

Illinois Section AWWA 2018 ELECTION PACKAGE



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The Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association is pleased to offer you a slate of candidates for election to Board and Trustee positions. This is your ballot package. In order to encourage you to cast your vote, the Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association is offering you a choice of voting procedures. The options are:

1. Paper ballot returned by U.S. Mail
2. Paper ballot faxed to the Illinois Section Office
3. Internet secure anonymous ballot via website at <http://www.isawwa.org/Election>

Whichever method you choose, you are allowed to vote only one time. In order to ensure that each member casts only one ballot, the ballots are numbered. When you cast your vote, please enter your ballot number. This number was sent to you via postcard. If you have misplaced your number, call 866-521-3595 ext. 3. Biographies have been submitted by the candidates. **This year there are no trustee elections this year for: Districts 1, 2C, 2D, 3, and Trustee At Large.** Those positions will be available in future years.

Paper ballot returned by U.S. Mail.

To vote via paper ballot, please mark your choices, your ballot number and mail your ballot to:
Laurie Dougherty, Exec. Director
Illinois Section AWWA, 545 S. Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174

Paper ballot faxed to the Illinois Section AWWA Office

To vote via fax, please mark your choices and fax your ballot to: 866-521-3591 toll free

Internet ballot via website

To vote online, locate your district and ballot number on the back panel of this issue of SPLASH, and use the appropriate url listed below:

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| LINK TO VOTE FOR <u>DISTRICT 1</u> : | www.ISAWWA.org/2018-District1 |
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| LINK TO VOTE FOR <u>DISTRICT 2c</u> : | www.ISAWWA.org/2018-District2c |
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| LINK TO VOTE FOR <u>DISTRICT 3</u> : | www.ISAWWA.org/2018-District3 |
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Ballots must be cast by January 15, 2018

Illinois Section American Water Works Association

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Illinois Section American Water Works Association CANDIDATES BIOGRAPHIES

CHAIR

(vote for one, one year term)

Lori Stenzel



I currently in the position of Environmental Compliance & Water Quality Specialist II for Illinois American Water Company. Before joining Illinois American Water Company in 2011, I worked in the certified water laboratory industry for twenty-four years developing, managing, and marketing the Drinking Water Program that consisted of 46% of the Illinois Public Water Systems. During my 30 years in the industry has allowed me to develop long-term relationships and good rapport with both the IEPA and IDPH agencies. A graduate from Augustana College with a Bachelor's degree in Science and a currently has a water operator's license for IDPH Non-community, Non-transient Water Systems, a Class D operator in training and is currently finishing the ERTC-SIUE Class A.

I was the 2008 Illinois Section American Water Works Association Water Professional of the Year Award recipient. I received the 2011 Illinois Rural Water Association's Person of the Year Award, which was an honor. The criteria for this award includes being a friend and promoter of our water industry, which she goes above and beyond to help water operators and systems in complying with the regulations associated with testing of their water as well as helping them in other water issues, which is my passion. Over the years, I have provided training at different water operators groups, Illinois Potable Water Supply Operators Association and Illinois Rural Water Association conferences.

As a long-standing member of ISAWWA while being the current Chair Elect, and my continued involvement with local operator groups allow me to encourage ISAWWA programs and benefits. I am the Vice President for the Southwest Central Water Plant Operators Association (SWCWPOA) and the Secretary for the Southern Illinois Water Operators Association (SIWOA) as well as maintain the SIWOA's website.

CHAIR-ELECT

(vote for one, one year term)

Carolyn Grieves



Carolyn Grieves P.E., Baxter & Woodman, INC. Following graduation from the University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana with a Bachelor in Science in Civil Engineering, Carolyn went on to obtain a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from the University of Iowa. Carolyn began working for Baxter & Woodman, Inc. after graduation and has focused on the planning and design of water supply, treatment and distribution systems. Carolyn is currently Baxter & Woodman's Crystal Lake Regional Manager and Water Group Client Services Manager. Carolyn has been involved with ISAWWA since starting at B&W and is currently the ISAWWA Vice Chair and has previously been the Trustee at Large. Carolyn is also a member of the ISAWWA's Safety and Emergency Planning Committee, Illinois Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (ILWARN), the Water Efficiency Committee, the Membership Committee, the Water for People Committee, and the No Water No Beer non-committee.

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VICE CHAIR

(vote for one, one year term)

Jeffrey W. Freeman, P.E., CFM, LEED AP

Greetings, my name is Jeff Freeman, and I would be honored to represent the ISAWWA members as Vice Chair of the Section. I have worked in the water, wastewater and stormwater industry for over 21 years. I currently am a Vice President with Engineering Enterprises, Inc. (EEI) in Sugar Grove.

I have been an active ISAWWA member for approximately 15 years. After spending some time on the Education Committee helping with projects, I became the Education Committee Chair in 2012. After passing the Chair baton in 2016, I have remained on the committee. I have been serving on the ISAWWA Board as the District 2B Trustee for the last two years. I also am a member of the ISAWWA Water Utility Council and Annual Conference Technical Program Committee. I helped organize the Annual Regulatory Update Mini-Conference in 2013, 2016 & 2017.

I have enjoyed presenting at the ISAWWA Annual Conference a number of times. I was honored to receive the Thurston E. Larson annual conference best paper/presentation award twice. At the 2014 annual conference, I was thrilled to receive the Robert T. Sasman Volunteer of the Year Award.

I obtained my bachelor's and master's degrees from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign. My wife (Val) and three kids (Maxwell, McKenzie and Mason) call Burlington, Illinois home. After retiring from youth coaching last year, because my kids have aged out of that opportunity for me, I still get to be around sports as I watch my kids compete in soccer and track. Val and I love to travel as a family with the goal of seeing new places every summer vacation.

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SECRETARY/TREASURER

(vote for one, one year term)

Robyn Doescher

Robyn Doescher has worked in the water industry for 34 years, since graduating from Illinois State University with a degree in Environmental Health and a minor in Chemistry. Robyn first worked for DuPage County Health Department's Environmental Division, then moved on to McHenry County Health Department, working as a laboratory technician analyzing drinking water, wastewater, and raw water samples. Her career then took her to Fox River Grove, where she worked in the Public Works Department's Water and Wastewater Laboratory analyzing compliance samples for the Village's water and wastewater plants. Robyn then became the Water Superintendent for the City of Crystal Lake, where she oversaw five groundwater treatment plants and the distribution system. She then took on the role of Water and Wastewater Operations Department Manager at Baxter & Woodman Inc., where she worked with many communities to troubleshoot and resolve water and wastewater operations issues, as well as completing dozens of water and sewer rate studies. For the past 6.5 years, Robyn has served as the Water Utility Manager for the Village of Glenview. She is a Certified Class A Water Operator and a Class 1 Wastewater Operator.

Robyn's work for ISAWWA includes participation on the WATERCON Technical Program Committee for many years. She is the past Chair of the Source Water Protection Committee and a member of the Top Ops committee. She has also contributed to the several of the Section's Strategic Plans and is the current Secretary/Treasurer for the Section. At the Association level she is a member of the Source Water Protection Committee, Rates and Charges Committee and the Small System Committee. She has been active with the Fox Valley Operators Association, and has held the positions of Secretary-Treasurer, Vice Chair, and Chair of that organization.

Robyn's career experience in the laboratory and in utility management has enabled her to develop the attention to detail and organizational skills that are key to the Secretary-Treasurer position. Her experience in both the drinking water and wastewater fields will also be an asset as ISAWWA moves forward with implementing Total Water Solutions. As a committee chair, she is familiar with working with the Board and with the responsibility of the Secretary-Treasurer position, and is well versed in the demands of leadership positions after holding the position of Secretary/Treasurer for 2015 - 2017 is looking forward to continuing in the position.

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TRUSTEE, DISTRICT 2A - COOK COUNTY

(vote for one, two year term)

Owen Keenan

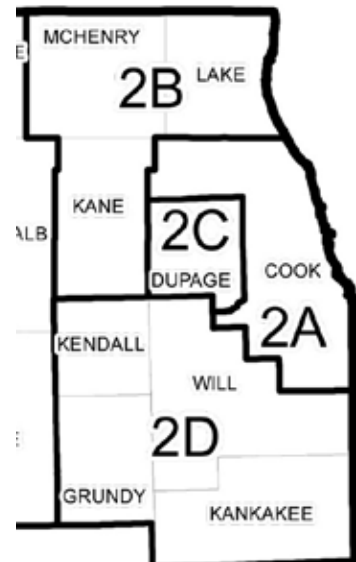
I am a Life Member of the American Water Works Association, and I am currently serving as the Trustee of District 2A on the ISAWWA Board. I am a Registered Professional Engineer and a Class A Water Supply Operator in the State of Illinois, and I have over 40 years of experience in water infrastructure. Time flies when you are having fun.

In 1977, I started with the City of Chicago Department of Water after earning my degree from Bradley University. I started in the Construction Section as a Resident Engineer on water main installations from 8-inch to 60-inch in diameter. I retired from the City of Chicago in good standing.

I am been employed by the ME Simpson Company for the past seven years. I now provide technical support for clients regarding various field operations and tests, as well as water system evaluations and reports that are originated by ME Simpson staff.

I have been fortunate enough to give many presentations on various water related topics for local and state water associations over the years. I have also been fortunate enough to have presented papers at national AWWA conferences, and to have written articles for AWWA publications. Prior to being elected Trustee, I was the Chair of the Water Distribution Committee for four years, and I remain active in that committee and other ISAWWA committees.

I enjoy giving back to the water works community and to my water colleagues. I hope that our members will allow me to continue as Trustee of District 2A for ISAWWA.



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TRUSTEE, DISTRICT 2B - MCHENRY, LAKE, KANE COUNTIES

(vote for one, two year term)



Michelle Harrod

Michelle Harrod is currently the President of Midwest Water Group and RMS Utility Services, a manufacturer representative firm and municipal services company.

Michelle entered the water industry in 2001 while completing her B.S. Degree in Computer Science from North Central College in Naperville, IL. She worked as a corporate accounting associate for a water works supply house and upon graduation, became a full time employee of the company performing a variety of roles including Accounting, Marketing, Operations and Municipal Sales selling water and sewer supplies including fire hydrants, valves, fittings, and sewer material. In 2011, Michelle purchased Midwest Water Group and in 2015, RMS Utility Services. Throughout the last 16 years of her career in the industry, while growing her business, Michelle has volunteered for a number of positions on ISAWWA committees including the Distribution Committee, Tapping Committee, The Land of Lincoln Ladies Tapping Team and Nominations Committee as well as serving on the board for South Suburban Water Works Association and various roles for North Suburban Water Works. She co-chairs the Joint Products Day show, SSWWA Holiday Party and the NSWWA annual golf outing. Michelle has received the E.D.U.C.A.T.E award for Best Seminar 2013 and Best Webinar 2016 as well as the Thurston E. Larson Award for Best Paper at WATERCON 2015.

Michelle's first passion in life is for teaching and as a result, is constantly researching and learning about the history of our industry, methods for improvement in our processes and advancements in technology that assist our industry to deliver quality water. With a strong grounding in storm water mitigation and sewer collections systems, Michelle hopes to grow the Total Water initiative of the AWWA within our own local branch as well as reach out to the local associations and water operator groups within her district to improve communications and benefit to the members.

Michelle is a resident of Mchenry, IL and enjoys all the great things that comes from living in District 2B including boating, hiking and skiing.



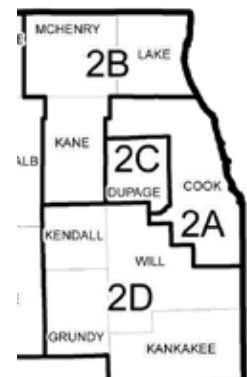
Elisa Bonkowski

Elisa Bonkowski is a Project Manager with Baxter & Woodman in Crystal Lake, IL. As a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois, she helps municipalities plan, design, and obtain funding for their water supply, treatment, and distribution

projects as well as wastewater and solids treatment projects. After earning her B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, she got her first job in Fort Worth, Texas where she worked with Freese and Nichols. After a few years, she moved to Oregon where she was a project engineer for Brown and Caldwell. She moved back to Illinois to be closer to family in 2003.

Elisa strives to maintain a good work-life balance and tries to make time for family, friends, work, and volunteering. She has been an AWWA member for many years and became involved with the Education Committee in 2011. She has been serving as the committee chair since 2016. As the Education Committee chair, Elisa has helped to develop new training resources for the Section; coordinate mini-conferences such as the Meter Symposium and the Plant Maintenance Technologist Mini-Conference; participated in planning the WATERCON technical program, Meet the IEPAQ&A Session, Operator Track, Joint Committees Booth, Stretch Your Education Track, and E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Award; and oversees the committee's various activities. As a committee chair, Elisa understands the commitment required for a leadership position.

Elisa is running for District 2B Trustee to give back to the water industry and to help make ISAWWA a great resource for our members.



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TRUSTEE, DISTRICT 4 - SOUTH

(vote for one, two year term)

Joe Ahlvin

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Kansas, I spent four years working as an environmental chemist for a small environmental laboratory in the Kansas City area. In 2006, I was able to make my way back home to Southern Illinois where I accepted a position with American Water as an analytical chemist; testing drinking water samples for disinfection by-products, pesticides, and herbicides.

In 2008, I transitioned to Illinois American Water's Engineering Department, and I have served in varying roles within the Asset and Capital Planning Team. My primary duties over the past seven years have been developing master plans for various systems throughout the state; evaluating a system's demands and determining the adequacies of a system's supply, production, and distribution facilities. I am experienced in the development and calibration of hydraulic models and its utilization in planning and design efforts. I am a licensed Professional Engineer with the state of Illinois and am the currently the District 4 Trustee; excited for the opportunity to potentially serve another term.

I live in O'Fallon, IL with my wife, Elena, and three kids, Adyn, Isabelle, and Cole. Prior to Cole's arrival, I also coached for a local soccer club at various age groups for nearly seven years. I hold a United States Soccer Federation (USSF) National 'D' License. Although, competitive coaching is currently on hold, I have had a good time helping with my two daughters' Pre-K and Kindergarten teams.

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TRUSTEE, DISTRICT 5 - EAST CENTRAL

(vote for one, two year term)

Steve Wilson

Steve Wilson is a Groundwater Hydrologist at the Illinois State Water Survey, University of Illinois. He manages www.WaterOperator.org, a national technical assistance and training website, funded by the Rural Community Assistance Partnership and US EPA. Steve has been in the Groundwater Section at the ISWS since January of 1983, where he started as a student hourly. His work focuses on applied research related to groundwater and wells, as well as outreach to water and wastewater operators, regulators, and other stakeholders in the water industry. He has worked extensively throughout Illinois looking at issues such as arsenic in the Mahomet Aquifer and unconventional methods of arsenic treatment, in addition to managing groundwater quantity and quality data collection programs around the state.

Steve currently manages The Private Well Class, an online education program for private well owners, is in charge of irrigation water use reporting in the state, and is a collaborator on a national program for getting innovative treatment technologies in place for small systems. Steve has worked with over 25 federal, state, and private partners and led over 40 research projects at the ISWS. He is the past director of the Midwest Technology Assistance Center at the I of I, and past Chair of the Illinois Groundwater Association.

Steve serves on the Rural Water Subcommittee of the National Ground Water Association, the Illinois Section AWWA Small Systems Committee, the National AWWA Small Systems Outreach Services Committee (currently acting-Chair), and is a trustee and Chair of the Small Systems Division of AWWA. Steve has a BS in Agricultural Engineering, BS in Agricultural Science, and a MS in Civil Engineering, all from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2018 Election Ballot - Illinois Section AWWA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

All Members vote for positions in this column.

CHAIR

Lori Stenzel

CHAIR-ELECT

(Vote for 1)

Carolyn Grieves

VICE-CHAIR

(Vote for 1)

Jeff Freeman

SECRETARY-TREASURER

(Vote for 1)

Robyn Doescher

*Members vote for trustee in **your** district only.*
To locate your district and ballot number, see the postcard mailed to you, or call the office at 866-521-3595 ext. 3 for a new ballot number.

TRUSTEE, District 2A

(Vote for 1)

Owen Keenan

TRUSTEE, DISTRICT 2B

(Vote for 1)

Michelle Harrod

Elisa Bonkowski

TRUSTEE, DISTRICT 4

(Vote for 1)

Joe Ahlvin

TRUSTEE, DISTRICT 5

(Vote for 1)

Steve Wilson

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Your Ballot Number: _____ **Your District:** _____

No election this year in District 1,2C, 2D, 3 or Trustee at Large. Those positions will be elected in 2019. If you are interested in being considered for those positions, please contact Chris Ulm, 2019 Nominations Committee Chair at chris.ulm@strand.com