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Fact Sheet – 2008

Mission Statement

The mission of KWEA is to:

- ✓ Advance the professional development and education of its members
- ✓ Deliver high quality products and services to members and stakeholders
- ✓ Influence the development of sound public policy regarding the state water environment
- ✓ Promote, educate, and advance the water quality industry and the public

Vision Statement

The Kansas Water Environment Association will be recognized as the leading technical and educational organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the Kansas water environment.

Facts:

- ❖ In September 2007, KWEA has 517 members, with 331 active members, 129 PWO members, 7 student members and 22 young professionals.
- ❖ All KWEA members are full members of the Water Environment Federation
- ❖ KWEA's 63rd annual conference in April 2008 had 570 attendees, the highest on record.
- ❖ KWEA oversees voluntary certification for the following categories: 332 Collections, 45 Laboratory, 81 Distribution System, 12 Industrial, and 4 Biosolids
- ❖ KWEA's annual budget is \$135,000, and we hold approximately \$120,000 in reserves
- ❖ KWEA administers a scholarship program with the following annual awards:
 - College scholarships of \$1,000, \$750, and \$500 including the Shirley Coles memorial scholarship
 - Two vocational technical school scholarships at \$500 each
- ❖ KWEA holds a student poster competition at the annual conference:
 - Awards in 2008 were for \$400, \$200, and \$100
 - KWEA sponsored the undergraduate winners to attend WEFTEC 2007
- ❖ KWEA averages between 45 – 50 exhibitor booths at the Annual Conference, generating revenue between \$35k-40k/year
- ❖ KWEA's Fall Workshop provides training for 35 to 50 participants. It is designed to be a low cost, single day training event for operators in Kansas and out of state.

New Initiatives

- ❖ Nutrient Reduction Specialty Conference – August 2008
 - Joint Effort between KDHE and KWEA
- ❖ KWEA is planning a joint conference with Kansas AWWA in 2009
- ❖ Young Professional initiatives:
 - The YP committee hosted a Professional Development session at this year's annual conference that was well attended.
 - The YP committee is reorganizing its committee structure and recruiting team members to help build momentum for the next year.
- ❖ KWEA held the first Collections System workshop in the summer of 2006 with 39 participants. Attendees received the WEF/ABC Collections System Operations Guide.

Strong Active Committees

- ❖ Collections System
- ❖ Government Affairs
- ❖ Municipal Management
- ❖ Municipal Technology Transfer
- ❖ Plant Awards

Committee Focus Areas

- ❖ Public Education
- ❖ Biosolids
- ❖ Safety
- ❖ Membership