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Brent Tippey is HDR's Drinking Water Market Sector Leader for the eastern half of the United States and a vice president. In his project delivery roles, he has served as project manager on over 165 water treatment or transmission projects for 50+ communities in nine states.

The clients represented in his work cover the spectrum from large urban cities with populations in the multi-millions to small rural districts serving 600 people. These projects have provided a broad lens into America and her water challenges, especially affordability, equity, customer expectations, workforce issues, water quality, resiliency, and deteriorating infrastructure. However, the most treasured part of all these experiences for Tippey are the friendships he has made with peers, clients, regulators, manufacturers, and contractors.

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Section Manager's Report

by Hank Corcoran Boyer, KsAWWA Section Manager

As I sit here on July 1, I realize the 14th Annual KWEA/ KSAWWA Joint Conference is just 58 days away! In my world, it seems like I hardly get things put away from an annual conference until I am bringing them out again. Did you know that Tina and I work on the annual conference year around? We do a final wrapup meeting including financials, etc. in October each year and by December we are sending out the Call for Abstracts for the next year along with exhibitor registration notices.

The annual conference has evolved from KsAWWA and KWEA each having their own event into a joint conference with both entities involved. A joint conference committee takes on much of what was once done by various committees when KsAWWA was doing it on their own. This allows for more ideas, more activities, a larger exhibitor area, and professional services by Presentations Solutions so we no longer must ask utilities to provide us with laptops and projectors for presentations or have someone run around and make sure all the laptops and projectors are working properly. We have added the capability to scan attendance into sessions with scanners and electronically keep track of attendees' hours for certification. All of this does not come without a price tag and some advance preparation and planning. We owe a lot of technological advancements to Tina for researching and presenting the capabilities to the joint conference committee for approval and presentation to the two boards for adoption.

Another area of growth comes from the sponsorship area. We have gone from maybe \$10,000 in sponsorship money to \$30,000 plus in sponsorships. We have developed levels of sponsorship – one that should fit anyone's budget with a different



level of amenities for each level. This year we added two diamond level sponsorships, and both were taken within 48 hours of the release of the level and amenities associated with them.

WOW! You speak! As the old saying goes, "We have come a long way baby!" As a member of KsAWWA, you should be extremely proud of the work your Board of Trustees has accomplished not only with the establishment of the joint conference with our fellow utility member KWEA but also the level of training that has happened. We have increased our level of training for operators, and during COVID-19 we didn't stop but moved to virtual training so the operators could maintain their hours for their certifications and testing. During that time, we realized virtual training not only helped those locals to the training areas but also our outlying and small utilities who find it difficult to travel. Because of this, much of our training is still virtual and benefits the entire state of Kansas.



As of September 2023, I will be starting my 23rd year as your Section Manager and am proud to say I have been a part of all of these and many more advancements for KsAWWA and its members.

KsAWWA members ROCK!

In closing, if any of you have not signed up to be a moderator for the conference, would like your company to be a sponsor to continue bringing advancements to the conference, or just want to attend for training hours, you still have time to do so. Visit the joint conference website at https://www.kswaterwastewater.com and sign up TODAY!

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Wichita, Kansas, August 29-31, 2023, for the 14th Annual KWEA/ KsAWWA Joint Conference.





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Tippey's industry service includes roles within the Kentucky-Tennessee Section of AWWA and at the AWWA national level including:

- » MAC Chairman KY-TN Section (2008-11).
- » KY-TN Section Trustee, Vice-Chair, Chair-Elect and Chair (2011-15) currently serving as director for the Section.
- » KY-TN Water Professionals Leadership Academy (WPLA) Founding Sponsor and Session Facilitator.
- » Chair of AWWA's Water Treatment Facilities Design & Construction Committee.
- » Elected as AWWA Vice President in February 2023 and serving through 2025.

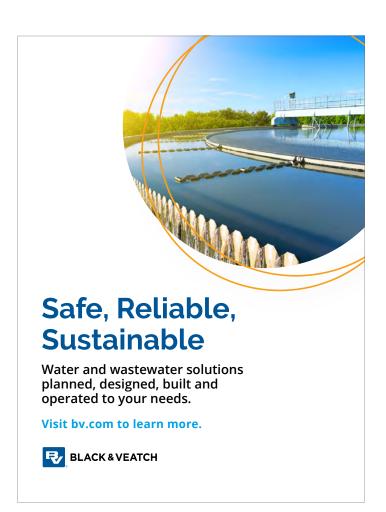
Additionally, Tippey is a regular presenter at both section and national AWWA conferences having prepared and delivered more than 25 presentations at Section and ACE events.

Tippey currently participates in the KY State Drinking Water Advisory Council and is a member of the

University of Kentucky Civil Engineering Alumni Advisory Board.

He is married to Leigh Ann whom he has known since middle school and who is central to his life. They have two daughters, Claire and Campbell. His oldest, Claire, currently attends DePaul University and lives in downtown Chicago, which keeps him in a constant state of worry. To add to his woes, he has put all his hobbies on hold (golfing, boating, etc.) to follow Campbell, his youngest daughter, around to club soccer tournaments across the country.

We look forward to welcoming Brent Tippey to the joint annual conference in August. \nearrow





My first official duty as the Kansas AWWA Director included attending the Board of Directors Meeting prior to attending the AWWA 2023 Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE2023).

Board of Director's Meeting

The slate of business was reviewed and approved without issue. AWWA Chief Executive Officer David LaFrance reported on ACE2023 performance measures as follows:

- » 8,750 attendees registered (goal was 10,060).
- » 94 countries.
- » 480 companies exhibited for a total of 952 booths.
- » 87% revenue.
- » Additional attendees register onsite.
- » Surprised at the low number of virtual attendees.

AWWA continues to be financially sound and carefully manages the budget by maintaining reserves and increasing revenues and expenditures in a thoughtful manner.

Total membership was approximately 50,000 and has increased to 50,711, which is the result of the sections strengthening recruitment of new members and encouraging current members to renew.

The Diversity and Member Inclusion Committee (DMIC) provided a survey for completion by board members, and the results were presented for discussion by small groups. Each group provided written comments, which will be summarized and provided at a later date.

The exercise was intended to see if your opinion on diversity changed knowing the survey results. More to come on this item.

HOW CAN DIVERSITY MAKE BETTER ENGINEERING TEAMS?

When an organization practices Diversity, Equity, and Member Inclusion (DMIC), a natural outcome is innovation. Bringing people with new perspectives into an organization is diversity, providing the necessary tools to support those brought into the organization is equity, and actively creating an environment where those new perspectives are welcomed and recognized is inclusion.

These components encourage a culture where new products, processes, and problem solving can thrive, which is the key to innovation.

ACE23 Theme: The Future of Water is 2050

An estimated 10,000 water professionals from throughout the world gathered at the Enercare Centre in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to kick off ACE2023 and collaborate on creating a sustainable and resilient future for the water community.

ACE23, June 11–14, featured 20 professional learning tracks and 126 sessions and an exposition showcase with more than 480 water technology providers and innovators in more than 950 booths. The event also featured several competitions, including the Best of the Best Water Taste Test, in which regional tap water taste champions compete for the best tasting water in North America as well as a pipe tapping competition.

The packed opening general session featured a presentation by disruption strategist and best-selling author Shawn Kanungo, who spoke on the theme of "Creating the Future Together" by integrating concepts from AWWA's Water 2050 initiative to explore how organizations and individuals can become more adaptable, experimental, and collaborative in navigating the future. The old adage that knowledge is power will shift to "boldness is power" in the age of artificial intelligence, he said, adding that "the most valuable job today is actually being a value creator, an innovator."

In a morning address, AWWA President Joe Jacangelo reminded water professionals that their mission makes a difference every day. "You are all, in essence, public health practitioners," he said.

AWWA CEO David LaFrance used ChatGPT on stage to demonstrate the power of AI and the importance of water professionals in creating original knowledge. "Water professionals sharing best practices with one another will not change," he said. "Our role will be more important. What we do here at AWWA and at other water associations—it's going to become more important."

This conference theme was "ACE23: The Future of Water is 2050," which aligns with AWWA's Water 2050 initiative seeking to establish a long-term vision for the future of water.

AWWA's Water 2050 initiative seeks to establish a long-term vision of the future of water. This collaborative exploration will chart a course for a successful and sustainable water sector. We will engage in a thoughtful, intentional, and inclusive discourse that results in bold, achievable goals.

Ultimately, Water 2050's influence will extend beyond the water community, fostering partnerships and cross-sector collaboration for mutual and global benefits.

Starting in 2022 and working through the end of 2023, Water 2050 will:

- » Engage in meaningful conversations. Thought leaders from within and outside the water sector will gather at intimate "think tanks" to examine the future of water through the prism of five key drivers.
- » Enlist strategic partners. Collaboration among water utilities, service providers, academia, watersector organizations, and nontraditional partners

will be essential. We'll also reach beyond the water sector to engage corporate water users, nonprofit organizations, and other stakeholder groups for fresh insights.

- » Foster intergenerational responsibility. Today's and tomorrow's water professionals and leaders must work together to create a successful future. The voices of young and emerging professionals will be key throughout the initiative.
- » Capture collective knowledge. AWWA will report on insights from each think tank and publish additional guidance to support the water community in realizing the Water 2050 vision.

All of this supports the critical mission of the water community: safe water, healthy people, and a sustainable planet.

AWWA's five critical drivers to the future of water think tanks:

» Sustainability: Sept 21–23, 2022

» Technology: Dec. 5–7, 2022

» Economics: Jan. 23-25, 2023

» Governance: Feb. 27-March 1, 2023

» Social Demographics: April 26–28, 2023

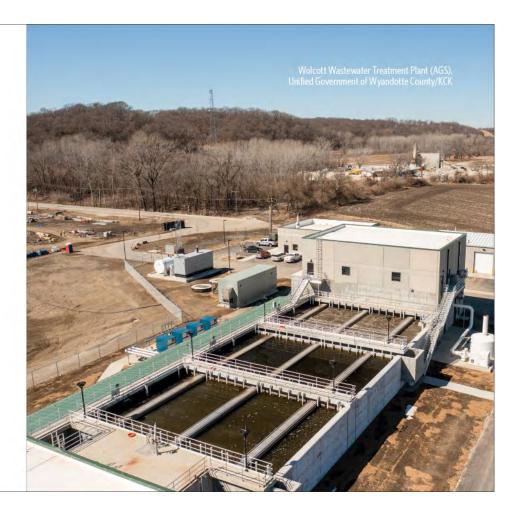
Each think tank report can be downloaded https://www.awwa.org/Resources-Tools/Water-2050/Water-2050-Reports.

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Tasker Presented With George Warren Fuller Award at ACE23

by Hank Corcoran Boyer, KsAWWA Section Manager

KsAWWA Director Martha Tasker was presented with the George Warren Fuller Award at the recent ACE23 in Toronto, Canada.

The George Warren Fuller Award is awarded to the section's individual who most exemplifies what Fuller stood for and what he did for AWWA.

"Little can be said about George Warren Fuller without recalling a thousand and one connections which he has had with sanitary engineering practice in this country and abroad. Amazingly active mentally, he always catalyzed those individuals who were fortunate enough to work with him. An enthusiasm, tempered by seasoned judgment and reinforced by a remarkable technical knowledge, accounting for the fact that his name is identified with almost every important sanitary advance in this country in the last four decades . . . Many, however, are born at the right time who are either ill equipped or are lacking in sufficient vision to make the most of that good fortune. In Mr. Fuller's case, heredity, and environmental influence, coupled with remarkable energy, all contributed to the development of a practitioner of outstanding stature. He will be remembered long in the future, as much for his distinctive personal characteristics as for his long list of contributions to sanitary science and practice."

So wrote Abel Wolman editorially in *Municipal*Sanitation after Fuller's death June 15, 1934.



Martha Tasker is pictured with AWWA President Joe Jacangelo (left) and AWWA Chief Executive Officer David LaFrance (right).

City of Emporia Wins People's Choice Water Taste Test at ACE23

______ by Hank Corcoran Boyer, KsaWWA Section Manager

For the second year in a row, a Kansas utility was named the People's Choice Water Taste Test winner. ACE22 saw WaterOne winning both the People's Choice Water Taste Test and Best of The Best Water Taste Test.

ACE23 saw the City of Emporia (Kansas) being named the winner of the People's Choice Water Taste Test. The events, which were sponsored by Brown and Caldwell, included regional winners from water tasting competitions and were held at ACE23 in Toronto, Canada.

ACE23, which brought an estimated 10,000 water professionals to Toronto, is the longest-running water conference in the world, having first convened in 1881. The event features more than 440 expert presentations and an exposition featuring more than 450 exhibitors.



Stay Safe This Summer: Tips to Avoid Being Bitten or Stung

_ by Dan Riney, KsAWWA Safety Committee Chair

Insects can be more than annoying; they can be carriers of disease or cause allergic reactions that, when severe, can be deadly.

Mosquitoes may carry West Nile virus, which can cause very severe flu-like symptoms and even death from fatal brain infection. Mosquitoes carrying West Nile are around all summer, particularly August and September, they feed on humans, horses, and birds. We have known about the virus only since 1999. A mosquito can contaminate multiple victims, but West Nile cannot be transferred from human to human. Most people who are bitten don't even know they have been and develop no symptoms. But some die each year. Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants outside, especially at dawn and dusk. Use a sunscreen with DEET which provides the best deterrence to these to these pests. The repellent works to keep away spiders and other insects as well.

Bees and spiders can be encountered anytime, and their stings or bites usually cause only itching, redness, and maybe swelling at the site. Sometimes these encounters can be serious, the victim may have a severe allergic reaction, or the bite may be poisonous.

Ticks are found on the bodies of animals and in the woods. While most are not dangerous, some carry Lyme disease which can make people very sick As soon as you find a tick, remove it, and look for others. The longer the tick stays attached, the greater

the chance of getting a disease. Don't use the old remedies of trying to burn the tick off or pouring alcohol on it. Just grab the tick by its head and gently pull it straight up. When you lift the tick and skin, hold it there for a moment and the tick should let go. Wash the bite under running water and soap, if available, or waterless disinfectant hand sanitizer. If you live where there may be Lyme disease, or if you don't know if you do, contact medical person for advice.





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One AWWA Operator Scholarship Now Accepting Applications

by Jacob Schultze, KsAWWA Scholarship Committee Chair

The Kansas Section is participating in the association's "One AWWA Operator Scholarship" program. The water industry faces a critical shortage of operators, and the need is expected to increase by 6% in the next decade. The One AWWA Operator Scholarship was created to address the present and future need for operators by providing training and educational funding. Matching dollars from the American Water Works Association and the Kansas Section provide the funding for the operator scholarships.

AWWA's The Water Equation Campaign and the Kansas Section AWWA, will award two \$1,000 scholarships for water operator training and education. Scholarship funds can be used for certification/licensure, a two-year water-related associate degree, four-year water-related bachelor's degree (non-engineering), technical

school program, professional training program, books and manuals, and operator related conferences. Each scholarship recipient will also receive a one-year AWWA Operator membership.

HOW TO APPLY

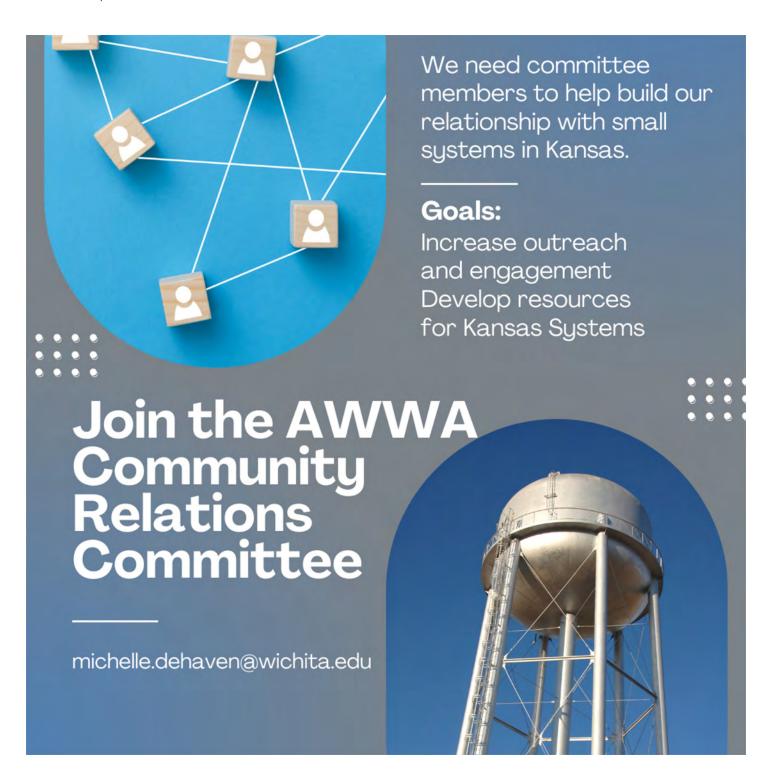
The deadline for application is Jan. 1, 2024. Apply online at https://www.ksawwa.org/conference/one-awwa-operator-scholarship.html.

For additional information, please contact:

Jacob Schultze, P.E.
Scholarship Committee Chair
schultzeir@bv.com

Join the Community Relations Committee

The KsAWWA Community Relations & Customer Service Committee seeks to engage with systems, particularly small systems, across Kansas to engage with them on communication and outreach strategies. We are a committee that is building, so come with ideas for how to engage with our Kansas systems. For more information and to join the committee, please reach contact Committee Chair Michelle DeHaven at michelle.dehaven@wichita.edu.



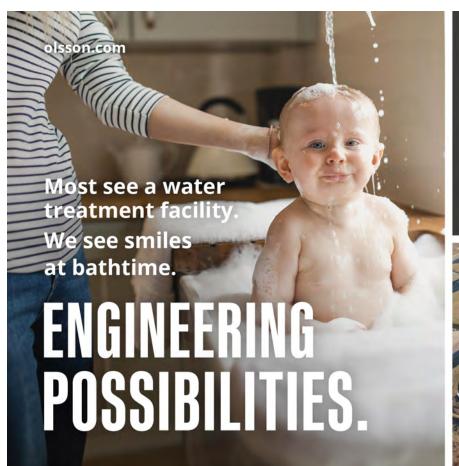
Ballot for KsAWWA 2023 Election

______ by Hank Boyer, KsAWWA Section Manager

According to the KsAWWA Administrative Guide, the KsAWWA Nominating Committee is to report its recommendations on candidates to the entire membership of the Section at least thirty days prior to the Section's annual business meeting. This year's Nomination Committee consisted of Katie Miller (chair), Jim Jackson, Deb Ary, Jason Patty, and Allan Soetaert.

The ballot for the upcoming election is below. Names in bold are individuals the committee is recommending to fill the positions indicated next to their name.

Martha Tasker, City of Salina
Jim Jackson, USG Water
John Gilroy, Black & Veatch
Steve Nirschl, KCK BPU
Michelle Wirth, WaterOne
Brandon Sisk, KCK BPU
Jessica Adams-Weber, HDR
Cathy Tucker-Vogel, KDHE
Steven Craig, City of Lawrence
Tonya Bronleewe, WSU EFC
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Joint Conference Overview

Friday, Aug. 4, 2023

11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Sporting Clays Shoot** (*Proceeds to Water for People*)

Powder Creek Shooting Park (Lenexa, KS)

11:30 a.m. - Registration and lunch

1:00 p.m. - Shoot begins

Monday, Aug. 28, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Golf Tournament Scholarship Fundraiser** (*Proceeds to KWEA Scholarship Fund*)

Auburn Hills Golf Course

11:00 a.m. - Check-in and lunch

12:00 p.m. - Shotgun start, four-person scramble

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Exhibitor Setup**

Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Young Professionals Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Registration Open
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Opening Session
10:30 a.m. – Noon	Exhibitor Hour & Refreshment Break
10:45 a.m.	KWEA Annual Business Meeting
Noon – 1:30 p.m.	KsAWWA Awards & Annual Business Meeting Luncheon KWEA Awards Luncheon
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Best Tasting Tap Water Contest
1:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Concurrent Technical Sessions
2:15 – 5:00 p.m.	Environmental Excellence Competition
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Refreshment Break
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Meet & Greet Drink tickets provided + cash bar; door prizes
7:00 – 11:00 p.m.	All-Conference Social Event Hosted by Garver

Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	KsAWWA OTC Breakfast Meeting KWEA Board & Committee Chair Breakfast KWEA Golden Manhole Society Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Registration Open
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open
8:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Concurrent Technical Sessions
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Refreshment Break
Noon – 1:30 p.m.	Joint Luncheon
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Meter Madness
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Hydrant Hysteria
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Refreshment Break
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Backhoe Rodeo
3:30 p.m.	Water For People Silent Auction Closes
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Joint Awards Banquet Reception
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Joint Awards Banquet
8:00 – 11:00 p.m.	All-Conference Social Event Hosted by HDR

Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	KsAWWA Breakfast KWEA SSSSS Breakfast
7:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Registration Open
8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Concurrent Technical Sessions
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Refreshment Break
12:15 p.m.	Conference Adjournment & Prize Drawing
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	KWEA ABC Testing; KDHE Water & Wastewater Operations Testing



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Official Judging: August 29 at 1:30 p.m.



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Our vision is a world where all people have access to safe drinking water and sanitation, a world where no one suffers or dies from a water or sanitation-related disease.

We believe in people.

We believe in the dignity of all people and that access to safe drinking water and effective sanitation are basic human rights.

2 We keep it local.

We believe that drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene problems are most effectively solved using local resources.

We keep good company.

We believe in the power of partnership

We believe in the power of partnerships. We search out trusted partners who share our vision and work together to build Long-term relationships based on trust.

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FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES









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The annual will be here before we know it, and we need your help to raise funds. The need for Water For People's mission and work continues to increase in developing countries around the world.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Make a financial donation – 100% of the your donation will be passed directly to Water For People to help bring clean water and sanitation solutions to communities in need for generations to come.

Make an item donation to the conference silent auction – 100% of the proceeds will be sent to Water For Peopel to provide much needed support as work toward their mission.

Participate in the Water For People Sporting Clays Shoot – 100% of the net proceeds from this fundraiser will be passed on to Water For People. Invite your coworkers or vendors to join you!

Volunteer to serve on the Water For People Committee – The WFP Committee provides public education seminars, disperse educational literature, host fundraisers, and organize the sporting clays shoot.

All donors will be recognized at the conference and in publication. Donation receipts will be provided via email for tax purposes. Additionally, donations greater than \$250 will receive a special Water For People certificate suitable for framing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us and/or let us know how you would like to help. Please send your donation to Hank Boyer at the address below or send an email and let us know that you will bring your donation to the conference.

Kansas Section AWWA – Water for People

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Friday, August 4 1:00 P.M. Shoot **Powder Creek Shooting Park** 8601 Monticello Rd • Lenexa, KS

NEW FORMAT AND LOCATION!

DETAILS

Due to the 2023 KWEA / KsAWWA Joint Conference being in Wichita and to avoid the schedule conflict with the conference charity golf tournament, this year's "Water For People" Sporting Clay Shoot will be held in the Kansas City area.

A new format features sign-up options for team registrations by corporate sponsors. Individual shooters are still welcome and will be paired with other individuals or teams.

WHAT TO BRING

Bring your own gun, ear protection, safety glasses, and ammunition (7 ½, 8, or 9 shot). If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Hansen.

SCHEDULE

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch and registration

1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Sporting clays shoot (100 rounds)

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Awards, social hour, and refreshments

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SHOOTER #3	SHOOTER #4	
ORGANIZATION / COMPANY		
EMAIL ADDRESS		
PHONE	TOTAL ENCLOSED	

REGISTRATION

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QUESTIONS?

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June 10–13, 2024 Anaheim, CA

June 8–11, 2025 Denver, CO

June 21–24, 2026 Washington, D.C.

June 13–16, 2027 San Diego, CA

June 4–7, 2028 Atlanta, GA

June 10–13, 2029 Toronto, CA

KsAWWA Meetings

July 28, 2023 Board & Committee Meeting

August 29, 2023 Annual Meeting

