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Johnson Presented George Warren Fuller Award at Annual Joint Conference

by Hank Corcoran Boyer, KsAWWA Section Manager

This year's George Warren Fuller Award recipient is one who has made a big impact on the water industry and certainly fulfills the many attributes of George Warren Fuller himself. Durward (DJ) Johnson is very reserved and often works quietly in the background. His experience and background are unique with the knowledge of water treatment plants and pump stations. Johnson gets projects accomplished with minimal assistance. His ability to work with others and understanding of technical and administrative processes helps them to gain approvals and keep the work on schedule. He has innovative thinking and effective communication. While he is in a supervisory position, he is first and foremost a team player.

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News from the Chair

by Jim Jackson, KsAWWA Chair



As I travel around the state, I am so impressed with the quality of water professionals I meet each day. From the larger systems to our very small systems in the state each person has the same goal of providing

the residents, customers, and anyone that comes into their community with the best quality water possible. Many people take for granted the work of the Kansas water professional, but when visiting with the professionals I heard many of the same stories.

An operator in southeast Kansas stated that he had a hard time sleeping because he was nervous the temporary emergency repair he had made may not hold until he got the parts needed to make proper fix, and parts were a day away. A city clerk in south central Kansas said she never hears from many of their customers unless they have a problem; nobody stops by the office just to say thank you. A city administrator in northwest Kansas said he just cannot find anyone who wants to work in water these days.

These stories probably apply to systems in every area of the state. I tell the water professionals about the KsAWWA's mission statement, "Providing resources and a network for Kansas to responsibly

manage water." The Kansas section is here to assist water professionals across the state. The Kansas section's vision is, "Water for a resilient Kansas."

As I visited with water professionals, I discussed the many accomplishments of the Kansas section over the past several years: updated strategic plan, revised administrative guidelines, succession planning, and revisions to the Kansas section bylaws. None of these could have been accomplished with the dedication of the numerous volunteers from the section. I want to thank those volunteers for all their hard work in preparing the section for the future.

I want to challenge each member to introduce at least one (two or three would be great) water professional to the AWWA and the Kansas section and invite them to attend the joint conference along with you next year in Wichita. The conference committee is already at work to make the 15th Annual KWEA/KSAWWA Joint Conference a success.

At the joint conference this August, Past-Chair Michelle Wirth encouraged us to tell our water story to others. So, I will share my water story with everyone and ask that you share your water story with others during the year.

My water story began while I was in high school or really back when I played little league baseball. My coach asked what I planned to do once I got out of school. I did not tell him, but I thought I would be a professional baseball player. He told me to always

keep water utilities in mind as there will always be jobs in water. After I graduated high school and began junior college, I began to work for my little league baseball coach as a water meter reader. Those were the days of walking and handwriting each meter read. After a year of reading meters, I was moved into the surface water plant; this was well before plant automation, so I worked two midnights and three evening shifts each week—the dreaded swing shift. The director of utilities (my little league coach) encouraged each operator to obtain the highest certification we could, and within two years of starting as an operator I had achieved my

Class IV certification. I worked at that utility until my little league coach was about to retire. When you see me, I can finish my water story, but for now I want to thank the person that started my water story.

Thank you to Coach Porter, Mr. Porter, or Boss... and as many in the section knew him... thank you, Dr. Porter! 🍷

Jim Jackson, KsAWWA Chair

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Section Manager's Report

by Hank Corcoran Boyer, KsAWWA Section Manager

The calendar says it is December and the holidays are upon us, but the weather has been delightful for this time of year. More spring-like than early winter. Unfortunately, many of us are still struggling with the lack of moisture for our crops and our water supplies. We continue to pray all of us will receive the needed moisture in the coming months in the form of rain or snow to replenish our water supplies and for our crops and yards.

Wow! That is the only word I can come up with for the 2023 KWEA/KsAWWA Joint Annual Conference in Wichita. After reading the surveys, there was really nothing the attendees, exhibitors, or organizers could find fault with. We had a record number of booths sold this year with 106 and that was only stopped because it was time to make the final plans for placement of all the booths and vendors or we could have had more. We had 700 plus attendees, and the program committee did a great job of selecting pertinent, informative, and educational papers. The program committee for the 2024 joint conference has held a preliminary meeting and is starting to look for abstracts for the 2024 conference (see page 23). If you or your utility has something to share with others across the state of Kansas, please submit your abstract for consideration.

The committee for the mini conference to be held May 8-9, 2024 will be meeting soon to pick topics for this operator training. This will be held again at

the Hotel Topeka in Topeka, Kansas.

As we move forward into 2024, operator training is always foremost in the minds of your board of trustees, Operator Training Committee, and the

many committees that make this section work. Look at the list of committees on the website at <https://www.ksawwa.org/about/committees/chairs.html>.

If you are interested in any of these committees or have something to offer to them to make their work easier, please reach out to the committee chair and visit with them.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas" and a blessed new year. Will be looking forward to seeing and working with you in 2024.

If you ever have any questions, please contact me at hboyer@cox.net or (785) 452-5706. ☔



Director's Report

by Martha Tasker, KsAWWA Director



Happy winter to my fellow members of the Kansas Section of AWWA!

Now that I am the official director for KsAWWA, I must start living up to my responsibilities, which include:

- » Represent Kansas section on the AWWA Board of Directors.
- » Represent AWWA on the Kansas section's Board of Trustees.
- » Help coordinate AWWA and section actions and activities.
- » Report to board and membership on AWWA activities.
- » Thoughtfully consider agenda items as a voting member.

To better meet these responsibilities, my first thought was to better understand the section's strategic plan, vision, and mission. In doing so, I was reminded of the strategic plan that was recently developed as a statement of the section's objectives and priorities. As such, it is to be integrated into all the activities of the section and the committees. The strategic plan

has been developed to be consistent with AWWA's strategic plan.

- » **Vision:** Water for a resilient Kansas.
- » **Mission:** Providing resources and a network for Kansas to responsibly manage water.

Strategic Goals

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

- » Strive to be the association of choice for the water community.
- » Advance diversity and inclusion for individuals, organizations, and Section leadership.
- » Enhance opportunities and partnerships for the water community.
- » Focus resources for member value and growth.

ORGANIZATIONAL STABILITY

- » Effectively use its resources to serve its members and the water community.
- » Improve the use of technology to create greater efficiency, growth, and enhance value.
- » Ensure long-term financial health.
- » Increase awareness of member engagement opportunities with a focus on value and professional growth.

- » Build relationships with like-minded organizations to enhance the water community.

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

- » Be the trusted resource for training, education, and networking for the water community.
- » Embrace the use of technology to provide training opportunities.
- » Facilitate programs and services to meet Kansas educational needs.
- » Provide mentorship opportunities for advancing water professionals.
- » Enhance opportunities for water professionals to connect and network.

WATER POLICY & LEADERSHIP

- » Be recognized as the valued and credible voice for water.
- » Proactively engage with regulators, legislators, and decision makers on water policy.
- » Maintain and continue relationships with other water-related organizations.
- » Provide clear, credible information about the water industry and water issues.
- » Raise public awareness of the value of water infrastructure, service, and professionals.

These strategic goals are not just a to-do-list for the director but a list for the board of trustees, committee members, and each and every individual member. To be a successful section, everyone needs to be engaged and working to accomplish the strategic goals.

In June, I attended the AWWA Board of Directors meeting in Toronto, Canada. The agenda included

three action items requiring a vote: approval of minutes; consent agenda (Conflict of Interest Policy and Family and Business Questionnaire); and the Audit Committee report. David LaFrance, chief executive officer, provided an update on the upcoming ACE Conference.

In July, I attended the AWWA Summer Workshop in Denver, Colorado. The workshop was a day and a half of training for section leadership. Sessions focused on training and development for AWWA volunteers in leadership roles and provided instruction on management best practices, guidelines, and model programs. The topics included communication, student chapters, envisioning the future of diversity, equity and inclusion (DE&I) and AWWA Together, membership basics, and showcases of model programs from other sections. The second day included a keynote session titled, "Creating a Healthy Organizational Ecosystem." This session was an interactive program designed to help volunteer leaders and staff explore how to most effectively lead an organization. Different leadership competencies, key staff and board responsibilities, and strategic governance was discussed and then leadership teams had the opportunity to engage in dialog and critical thinking to be successful in a continually evolving world.

I encourage you to share your thoughts, comments, suggestions, questions, and concerns with me, or contact me for additional information regarding any matter relevant to AWWA or KsAWWA. 🍷

Martha Tasker

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Johnson graduated from the University of Southern Illinois as a civil engineer and began his career at Black & Veatch. Thirty-two years ago, he joined BPU as a civil engineer and today is a senior engineer in water engineering.

He was the KsAWWA Operator Meritorious Service Award recipient in 2002, holds a Class IV Water Treatment license and has been held positions on the KsAWWA board member and served as chair.

Johnson is passionate about water education, is very involved with his church, stays busy with his children's sporting events serving as a coach, and enjoys mentoring youth. 🌧️



Durward Johnson, 2023 KsAWWA George Warren Fuller Award recipient



Pietig Appointed General Manager of WaterOne

by Jerry Koukol, WaterOne

The governing board for WaterOne voted to confirm Shaun Pietig as general manager for the organization. The appointment followed the retirement of former General Manager Mike Armstrong after 25 years of service to the water district. Shaun assumed duties for her new role effective Aug. 8, 2023.

WaterOne is the non-profit public water supplier for 17 cities in the Johnson County, Kansas, area. The general manager serves as the chief executive officer and is responsible for the daily administration of the utility's operations, personnel, and financial affairs. The general manager reports directly to the governing board and is accountable for the overall operation and successful performance of the organization.

In her previous role as WaterOne's director of distribution, Pietig was responsible for the overall operation of the district's 272-square mile distribution system. WaterOne's distribution division encompasses engineering, planning, designing, infrastructure renewal, construction and maintenance, distribution system water quality, mapping and drafting, and the sale of all service connections and meters.

Pietig joined WaterOne in 2007 as a project engineer with previous experience as a design engineer and project manager at an engineering consulting firm. She has served in numerous technical and management roles at WaterOne including project

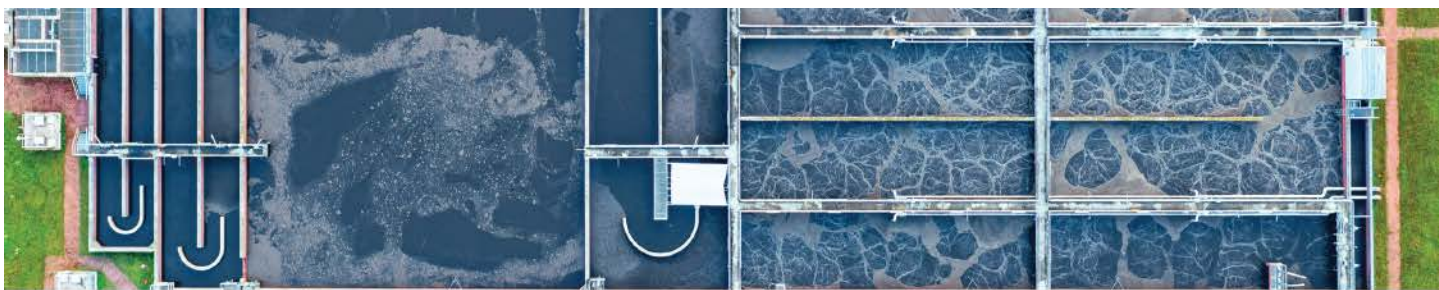
engineer, infrastructure planner and asset manager, lead engineer, and manager of distribution engineering.

Pietig earned her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Iowa State University and is a registered professional engineer in the state of Kansas. She serves on numerous national and regional organizations, associations, and committees in the water sector, where she holds leadership positions dedicated to asset planning, asset renewal and sustainability, and management of water distribution systems.

Pietig is the fifth appointed general manager to serve WaterOne in its 66-year history.

"I'm humbled and excited for the opportunity to support WaterOne's strong culture and tradition of excellence," said Pietig. "I am passionate about the district's operations, staff, and the almost half a million customers who rely on WaterOne every day."

"The WaterOne Board recognized Shaun's track record of strategic partnerships, customer focus, and long-term planning," said board chair Kay Heley. "Shaun truly embodies WaterOne's values of quality, integrity, safety, accountability, and respect. We're confident in her ability to lead our organization through the challenges and opportunities to come." 🌂



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Friday Presented Operator Meritorious Service Award at Annual Meeting

by Hank Corcoran Boyer, KsAWWA Section Manager

This year's recipient of the Operator Meritorious Service Award has been involved in the water treatment field for 17 years. During this time, Denise Friday has helped improve her utilities operation by optimizing filter operation and maintenance by creating a modified filter-to-water procedure, collaborated with her city's line maintenance team through cross-training and information sharing, training new hires, and working with colleagues to create and update standard operating procedures.

Friday holds a KDHE Class IV Drinking Water Operator Certificate and is a control operator for her utility. In her position, she operates all aspects of the city's drinking water treatment system including raw water pumping, chlorine dioxide disinfection, clarification, softening, filtration, storage, and pumping.

Friday has been involved with AWWA since 2013 and is an active member of the KsAWWA Diversity and Inclusion Committee, previously serving as chair of the committee.

Friday holds a degree in mortuary science from Kansas City Kansas Community College, Associate of Applied Science Degree in Environmental Water Technology from Fort Scott Community College, and a Bachelor

of Science in Technology Management from Pittsburg State University. Prior to joining the City of Olathe, she worked as a mortician for four years.

Thank you, Denise, for your years of dedication to the water treatment process. 🍀

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Hansen Bestowed Kenneth J. Miller Founders' Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service

by Hank Corcoran Boyer, KsAWWA Section Manager

The Kenneth J. Miller Founders' Award for outstanding volunteer service to Water For People was established in 2001 by the board of directors of Water For People to honor outstanding volunteer service to this international humanitarian effort.

The search for a model individual to exemplify the value of volunteer service led immediately to Kenneth J. Miller of Denver, Colorado, one of the founders of Water For People and its first president.

This year's KsAWWA recipient of this prestigious award has been a member of AWWA since 1999, chaired the KsAWWA Scholarship Committee, and served as chair of KsAWWA from 2019-2020. He took over as chair of the Water For People committee in 2022 and in his first year as chair brought in over \$3,000 for Water For People.

Congratulations, Andrew Hansen! 🍷



Kenneth J. Miller Founders' Award recipient Andrew Hansen with KsAWWA Past Chair Michelle Wirth

Jones Honored With Richard Porter Service Award for Commitment, Leadership

by Hank Corcoran Boyer, KSAWWA Section Manager

The Richard Porter Service Award was established in 2006 in memory of long-time member and secretary/treasurer Richard Porter. The award is given to a section member who has demonstrated support and commitment to the Kansas section.

The commitment could be represented by the following attributes:

- » An active role in one or more committees;
- » Participation in section conferences or training seminars;
- » Demonstration of a friendly and welcoming attitude to new and current members of the section;
- » Service as an example to others of the role of the section as a leader in providing service and support to others in the industry; and or
- » Promotion of a positive image of the section.

The 2023 Richard Porter Award was presented to Fred Jones, City of Garden City. 🍂



Richard Porter Service Award recipient Fred Jones with KSAWWA Past Chair Michelle Wirth

Olendorff Presented John Lechner Award of Excellence for Exemplary Service

by Hank Corcoran Boyer, KsAWWA Section Manager

The John Lechner Award of Excellence is an award of excellence to recognize a section's Manufacturers/Associates Council member who has demonstrated exemplary service to the drinking water community and to AWWA's mission and goals.

The recipients of the section award are automatically eligible for the AWWA award.

The 2023 recipient of the John Lechner Award of Excellence for KsAWWA is Bret Olendorff, Environmental Process Systems, Inc.

Olendorff has been with Environmental Process Systems for 12 years and has been a member of AWWA since 2011. You can always find him in the exhibit hall at the Annual KWEA/KsAWWA Joint Conference.

Congratulations, Bret Olendorff! 🎉



John Lechner Award of Excellence recipient Brett Olendorff with KsAWWA Past Chair Michelle Wirth

KsAWWA Awards Three Scholarships to University Students

by Hank Corcoran Boyer, KsAWWA Section Manager

KsAWWA awarded three \$1,000 scholarships in 2023. The three recipients were Mason Ericson, Kansas State University civil engineering student; Marleigh Hutchinson, Kansas State University civil engineering student; and Elizabeth Appel, Kansas University civil engineering student.

Congratulations to these three students and best wishes in their continued studies. 🍀



Elizabeth Appel
Kansas State University



Mason Ericson
Kansas State University



Marleigh Hutchinson
Kansas State University



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.
- » A four-year water-related bachelor's degree (non-engineering).
- » A technical school program.
- » Professional training program.
- » Books and manuals.
- » 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:

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WaterOne Declared 2023 Winner in Best Tasting Tap Water Contest at Joint Conference

by Hank Corcoran Boyer, KsAWWA Section Manager

The ever-popular Best Tasting Tap Water Contest is the first competition to kick off the joint annual conference each year. This year was equally as popular as previous years.

Some of the requirements of the competition include:

- » A representative for the utility must be registered for the conference.
- » Sample should be brought in a one-liter container (preferably glass).
- » Samples are served at room temperature.
- » Entries must have incurred no state or federal drinking water violations during the previous year.
- » The previous year's winner is not eligible to enter.

The samples are judged on a seven-point scale from Best (1) to Far from Ideal (7). The judges make their determinations from a simple sniff, sip, slurp, swish, and swallow test. Scores are be tabulated, and the winner is announced immediately following the judging and ONLY the winning sample is announced. Samples are not ranked, nor are scores released.

This year's competition had five entries which were judged by Martha Tasker, KsAWWA director; Brent Tippey, AWWA vice president; Gustavo Gallo-Chacon, WEF visiting representative; Jack Mason, City of



Best Tasting Tap Water Contest judges: Jack Mason, Brent Tippey, Martha Tasker, Gustavo Gallo-Chacon, Annette Lawless

Emporia and 2022 winner both at the local level and at the national level; and Annette Lawless, KAKE TV anchor and reporter.

After the judges sniffing, sipping, slurping, swishing, and swallowing, the winner of the 2023 Best Tasting Tap Water Competition was WaterOne. WaterOne will now enter the Best Tasting Tap Water contest at ACE24 in Anaheim, California. 🍷

Introduction of Water Utility Safety Award

by Hank Corcoran Boyer, KsAWWA Section Manager

Kansas Section American Water Works Association (KsAWWA) introduced the KsAWWA Water Utility Safety Award at the 2023 KWEA/KsAWWA Joint Conference. This award recognizes utilities with a commitment to make employees' health and safety a main priority, bring employees together with high morale results by achieving a more proficient and productive workforce through training and education, and receiving cost savings by reducing or eliminating the potential for lost time accidents.

Awards will be presented each year at the annual KWEA/KsAWWA Joint Conference, to utilities in four size categories. Successful awardees will be considered for nomination for the AWWA Wendell LaDue Utility Safety Award.

The 2023 Class II award winner was the City of Garden City Water Utility, and the 2023 Class III award winner was WaterOne. 🌂



Water Utility Safety Award – Class II: City of Garden City (Fred Jones), presented by Past Chair Michelle Wirth



Water Utility Safety Award – Class III: WaterOne (Shaun Pietig), presented by Past Chair Michelle Wirth

Operator Contests Once Again Popular Events at Annual Joint Conference

by Hank Corcoran Boyer, KsAWWA Section Manager

Meter Madness

After many years of sponsoring the Meter Madness competition, John Daugherty retired after the 2022 competition. This year Tony Juarez with Schulte Supply, Inc. took over running the competition.

This year's competition had five entries who each got two chances to post the best time and win an opportunity to show their skills at ACE24 in Anaheim, California. The object of this competition is to put a water meter together and have it work in the shortest possible time.

- » 1st Place: Darin Kamradt, WaterOne, 1:19.70
- » 2nd Place: Roman Rodriguez, City of Olathe, 1:50.87
- » 3rd Place: Ryan Kelley, WaterOne, 1:55.92

Thank you to Tony Juarez for running the event!

Hydrant Hysteria

The Hydrant Hysteria Competition involves putting together a fire hydrant in working condition in the least amount of time. The winner of the men's competition and the women's team qualify to participate in the Hydrant Hysteria competition at ACE24 in Anaheim, California.

This year's hydrant was an M&H 129, the same hydrant to be used at ACE24. This hydrant is provided to them prior to the competition so they can practice.

- » 1st Place Men's Division
Jolly Wrenchers, WaterOne – 1:46.55
Marcus Cook and Spencer Plush
- » 1st Place Women's Division
Drenched Wrenchers, WaterOne – 2:26.40
Kim Brooks and Jesi Lay

Backhoe Rodeo

The Backhoe Rodeo competition required contestants to move an egg from a bucket of kitty litter to a trash can using a kitty litter scoop attached to the bucket of a backhoe. There were 9 contestants this year.

- » 1st Place: Tyler Welsh, City of Ottawa, 35.15
- » 2nd Place: Charles Johnson, City of Ottawa, 44.95
- » 3rd Place: Travis Ruddle, City of Wichita, 51.60

Victor L. Phillips has been the sponsor of this event for several years and provides the backhoe to use for the competition. 🛖



Meter Madness 1st Place: Darin Kamradt, WaterOne



Meter Madness 2nd Place: Roman Rodriguez, City of Olathe



Meter Madness 3rd Place: Ryan Kelley, WaterOne



Backhoe Rodeo Competition



Hydrant Hysteria Men's Division Winners: Marcus Cook and Spencer Plush (Jolly Wrenchers), WaterOne, with Brandon Sisk (competition organizer) and KsAWWA Past Chair Michelle Wirth



Hydrant Hysteria Women's Division Winners: Kim Brooks and Jesi Lay (Drenched Wrenchers), WaterOne, with Brandon Sisk (competition organizer) and KsAWWA Past Chair Michelle Wirth



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Annual Sporting Clays Competition Raises Money for Water For People

by Andrew Hansen, Water For People Committee Chair

The Water For People (WFP) Sporting Clays Competition took place on Friday, Aug. 4, 2023, at Powder Creek Shooting Range in Lenexa, Kansas. The event was separated from the joint annual conference this year to avoid overlaps with the golf tournament.

There was a push from the organizers for corporate sponsors to increase participation, and the format was modified from a 50-target event to a 100-target event per shooter. Prior to the shoot, a barbecue lunch was provided by Ray Lindsey Company. A happy hour after the event was sponsored by Crossland Heavy Contractors, Inc. and R. E. Pedrotti Company.

A total of 44 shooters competed which raised \$2,700 for WFP. The winning team was the Crossland Heavy Contractors, Inc. team. There was a three-way tie for highest scoring individual among Joey Filby, Tim Malcolm, and Andrew Hansen who each broke 77 out of 100 targets.

MAKE PLANS TO COMPETE IN 2024

Next year's fundraising event has been scheduled at Powder Creek Shooting Range in Lenexa, Kansas, for Friday, Aug. 23, 2024. 🏹



Winning Team: Crossland Heavy Contractors, Inc.



Shooter Destiny Rollins-Mestagh and onlookers Marc Pedrotti and Ed McGrath, all of R.E. Pedrotti Company

WATER / WASTEWATER CONFERENCE CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

KWEA / KsAWWA 15th Annual Joint Conference

The Kansas Water Environment Association and the Kansas Section of American Water Works Association invite you to submit abstracts on any subject pertinent to drinking water or wastewater issues but are specifically looking for the following topics:

- Biosolids / Soil Health
- Careers (Leadership, DE&I, etc.)
- Collection Systems
- Drinking Water Operations
- Emerging Technology
- Government Affairs
- Hot Topics
- Laboratory
- Operator Training
- Small Systems
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- Wastewater Operations
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Abstract Submission Deadline

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Acceptance Notification

June 2024

Registration Deadline

August 23, 2024

EVENT INFORMATION

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August 27-29, 2024

Location

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Water Processor, City of Olathe

What do you love about your job?

“ Working in the water field is an adventure! You never know what’s in store for your day. I love collecting water samples at the Kansas River. Sometimes, I can see Bald Eagles perched on a tree branch. Listening to the sound of Mother Nature is so calming and surreal.



Hispanic Heritage Month Feature

Why did you join the KS AWWA Diversity Committee?

“ Being a part of the Diversity Committee has allowed me to meet a wonderful group of people that care about their heritage and want to help minorities get into the Water Industry. I take pride in my Hispanic Heritage. Our family functions are a fun time with lots of spicy food to eat, loud music, and dancing. Our children play games and hit the piñata. Having a job where you feel at home has been like having another familia.

What advice would you give to a young person considering a career in water?

“ I would encourage them! There are many employees retiring, including myself. Water Plants will soon face a shortage of experienced operators. You can learn, study, and receive help to pass your Water Certification tests. There are many opportunities for government and private companies.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is annually celebrated from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

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Annual KWEA / KsAWWA Joint Annual Conference

2024

Hyatt Regency
& Century II Convention Center
Wichita, Kansas
August 27-29

2025

Hotel Topeka
Stormont Vail Event Center
Topeka, Kansas
August 26-28

AWWA Annual Conference

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

August 27, 2024	Annual Meeting
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