the acting troupe. With their wacky costumes and corny jokes, the show was a riot and most of the members in attendance got a

chance to join in the fun (although some against their will!)

The evening started with some cocktails and a “getting to know your fellow members” activity, which, of course, quickly became competitive, as this group of professionals is apt to do. Then came dinner, which wasn’t your typical dinner. There weren’t really tables or waiters or waitresses. In fact there were lounge couches and a dance floor with a disco ball! But the food was good and the company was even better.

The last part of the evening was the mystery show put on by Without A Cue Productions (a little plug here since they were good). I was laughing so hard my stomach hurt by the end of the evening. I had a great time, and judging by the faces of the rest of the 30 or so attendees, I think everyone else did as well! Hope to see you at the next event!

Nicole Wiley is a Project Engineer with CH2M Hill, Chair of the NJAWWA Recognition Committee and a member of the NJAWWA Membership Committee.

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The Educational and Professional Development Committee: Past, Present and Future

By William Mitchell, Jr.

The Education and Professional Development Committee has flourished for the past four years under the leadership of John Civardi. As the incoming chair for this committee, I am faced with the challenge of continuing the level of service that this committee has provided to the section under John's guidance. Reflecting back over the past four years, some of the committee's accomplishments include:

- The Section won two AWWA Section Education Awards. One for its security seminar, "Bombs, Bioterrorism & Being Safe," held after September 11, 2001; and one for "Introduction to Jar Testing."
- A CEU Policy was approved by the NJDEP Water and Wastewater Advisory Board, so that NJAWWA can approve TCH's for its sponsored events.
- The Committee was instrumental in establishing and administering the Section's new TCH-scanning software at the Annual Conference and other events.
- The Committee has obtained funding from the NJDEP in order to offset some of the training expenses incurred when holding seminars and conferences.

- Assisted the Technical Program Committee with the educational portion of the Fall Meeting, and provided on-site volunteers to help with TCH administration.
- Members of the committee have prepared and written articles for "Pipeline."
- Continuing to host AWWA Teleconferences; the most recent was held free of charge to NJAWWA members and was extremely well attended.

I am looking forward to working with the other committees, the section, and all our members. Please feel free to contact me if you have any ideas or suggestions for our committee. Most

of all, I would like to thank John Civardi and the Education and Professional Development Committee members for all that has been accomplished in recent years. Thank you.

William J. Mitchell, Jr., P.E. is the Water Treatment Plant Superintendent for the Trenton Water Works, and Chairs the Education and Professional Development Committee.

NJAWWA March Teleconference has Record Attendance

By Michael Kaneletz

The New Jersey Section hosted a Satellite Teleconference on March 10th at Georgian Court University in Lakewood. The theme of the seminar was "Excellence in Water Quality Distribution." Over thirty of our members were at the event, the highest teleconference attendance in the past 4 years. In an effort to improve the Section's educational opportunities, members were invited to attend free of charge. The Teleconference included discussions on

how water systems responded to real life emergencies including the recent hurricanes in Florida and an accidental contamination incident in California. Speakers also discussed specific and cost-effective methods of improving emergency response,

including emergency simulations, drills and coordination with local governmental agencies.

Michael Kaneletz is a Senior Project Manager with Crew Engineers and a member of the Education and Professional Development Committee.

NJAWWA Welcomes First Quarter 2005 New Members and Recruiters!

New Members:

Joseph Brickley
Anthony Buendia
B. Buendia
Amy Christensen
Matthew Chrzanows Jr.
Ken Comerford
Robert Damoci
Colleen DeStefano
William DiBartolo
Kevin Ellenwood
Rachel Esralew
Ron Farr
Jackie Finamore
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James Garrett
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John Grabowski

Stephen Gravatt
Derek Haynie
Thomas Horn
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David Kinsley
James Krone
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David Layton
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Sameera Peddada
Steve Pendleton
Lisa Perez

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Bernard Ruddock
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Andrew Snyder
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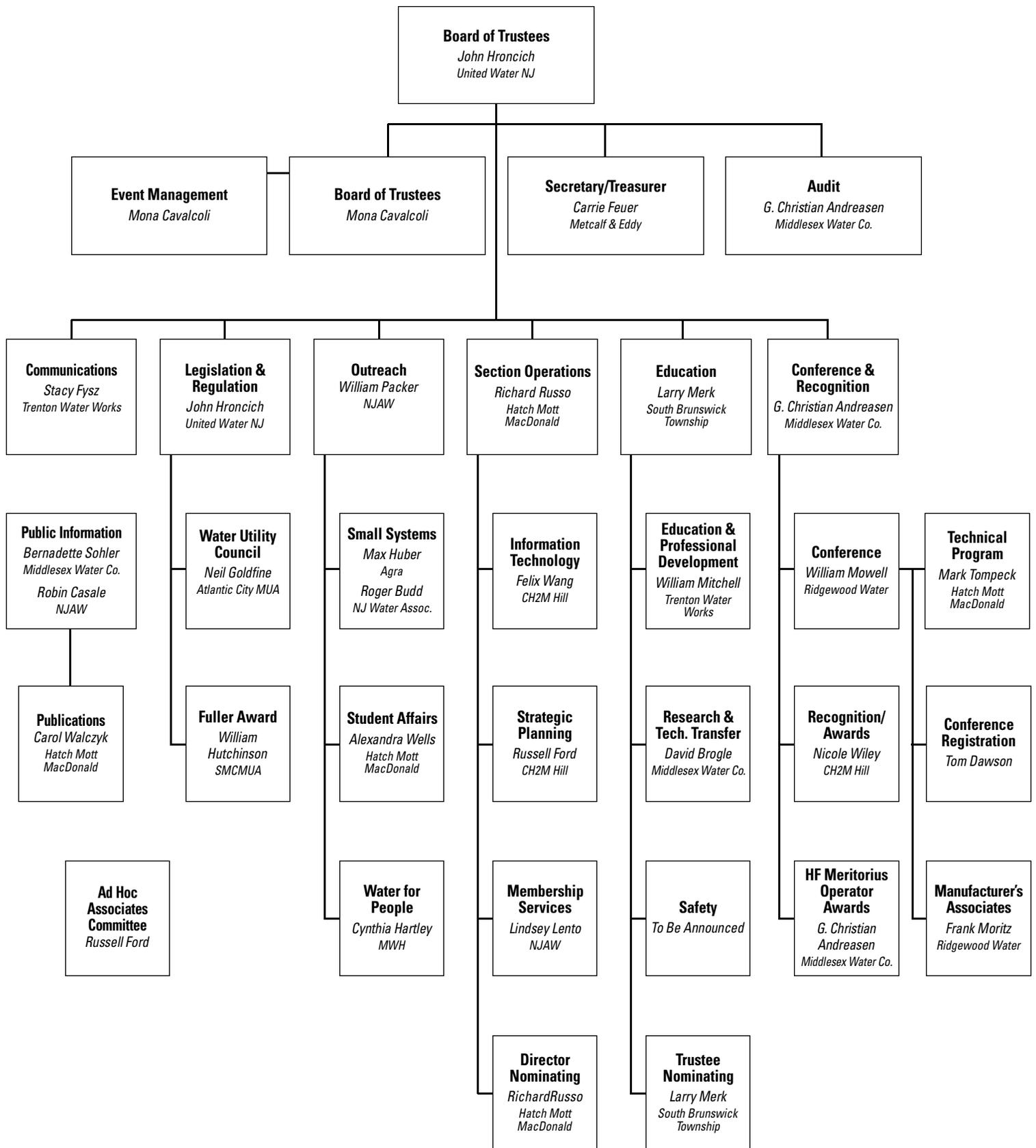
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Become an active member in our section. Join one of our committees! For information on membership or activities, please contact Lindsey Lento, 213 Carriage Lane, Delran, NJ 08075, 856-824-2584, or llento@amwater.com.

Lindsey Lento is a Design Engineer with American Water and the Chair of the NJAWWA Membership Committee.

NJAWWA Organizational Chart 2005 - 2006



In Memory of Geetha J. Angara, Ph.D.

By Laura Cummings

Dr. Angara was a Senior Chemist within Passaic Valley Water Commission's Laboratory and had worked for the Commission for over 12 years. Her areas of expertise originated from her educational background, including a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Stella Maris College and a Master of Science in Chemistry at Loyola College, both in Madras, India. After moving to the United States, she also obtained a second M.S. and a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from New York University. Dr. Angara was an extremely motivated individual, interested in all areas of water treatment processes. She had recently become active in both AWWA and NJAWWA, where she presented her most recent work focusing on both on-line instrumentation and process control of manganese treatment. She was a member of the NJAWWA

Research and Technology Committee and had obtained her T-2 Water Treatment Plant Operator's License in 2004. She was a demonstrated leader as recognized by her family, friends and co-workers. Her absence is beyond that imaginable and she will be deeply missed.

Laura Cummings is the Superintendent of the Passaic Valley Water Commission.



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