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KWEA

Kansas Water Environment Association



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Mission Statement

To support members, the industry, and the public through education, training, networking, and problem-solving in order to preserve and improve the Kansas water environment.

Vision Statement

To be the essential resource for preserving and enhancing the water environment.



Our Members

KWEA's greatest strength lies in its members and the wide range of expertise they bring to the organization. Being a member links you to community professionals who, like you, are dedicated to improving water quality in Kansas. KWEA's membership exceeds 500 water quality specialists from the state of Kansas, including:

- Biologists
- Distributors
- Engineers
- Equipment manufacturers
- Government officials
- Laboratory technicians
- Municipal agencies
- Students
- Treatment facility operators
- University professors
- Young professionals

Professional Development

KWEA offers its members a variety of opportunities for educational and professional development.

Committees

KWEA is comprised of 16 committees working together to preserve and enhance the quality of water throughout the state of Kansas. Guided by the leadership of elected chairpersons, each committee possesses a unique set of objectives, goals, and activities.

KWEA members may serve on any committee in their area of interest. Besides advancing their own career and meeting individuals with similar interests, members can enhance the knowledge of others in the profession. The KWEA committees are:

- Administrative
- Audit
- Collection Systems
- Government Affairs
- Industrial
- Laboratory
- Municipal Management
- Municipal Tech Transfer
- Nominating
- Plant Operations & Maintenance
- Program
- Public Communications & Outreach
- Resource Recovery / Biosolids
- Scholarship
- Stockholm Junior Water Prize
- Student/Young Professional

Conference

Since 2009, KWEA and the Kansas Section of the American Water Works Association have hosted an annual joint conference. Approximately 950 professionals gather to take advantage of the program which offers educational presentations, peer-led panels, technical demonstrations, regulatory updates, skill-based competitions, and more than 75 vendors sharing new advances in equipment and controls. Attendees can network with peers, sharing successes and discussing solutions to the many challenges in our industry.



Public Education

Wastewater management and treatment have a long history of development, structure, and improvement. KWEA is committed to providing information to the public through community programs, publications, outreach, networking events, and the association's website and social media accounts.



Operator Certification

In collaboration with the Association of Boards of Certification, KWEA administers a voluntary certification program (VCP) for a multitude of disciplines associated with wastewater and water treatment. The current program offers certification in the following areas:

- Wastewater Laboratory
- Water Laboratory
- Industrial Waste
- Wastewater Collections
- Water Distribution
- Biosolids Management
- Plant Maintenance

The VCP currently has more than 730 certificate holders in Kansas. For information about the operator certification program and examination process, please contact:

KWEA Certification Renewal
6209 SW 24th Terrace
Topeka, KS 66614

Awards & Member Recognition

KWEA honors its members and others in the industry with awards recognizing significant contributions to their profession. The awards are presented at the annual conference and include the following:

- Arthur Sidney Bedell Award
- William D. Hatfield Award
- George W. Burke, Jr. Award
- Raymond E. Stillwell Award
- Crystal Crucible Award
- Collection Systems Award
- Golden Manhole Award
- Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award
- Quarter Century Operators' Club
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Awards
- Safety Awards
- KWEA/WEF Life Members
- KWEA Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers (SSSS)

Scholarships & Operator Training Assistance

KWEA manages a scholarship fund for university students in Kansas wishing to pursue a career in environmental areas. A financial assistance program is also available to help cover costs associated with operator training courses and certification exams.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Conference Discounts

KWEA members receive discounts on annual conference registration. Additional benefits are available through the national office of the Water Environment Federation at wef.org.

Training Hours Database

Continuing education hours earned through official KWEA events are recorded in an online database, allowing members to track training hours and certificate expiration dates.

Official Newsletter

Splashings, the official KWEA quarterly newsletter, covers meetings and conferences, regulation updates, membership spotlights, award solicitations, items of concern to the water quality field, and much more.

WEFCOM

WEFCOM serves as a virtual workspace, empowering WEF members to network and collaborate in an online environment.

How to Join

KWEA is a member association of the Water Environment Federation, a not-for-profit technical and educational organization of 35,000 individual members and 75 affiliated member associations representing water quality professionals around the world. Membership categories range from students to utility partnerships. Join online today.

www.kwea.net