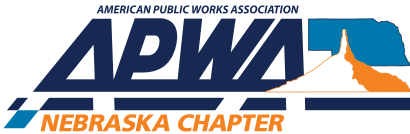


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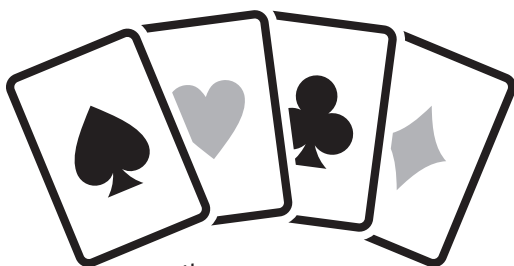
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Kearney, Nebraska



13th ANNUAL
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Presented by:

NSAWWA/NWEA Young Professionals Committee

To Benefit:



water for people

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Location: Younes Conference Center (*Diamond 2 & 3*)
(*Following the Banquet, 8:30 pm to Midnight*)

1st Place: \$200

2nd Place: \$150

3rd Place: \$100

4th Place: \$50

5th Place: \$25

Plus Consolation Prizes!

3 Raffle prizes will be awarded during the tournament!

Suggested Tournament Donation: \$20

Make checks payable to NWEA

Walk in night of the event to play!

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Kaden Ellis

Email: Kaden.Ellis@otcindustrial.com

Phone: 816.525.3320



2024 Joint Fall Conference

On behalf of the American Public Works Association (APWA) Nebraska Section, the American Water Works Association (NSAWWA), the Nebraska Water Environment Association (NWEA), and the Nebraska Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (NE SWANA) - Welcome to Kearney, Nebraska and the 2024 Joint Fall Conference! This event is made possible by the tireless efforts of many individuals and volunteers, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed.

Be sure to check out the Calendar of Events on the following pages which lists a wide range of excellent opportunities. Some of the highlights include the 13th Annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament, the NSAWWA Water Tasting Contest and Top Ops Competition, and the Women in Water Breakfast. You'll find many ways to learn, network and engage at this conference!

This year, we're introducing new badge printing technology with personalized QR codes for each attendee. These badges will allow for tracking Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and Professional Development Hours (PDHs), managing ticket/entry for paid luncheons, banquets and/or tours; as well as enabling easy contact sharing with vendors. As this is a trial run, we appreciate your patience and feedback as we work to improve your conference experience. We know there may be some adjustments needed, but we believe these enhancements will offer great benefits to everyone. As in years past, you can access the full program via the Conference App by scanning the QR code on page 4.

Please visit the exhibit hall and engage with our many vendors. Their generous contributions and expertise are vital to the success of this conference each year, and they're eager to connect with you and discuss how they can assist with your day-to-day work.

We hope you enjoy yourself, travel home safely, and have a wonderful holiday season.

NWEA - Conference Lead

Blake Birkel

APWA

Clayton Engelman and Mitch Doht

NSAWWA

Ryan Hurst

NE SWANA

Morgan Sykes and Michael Miller





Calendar of Conference Activities



Tuesday, November 5 - PM

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|-------------|---|
| 1:00 - 4:00 | APWA Pre-Conference: Inclusive Workplace Strategies for Diverse Teams and Ethics 101 Workshop
(Diamond 6) |
| 3:00 - 5:00 | NWEA Board Meeting
(Ruby 7) |

Wednesday, November 6 - AM *(7:30 Registration)*

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|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| 7:00 - 8:00 | APWA Past Presidents Breakfast |
| 11:30 - 5:15 | NE SWANA Tours and Lunch |

Wednesday, November 6 - PM

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|---------------------|---|
| 12:00 - 1:30 | Joint APWA/NWEA Luncheon
(Diamond 4, 5, 9, & 10) |
| 1:00 - 2:30 | NSAWWA NeWARN Meeting
(Ruby 7) |
| 1:30 - 3:30 | NWEA Annual Business Meeting
(Diamond 8) |
| 1:30 - 4:00 | Vendor Extravaganza
(Crystal Ballroom) |
| 3:30 - 4:30 | NWEA Committee Chair Workshop
(Diamond 8) |
| 4:30 - 5:00 | APWA Chapter Business Meeting
(Diamond 1) |
| 4:30 - 5:00 | NWEA Pre-Treatment/Industrial Committee Meeting
(Ruby 7) |
| 5:00 - 6:00 | <i>Social Hour and Tour Exhibits</i> <i>(Crystal Ballroom)</i> |
| 6:00 - 8:00 | APWA Banquet
(Diamond 10) |
| 6:00 - 8:00 | NWEA Banquet
(Diamond 4 & 5) |
| 6:00 - 8:00 | NE SWANA Banquet
(Diamond 9) |
| 8:30 PM to Midnight | 13th Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament
(Diamond 2 & 3) |



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Thursday, November 7 - AM (7:30 Registration)

7:00 - 8:00	Women in Water Breakfast (Diamond 9)
7:00 - 8:00	NWEA 5S Breakfast (Ruby 7)
8:30 - 9:15	NE SWANA Cornhusker Chapter Business Meeting (Diamond 6)
10:00 - 12:00	NWEA Executive Board Meeting (Ruby 7)

Thursday, November 7 - PM

12:00 - 1:30	Joint NSAWWA/NWEA/NE SWANA Luncheon (Diamond 4, 5, 9, & 10)
1:30 - 4:00	NSAWWA Annual Business and Board Meeting (Ruby 6)
4:00 - 4:30	Drinking Water Tasting Contest (Crystal Ballroom)
4:30 - 6:00	Top Ops Competition (Crystal Ballroom)
5:00 - 6:00	Social Hour and Tour Exhibits (Crystal Ballroom)
6:00 - 8:00	NSAWWA Banquet (Diamond 6, 7, & 8)

Friday, November 8 - AM

7:30 - 8:30	NSAWWA Past Presidents Breakfast (Ruby 6)
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NDEE Water Operator CEU Hours:

7.5 CEU hours for Grades I - IV

3.5 CEU hours for Grades VI

NDEE Wastewater Operator CEU Hours:

10.0 CEU Hours

NE SWANA CEU Hours:

4.0 CEU Hours for Tour

6.5 CEU Hours for Presentations

Women in Water Breakfast:

1.0 PDH Hours

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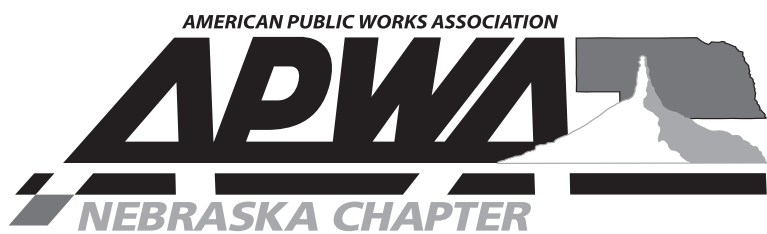
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Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (Pre-Conference)

Inclusive Workplace Strategies for Diverse Teams and Ethics 101 Workshop

Hosted by APWA (Diamond 6)

This workshop is provided by APWA in partnership with Romulo Vega and the Business Ethics Alliance.

- What makes a workplace truly feel inclusive? Join Romulo “RJ” Vega, from the City of Lincoln - Human Resources, for an interactive conversation where we explore different strategies and approaches to help cultivate a culture of inclusion and belonging for all team members. Be prepared to share some of your experiences and perspectives as we also learn about strategies that have been successful in different urban and rural communities across Nebraska.
- The mission of Business Ethics Alliance is to build leaders, strengthen organizations, and elevate work groups through positive, practical business ethics education. This interactive discussion will help YOU think about ways to make your organization and community a more ethical space to conduct business and will help you transform your business practices and working environments using sound business ethics principles.

When: Tuesday, November 5th, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Break at 2:30)

Limited to the First 60 Registrants

PDH/CEU Hours: 3.0

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

7:00 - 8:00	APWA Past Presidents Breakfast (<i>The Lodge Restaurant</i>)
7:30	Registration

All APWA Sessions are in Diamond 1*

**Unless Otherwise Noted*

8:00 - 8:40	Using Drones for Asset Management and Condition Assessments Bret Tremblay, Benesch
8:40 - 9:20	Culvert Rehabilitation Methods Lindy Rogers, Houston Engineering
9:20 - 10:00	EconH2O for Capital Improvement Plan Prioritization Austin Guimond, Derek Gardels, and Naisargi Dave, HDR

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 *(Continued)*

10:00 - 10:30 ***Break and Tour Exhibits*** *(Crystal Ballroom)*

10:30 - 11:15 **Standardizing Lincoln's Integrated E-Construction (SLIC)**
Marc Rosso, City of Lincoln
Lonnie Burkland, JEO

11:15 - 12:00 **How to Communicate with Boards and Councils**
Brian Gongol, DJ Gongol & Associates

12:00 - 1:30 ***Joint APWA/NWEA Luncheon*** *(Diamond 4, 5, 9, & 10)*
Corey Williams, WEF Board of Trustees Member
Laura Kroeger, APWA Technical Director

1:30 - 2:30 **Pavement Condition Rating Programs - Panel Discussion**
Austin Rowser, Omaha (PASER)
Thomas Shafer, Lincoln (PCI)
Todd Pfitzer, Douglas County (PCI)
Walter Moy, NDOT (NSI)

2:30 - 3:00 ***Break and Tour Exhibits*** *(Crystal Ballroom)*

3:00 - 3:40 **NDOT's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program**
Kimberly Baker, NDOT

3:40 - 4:10 **Copper Creek Sewer Interceptor Relocation Project for City of Omaha**
Erica Mullen & Tyler Wynn, Benesch

4:10 - 4:30 **Omaha Streetcar Project Update**
Austin Rowser, City of Omaha

4:30 - 5:00 ***APWA Chapter Business Meeting***
(Diamond 1)

5:00 - 6:00 ***Social Hour and Tour Exhibits*** *(Crystal Ballroom)*

6:00 - 8:00 ***APWA Banquet*** *(Diamond 10)*

8:30 PM - Midnight ***13th Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament***
(Younes Conference Center Diamond 2 & 3)

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Committee Chairs

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3:00 - 5:00 | *NWEA Executive Board Meeting* (Ruby 7)

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7:30 - 8:30 | *Registration*

Opening Session

(Diamond 6 & 7)

8:30 - 9:00 | **WEF Updates**
Corey Williams, WEF Board of Trustees Member

9:00 - 9:30 | **NDEE Updates**
Andrew Dunkley, NDEE

9:30 - 10:00 | **Digital Transformation - What is it and How Do I Begin?**
Shawn Dent, Carollo Engineers

10:00 - 10:30 | *Break and Tour Exhibits* (Crystal Ballroom)

A

Morning Session A

(Diamond 8)

10:30 - 11:00 | **Proposed Revisions to EPA Effluent Limitation Guidelines for Meat and Poultry Processors**
Kim Dirks, Tyson Foods, Inc.

11:00 - 11:30 | **Field-Proven Industrial WW Technologies to Meet Stringent Effluent Nutrient Discharge and Reuse Standards**
Tony Freed, Ovivo Industrial Solutions

11:30 - 12:00 | **Creating a Municipal Fats, Oils & Grease Program**
Samuel Mcleod, BMP Compliance Group

B

Morning Session B

(Diamond 6 & 7)

10:30 - 11:00 | **Panel Discussion: Project Hydraulics - Going with the flow (and determining what that is...)**
Rick Bogus, City of Columbus
Darren Jack, HDR
Chris Koenig, HDR



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Wednesday, November 6, 2024 *(Continued)*

11:00 - 11:30 | **CIPP Considerations from a Contractors Perspective**
Eric Huss, Olsson

11:30 - 12:00 | **The Dodge Street Sewer Collapse: An Emergency Repair Story**
Weston Engel, Carollo Engineers

12:00 - 1:30 | **Joint APWA/NWEA Luncheon** *(Diamond 4, 5, 9, & 10)*
Corey Williams, WEF Board of Trustees Member
Laura Kroeger, APWA Technical Director

A

Afternoon Session A

(Diamond 6 & 7)

1:30 - 2:00 | **Fire Protection & Life Safety in Wastewater Treatment Facilities**
Michael Shumpert, HDR

2:00 - 2:30 | **Root Cause Analysis for Asset Management**
Jennifer Morales, City of Omaha

2:30 - 3:00 | **Bio Scrubber - Performance Optimization for Class A Volume Reduction and Pre-treatment for PFAS Destruction**
Rick Treleven, BCR Environmental Inc.

B

Afternoon Session B

1:00 - 2:30 | **NeWARN Meeting** *(Ruby 7)*

1:30 - 3:00 | **NWEA Annual Business Meeting** *(Diamond 8)*

3:00 - 3:30 | **Break and Tour Exhibits** *(Crystal Ballroom)*

A

Afternoon Session A

(Diamond 6 & 7)

3:30 - 4:00 | **Backup Systems for Critical Pumping Applications**
Brian Gongol, DJ Gongol & Associates

4:00 - 4:30 | **The Nine Villains of Cybersecurity**
Brian Gongol, DJ Gongol & Associates

4:30 - 5:00 | **Leveraging Decision-Making Tools to Implement Dynamic Planning**
Eric Harold, Carollo Engineers



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B

Afternoon Session B

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Morning Session A

(Diamond 7)

8:30 - 9:00	Creative Hyperboloid Mixing and Aeration Design for Process Efficiency Jackie Lauer , INVENT Environmental Technologies
9:00 - 9:30	Dissolved Air Flotation: Design and Operations Alex Passini , AWC Water Solutions
9:30 - 10:00	Adventures in WWTF Improvements for Fairbury, NE Craig Reinsch , Olsson

B

Morning Session B

(Diamond 8)

8:30 - 9:00	The ABC's of MV VFD's Kevin Thernes , HDR
9:00 - 9:30	Selecting the Correct Blower for Your WWT Application Charlie Frost , Atlas Corporation
9:30 - 10:00	The Ultimate One Water Pollutants Patrick Young , HDR



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10:00 - 10:30 **Break and Tour Exhibits** *(Crystal Ballroom)*

10:00 - 12:00 **NWEA Executive Board Meeting** *(Ruby 7)*

A

Morning Session A

(Diamond 7)

- 10:30 - 11:00 **USEPA Updates**
Jeffery Robichaud, USEPA Region 7
- 11:00 - 11:30 **From Design to Reality: Successful Start-up and Commissioning Strategies for WRRF's**
Zach Schulz & Trevor Breeling, JEO Consulting Group
- 11:30 - 12:00 **Achieving Concrete Success in Pre-Construction and Construction for Treatment Facilities**
Zach Ciurczak & Steve Toney, McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.

B

Morning Session B

(Diamond 8)

- 10:30 - 11:00 **Lessons Learned in Rate-Setting for Sarpy County and Cities Wastewater Agency**
Mark Penny, Carollo Engineers
- 11:00 - 11:30 **Rooted in Practice: Celebrating Existing DE&I Efforts**
Garrett Lane, City of Papillion
- 11:30 - 12:00 **Panel Discussion: How DE&I is Impacting Workplace Policies**
Kylie Wilmes, Embris
Scott Aurit, HDR
Dane Simonsen, JEO Consulting Group

12:00 - 1:30 **Joint NSAWWA/NWEA/NE SWANA Luncheon**
(Diamond 4, 5, 9, & 10)

Ken Lykens, AWWA Chair, Water Utility Council

John Keith, NSAWWA Chair

Jeff Selden, NE SWANA Vice President

Lori Calub, NE SWANA Advisory Board Delegate

1:30 **Adjourn**



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Committee Chairs

Arthur Sidney Bedell Award	Roger Protzman
Awards	Aaron Dressel
Collection System	Adam Wilmes
Constitution & Bylaws	Jeremy Walker
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Pretreatment/Industrial Waste Program	Abhijeet Saraf
Public Communications & Outreach	Blake Birkel
<i>(includes Website & Social Media)</i>	Brittni Stephens
	Edie Spencer
	Shawn Ovenden
Public Education	Scott Seelhoff



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Committee Chairs

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Resource Recovery	Keegan Bell
Safety	Joel Jirak
Scholarship	George Hunt
Scott Wilbur Award	Aaron Gustin
Sponsorship	Lucas Billesbach
Student Activities	Dr. George Hunt
Training	Ryan Hurst
William D. Hatfield Award	Aaron Dressel
Young Professionals	Abhijeet Saraf
5S	Jon Harger

A full list of committee members is available on the NWEA website.

WEF Fellow

2015	Mohamed Dahab	2022	Debra Leigh
2016	Dale Jacobson		

Arthur Sidney Bedell Award Recipients

1955	William F. Rapp	1999	Glenn Dostal
1958	Victor J. Lechtenburg	2000	Daryl Kottwitz
1961	Theodore A. Filipi	2002	Joe Dabbs
1964	Oliver Barklage	2003	Jay Ringenberg
1966	Floyd J. Sanks	2005	Roger Helgoth
1969	W. James Wells, Jr.	2007	Tom Satchell
1972	E. Bruce Meier	2008	Charles Plummer
1975	Joseph Thissen	2009	Todd Boling
1978	Carl W. Schweiger	2010	Ron Sova
1981	Earle W. Schweiger	2012	Norm Jackman
1983	Terrance A. O'Brien	2013	Michael Arends
1984	Art Meyer	2014	Kathleen Alexander
1986	Leonard R. Lowder	2015	Lyle Christensen
1987	Donald Hillrichs	2016	Tony Bilek
1989	Clinton L. Weber	2017	Scott Aurit
1990	Dennis Hirschbrunner	2018	Keith Kontor
1992	Debra L. Leigh	2019	Mike Milius
1993	C. Dale Jacobson	2021	Roger Protzman
1995	James L. Condon	2022	David Sykora
1997	Steve Crisler	2023	Aaron Dressel
1998	Dr. Mohamed Dahab		



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Burke Award Recipients

- 1983 Omaha Works of the Western Electric Co. Industrial WTP
- 1984 Falls City Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 1985 City of Seward Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 1987 Hastings Utilities Pollution Control Center
- 1988 Missouri River Wastewater Treatment Plant, Omaha
- 1990 Missouri River Wastewater Treatment Plant, Omaha
- 1991 City of Omaha Sewer Maintenance Division
- 1994 Norfolk Pollution Control Facility
- 1997 Lincoln Wastewater System Sanitary Engineering
- 2000 City of McCook Wastewater Treatment Facility
- 2003 Missouri River Wastewater Treatment Plant, Omaha
- 2006 Missouri River Wastewater Treatment Plant, Omaha
- 2015 Tyson Fresh Meats, Lexington
- 2018 City of Norfolk WPC
- 2019 Scottsbluff Water Reclamation Facility
- 2020 Tyson Fresh Meats, Lexington
- 2021 Tyson Fresh Meats, Lexington
- 2022 Michaels Foods
City of Norfolk Water Pollution Control
- 2023 City of Chadron Wastewater Treatment Facility

Bruce Bates Service Award

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Daryl Meiner (1990) | Jim Heyen (2002-2003) |
| Thomas Singkofer (1991-1992) | Ralph Badger (2004-2005) |
| John Ford (1993-1994) | Lynn Garton (2006-2007) |
| Dave Meisinger (1995-1997) | Todd Sukup (2008-2009) |
| Larry Beavers (1998) | Jeff Tiemann (2014-2016) |
| Scott Sprague (1999-2001) | |

Golden Manhole Society Awards

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|------|------------------|------|------------------|
| 2019 | Lynn Garton | 2022 | Jorge Rivero |
| | Jerry Hasley | | Jennifer Morales |
| | Lyle Christensen | 2023 | Fred Tustin |
| | Scott Aurit | | Mike Mertz |
| | Jim Theiler | | |
| 2021 | Lonnie Tucker | | |
| | Brian Kramer | | |
| | Mike Adair | | |



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William D. Hatfield Award Recipients

1958	Loren Brannen	1999	Robert Gray
1961	Elijah Coffman	2001	Richard McClemons
1964	Otto W. Kuck	2002	Jim Swan
1968	Joseph L. Noble	2003	Bill Terry
1971	Eldor Schuerman	2005	Larry Beavers
1974	Earle W. Schweiger	2007	Russ Irwin
1977	Donald Hillrichs	2008	Tom Singkofer
1980	Orville Klein	2009	Jerry Clark
1983	James O. Sell	2010	Michael Arends
1984	William R. Coffman	2011	Randy Wilson
1986	Karl Wlaschin	2013	Todd Boling
1987	Gary C. Lund	2014	Keith Kontor
1989	Patrick J. Franklin	2015	Brad Barber
1990	Steven C. Lamborn	2016	Steve Crisler
1992	Paul Dammann	2018	Jim Condon
1993	David Meisinger	2021	Aaron Dressel
1995	John Ford	2022	Jeff Tiemann
1997	Bruce Bates	2023	Ryan Hurst
1998	Joe Dabbs		

Laboratory Award Recipients

1996	Rick Shibata	2004	Timothy Burns
1998	Mary Jo Crowl	2007	Tim Lindeen
1999	Lumir Sukovaty	2010	Marsha Louthan
2001	John M. Ford	2015	Dallas Powel
2002	Lori Paulsen	2023	Scott Frogge

Lifetime Membership Award

Dr. Dewey Andersen	Russ Irwin
Ron Bottorff	Dale Jacobson
Gary Brandt	Burton Johnson
Chris Burns	Erwin Kirkvold
Lyle Christensen	Victor Lechtenberg
Brian Clow	Debra Leigh
James Condon	Terry McCarl
Steve Crisler	Art Meyer
Dr. Mohamed Dahab	Paul Moritz
Roger Helgoth	Terry O'Brien
Dennis Hirschbrunner	Paul Ombruni
Arthur Hutt	

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Ted Paysuer
Terry Pesek
Chuck Plummer
Rick Shibata

Dr. Rao Surampalli
Paul Trout
Jim Wells

Quarter Century Operators Club

1979 F. J. Hauck
1983 Otto W. Kuck
1984 Orville Klein
1985 Floyd Sanks
Earle W. Schweiger
Urban Weinke
1987 James O. Sell
1989 Bruce Bates
1990 Lavern W. David
1991 Raymond J. Carver
Donald C. Hillrichs
Arnold E. Rise
James A. Swan
1992 Larry F. Betts
Donald D. Dike
Johnny G. Rudder
1994 Karl Wlaschin
1995 Paul Sorenson
Tyler Konasek
Pat Lund
Jerry Stump
Rick Shibata
1997 Daryl Meiners
Gerardo Talero
1998 Larry Beavers
Jim Waszgis
1999 Gary Cooper
John Hauschild
Ted Pratt
Tom Singkofer
2000 David R. Brandert

Paul Dammann
2000 Lester Evans
William Hamilton
Gerald A. Indra
Rick L. Sibert
Jay Whalen
Allan L. Williams
2001 Harlan Simmerman
Richard Greenwood
Robert Gray
Dave Petrocchi
Steve Crisler
2002 Tim Gilbrandson
Richard McClemons
Gary McCoy
Thomas Barnett
Gerald Pesek
2003 Ralph Badger
Pat Franklin
Ken Jones
2007 Todd Boling
Marsha Louthan
Gary Lund
Jim Mackel
Cindy Pospisil
Joe Dabbs
2011 Curtis Kizzire
Paul Trout
2012 Terry McCarl
2013 Jim Heyen
2017 Keith Kontor



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Safety Awards - 2023

1- 4 Operators

City of Chadron	Gold
Northeast Water Resource Recovery Facility	Gold
North Platte Wastewater Treatment Plant	Silver

5-9 Operators

Theresa Street Water Resource Recovery Facility	Gold
Columbus Wastewater Treatment Facility	Gold
City of Norfolk Water Pollution Control	Gold
Scottsbluff Water Reclamation Facility	Gold
Wahoo Wastewater Treatment Plant	Silver

10 Plus Operators

Fremont Wastewater Treatment Plant	Gold
City of Grand Island Wastewater Treatment Facility	Gold
Missouri River Water Resource Recovery Facility	Silver

Industrial

Michael Foods Inc.	Gold
Platte Valley Energetics	Gold
Tyson Fresh Meats Inc, Lexington Wastewater	Gold
Hornady Manufacturing Company	Silver

Lagoon

Village of Denton Sanitary Sewer Lagoon	Silver
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Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers (5S)

1998	Bruce Bates	2000	Kathleen Alexander
	Jim Condon		Roger Helgoth
	Steve Crisler		Chuck Plummer
	Joe Dabbs	2001	Tony Bilek
	Dave Dobscha		Rick Sibert
	Glen Dostal		Ron Sova
	John Ford		Scott Sprague
	Dennis Hirschbrunner	2002	Ralph Badger
	Dale Jacobson		Todd Boling
	Deb Leigh		Bill Gidley
	Dave Meisinger		Norm Jackman
	Jay Ringenberg	2003	Paul Trout
	Jim Sell	2004	Mike Arends
1999	Dr. Mohamed Dahab		Rob Pierce
	John Eggert	2005	Lyle Christensen
	Pat Franklin		Kirk Pfeffer
	Don Hillrichs	2006	Tom Miller
	Daryl Kottwitz		Chuck Thomerson
	Lori Paulsen		

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Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers (5S) *(Continued)*

2007	Brian Bakke Eric Berggren Lynn Garton Chris Johnson	2014	Roger Protzman
2008	Fred Scarpello Todd Sukup	2015	Jon Harger
2010	Gary Brandt Mike Milius Jim Stejskal Roger Winkler	2016	David Sykora
2011	Keith Kontor Jim Mahony	2017	Marc Rosso Tom Satchell Jeff Tiemann
2012	Scott Aurit	2018	Lucas Billesbach Ryan Hurst
2013	Ron Bottorff	2022	Blake Birkel Aaron Dressel Shawn Ovenden Amit Shrivastava Brittany Travers

Scott Wilber Award Recipients - 2023

Outstanding Industrial Facilities

Michael Foods Wastewater Treatment Plant of Wakefield
Platte Valley Energetics LLC, of Grand Island
Tyson Fresh Meats Wastewater Treatment Facility Lexington

Industrial Best in Class

Hornady Manufacturing Co. of Grand Island

Outstanding Small Facilities < 2 MGD

Village of Denton Wastewater Treatment Facility
City of Aurora Water Resource Recovery Facility
City of Wahoo Wastewater Treatment Facility
City of Chadron Wastewater Treatment Facility

Best In Class Small Facility

City of Scottsbluff Water Reclamation Facility

Outstanding Medium Facilities 2-5 MGD

City of Columbus Wastewater Treatment Facility
City of Norfolk Water Pollution Control
City of North Platte Wastewater Treatment Facility

Best In Class Medium Facility

City of Kearney Wastewater Treatment Facility

Outstanding Large Facilities > 5 MGD

City of Fremont Wastewater Treatment Plant
City of Grand Island Wastewater Treatment Facility
City of Lincoln Northeast Water Resource Recovery Facility
City of Omaha Missouri River Water Resource Recovery Facility

Best In Class Large Facility

City of Lincoln Theresa Street Water Resource Recovery Facility



American Water Works Association
Nebraska Section



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Wednesday, November 6, 2024 (Pre-Conference)

1:00 - 2:30 | **NeWARN Meeting** (Ruby 7)

8:30 PM - Midnight | **13th Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament**
(Younes Conference Center Diamond 2 & 3)

Thursday, November 7, 2024

7:30 - 8:30 | **Registration**

8:30 - 8:40 | **Opening Remarks** (Diamond 2 & 3)
John Keith, NSAWWA Chair

8:40 - 9:00 | **Keynote address**
(Diamond 2 & 3)
Ken Lykens, AWWA Chair, Water Utility Council

9:00 - 10:00 | **Drinking Water Updates**
(Diamond 2 & 3)
Laura Johnson, Drinking Water Division Administrator
NDEE

10:00 - 10:30 | **Break and Tour Exhibits** (Crystal Ballroom)

A

Morning Session A

(Diamond 1)

10:30 - 11:00 | **Making the Switch: Chloramine vs Free Chlorine Residuals**
Aaron Beauclair, JEO

11:00 - 11:30 | **Omaha MUD Digital Twin Modeling**
Scott Humphrey, HDR

11:30 - 12:00 | **Pipeline Lifecycle Cost Analysis and the ENVISION Rating System**
John Simpson, McWane Ductile

B

Morning Session B

(Diamond 2)

10:30 - 11:15 | **PFAS Treatment Design in a Challenging and Changing Regulatory Environment**
Angel Lowery, Olsson

11:15 - 12:00 | **Benefits of Gravity Filtration**
Todd Etherington, AWC Water Solutions



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Thursday, November 7, 2024 *(Continued)*

C

Morning Session C

(Diamond 3)

- 10:30 - 11:15 | **Identifying Strategies for Increasing the Presence of Young Professionals in the Water Industry**
Nicole Martindale, HDR
- 11:15 - 12:00 | **Doing More With Less: How Water Utilities Can Borrow Ideas from Great Companies**
Brian Gongol, DJ Gongol & Associates
- 12:00 - 1:30 | **Joint NSAWWA/NWEA/NE SWANA Luncheon**
(Diamond 4, 5, 9, & 10)
Ken Lykens, AWWA Chair, Water Utility Council
John Keith, NSAWWA Chair
Jeff Selden, NE SWANA Vice President
Lori Calub, NE SWANA Advisory Board Delegate

A

Afternoon Session A

(Ruby 6)

- 1:30 - 4:00 | **NSAWWA Annual Business and Board Meeting**

B

Afternoon Session B - Backflow

(Diamond 2)

- 1:30 - 2:30 | **Cross Connection Review**
Greg Brekel, NDEE
- 2:30 - 3:00 | **Break and Tour Exhibits** *(Crystal Ballroom)*
- 3:00 - 3:30 | **Effective Cross Connection Program**
James Bewley, MUD
- 3:30 - 4:00 | **City of Norfolk Backflow Program**
Chad Roberts, City of Norfolk

C

Afternoon Session C

(Diamond 3)

- 1:30 - 2:00 | **Seward Water Tower**
Brandon Koll, City of Seward
- 2:00 - 2:30 | **Managing Antennas with Water Towers**
Jake Dugger, Maguire Iron Inc



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Thursday, November 7, 2024 *(Continued)*

C

Afternoon Session C *(Continued)*

(Diamond 3)

2:30 - 3:00 | **Break and Tour Exhibits** *(Crystal Ballroom)*

3:00 - 3:30 | **Lincoln Water 2.0 - Construction Manager at Risk Collector Wells**

John Gilroy, Black & Veatch

3:30 - 4:00 | **Lincoln Water 2.0 - Ashland WTF Upgrades**

Tim Malcolm, Black & Veatch

Special Events

(Children's Poster Contest, Voting closes at 5:00 pm)

4:00 - 4:30 | **Drinking Water Tasting Contest** *(Crystal Ballroom)*

Mary Poe, NDEE

4:30 - 6:00 | **Top Ops Competition** *(Crystal Ballroom)*

Brian Gongol, DJ Gongol & Associates, Inc.

5:00 - 6:00 | **Social Hour and Tour Exhibits** *(Crystal Ballroom)*

6:00 - 8:00 | **NSAWWA Banquet** *(Diamond 6, 7, & 8)*

*Speaker: Ken Lykens, AWWA Chair, Water Utility Council
Presentation of Fuller Award*

Friday, November 8, 2024

7:30 - 8:30 | **NSAWWA Past Presidents Breakfast**

(Ruby 6)

A

Morning Session A

(Diamond 1)

8:30 - 9:00 | **MUD Water Main Replacement Program**

Evan Martin, MUD

9:00 - 10:00 | **Lead Service Line Replacement Plans and DWSRF Funding**

Steve McNulty & Jennifer Deroche, NDEE

Jamie Royer, City of Grand Island

Marty Strange & Branden Lubken, City of Hastings

Mike Kamler, City of Kearney



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Friday, November 8, 2024 *(Continued)*

B

Morning Session B - Backflow

(Diamond 2)

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| 8:30 - 9:00 | ABPA Membership
James Bewley, MUD |
| 9:00 - 9:30 | Fire Protection, Ice Machines, and Misc.
James Bewley, MUD |
| 9:30 - 10:00 | Licensing
Greg Brekel, NDEE |

C

Morning Session C

(Diamond 3)

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| 8:30 - 9:30 | Pressure Filter Maintenance and Troubleshooting
Eric Lawrence, Vessco |
| 9:30 - 10:00 | Fire Hydrant and Gate Valve Preventative Maintenance
Michael Callahan, Mueller |

10:00 - 10:30 ***Break and Tour Exhibits (Crystal Ballroom)***

D

Morning Session D

(Diamond 1)

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| 10:30 - 11:00 | Lower Utility Pumping Costs by Utilization of Proper Pipeline Materials
John Simpson, McWane Ductile |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | HDPE Water Modeling and Design
Emily Hovda Walton, MUD |
| 11:30 - 12:00 | Water Utilities: The President's Other Secret Service
Brian Gongol, DJ Gongol & Associates |

E

Morning Session E

(Diamond 2)

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| 10:30 - 11:00 | How to Dewater Water Plant Sludge Using Dewatering Containers
Teresa Johnston, Park Process |
| 11:00 - 12:00 | Pointe Vista (OK) WTP Pilot Approach and Results
Nolan Groff & Craig Reinsch, Olsson |



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George Warren Fuller Award Recipients

1941	David L. Erickson	1989	Richard Robinson
1950	John C. Detweller	1990	Burton A. Johnson
1951	Lorenzo D. Wright	1991	Jerome Obrist
1951	H.E. Morris	1992	Orville R. Davidson
1954	John W. Cramer	1993	Merlin Lindahl
1956	Bert Gurney	1994	Dennis Hirschbrunner
1957	John W. Kruse	1995	Paul Dammann
1959	William J. Sommers	1996	Lynn Wegehaupt
1960	Ralph H. Lancaster	1997	Don Franklin
1961	M. L. Siervers	1998	Steve Kelley
1962	Lowell Edwards	1999	John Miriovsky
1963	George H. Beard	2000	Terry O'Brien
1964	Emil C. Wagner	2001	Rich Koenig
1965	Theodore A. Filipi	2002	Jack Daniel
1966	Ralph H. Trester	2003	Joel G. Christensen
1967	Vern Livingston	2004	Chris Koenig
1968	Frank Phelps	2005	Charles Haas
1969	E. Bruce Meier	2006	Mari Matulka
1970	R.H. McLeod	2007	Tony Bilek
1971	Joseph P. Laferla	2008	Mike Wentink
1972	Floyd Sanks	2009	Glenn Dostal
1974	Richard D. Hawes	2010	Larry Andreasen
1975	Robert D. Catton	2011	Dennis Watts
1977	Milton Launer	2012	John Olsson
1978	Wayne Bitting	2013	Dr. Bruce Dvorak
1979	Joseph J. Rossbach Jr.	2014	Kevin Tobin
1980	Dean McNiven	2015	Jim Wells
1981	Mark Hammer	2016	Eric Lee
1982	Joseph L. Gerlt	2017	Robert Pierce
1983	Cliff Summers	2018	Teresa Konda
1984	Donald L. Lees	2019	Mary Poe
1985	Arley L. Goodenkauf	2021	Chad Roberts
1986	Dr. Dewey R. Andersen	2022	Brian Gongol
1988	George Fairfield	2023	Ben Day

Section Outstanding Volunteer Award

2004	Chris Koenig	2014	Brian Gongol
2006	Ben Day	2015	Christian New
2007	Kathleen Alexander	2016	Milo Rust
2008	Steve Kelley	2018	Mary Poe
2009	Tony Bilek	2020	Marc Rosso
2010	Mari Matulka	2021	John Keith
2011	Debra Leigh	2022	Daryl Kottwitz
2012	Eric "Rick" Melcher		



Notes



Ruled lines for writing notes.



Wednesday, November 6, 2024

11:00 - 1:00 **Registration**

11:30 - 5:15 **Tours and Lunch**

5:00 - 6:00 **Social Hour and Tour Exhibits**
(Crystal Ballroom)

6:00 - 8:00 **NE SWANA Banquet**
(Diamond 9)

8:30 PM - Midnight **12th Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament**
(Younes Conference Center Diamond 2 & 3)

Thursday, November 7, 2024

(Note: All NE SWANA Sessions are in Diamond 6)

7:30 - 8:00 **Registration**

8:00 - 8:30 **Vendor Spotlight**

8:30 - 9:15 **NE SWANA Cornhusker Chapter Business Meeting**

9:15 - 10:00 **Lithium Ion and Other Batteries**
George Kerchner, Executive Director of the Rechargeable Battery Association (PRBA)
Carin Stuart, Steward Relations Manager with Call2Recycle
Kirk Sander, Sr. VP, Chief Safety and Standards for the National Waste & Recycling Association

10:00 - 10:30 **Break and Tour Exhibits** (Crystal Ballroom)

10:30 - 11:15 **Did I Do That? Groundwater Compliance and Alternative Source Demonstrations**
Richard Wilson, HDR

11:15 - 12:00 **Succession Planning Roadmap**
Garrett Williams, HDR

Thursday, November 7, 2024 (Continued)

(Note: All NE SWANA Sessions are in Diamond 6)

12:00 - 1:30 | **Joint NSAWWA/NWEA/NE SWANA Luncheon**
(Diamond 4, 5, 9, & 10)

Ken Lykens, AWWA Chair, Water Utility Council

John Keith, NSAWWA Chair

Jeff Selden, NE SWANA Vice President

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1:30 - 2:15 | **Solid Waste Management - Update on the LR163 Interim Study Report; Nebraska Recycling Council's Strategic Planning; and the Latest on Vape and E-Cig Handling and Disposal**

Kent Holm, Douglas County

2:15 - 3:00 | **Alaska Leak Excavation and Repair**

Zach Mahon, SCS Engineers

3:00 - 3:30 | **Break and Tour Exhibits** *(Crystal Ballroom)*

3:30 - 4:00 | **Expanding Your Facility**

Lori Calub, HDR

4:00 - 4:30 | **Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Food Waste Reduction**

Shay Flowerday, City of Lincoln

4:30 - 5:00 | **NDEE Update**

Anni Poetzl & Jeff Edwards, NDEE

5:00 | **NE SWANA Cash Drawing and Conference Close**

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NWEA, APWA, NSAWWA, and NE SWANA 2024 Registration Information

Program	On-Site Registration
NWEA	\$155 ^A
APWA	\$155 ^B
NSAWWA	\$155 ^C
NE SWANA	\$155 ^D
NE SWANA Tour	\$105 ^D
Full Conference**	\$245 ^E
Additional Banquet Tickets	\$40
Additional Lunch Tickets	\$25

^A Includes Wednesday Lunch, Banquet and Thursday Lunch

^B Includes Wednesday Lunch and Banquet

^C Includes Thursday Lunch and Banquet

^D Includes Wednesday Banquet and Thursday Lunch

^E Includes all Lunches and all Banquets

** Full Conference does not include NE SWANA Wednesday Tour

Conference Hotel Information

Fairfield Inn - Reservations Number: (308) 236-4200

Per contract room rates are \$134.95
for one - four persons. Tax not included.

La Quinta Inn - Reservations Number: (308) 237-4400

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Comfort Inn - Reservations Number: (308) 236-3400

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for one - four persons. Tax not included.

Continuing Education Hours

NDEE Water Operator CEU Hours:

7.5 CEU hours for Grades I - IV

3.5 CEU hours for Grades VI

NDEE Wastewater Operator CEU Hours:

10.0 CEU Hours

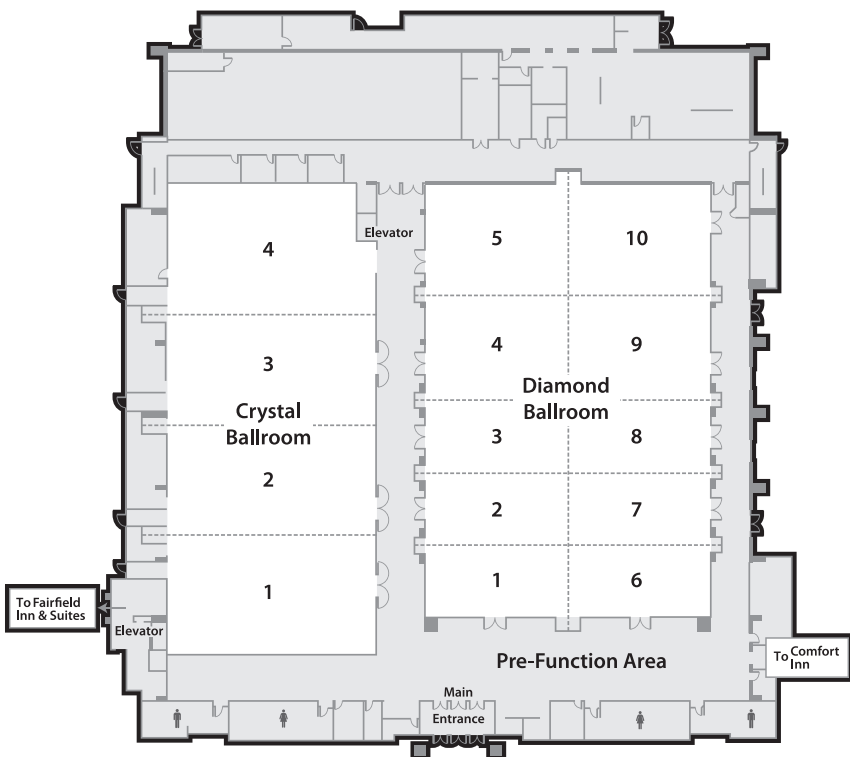
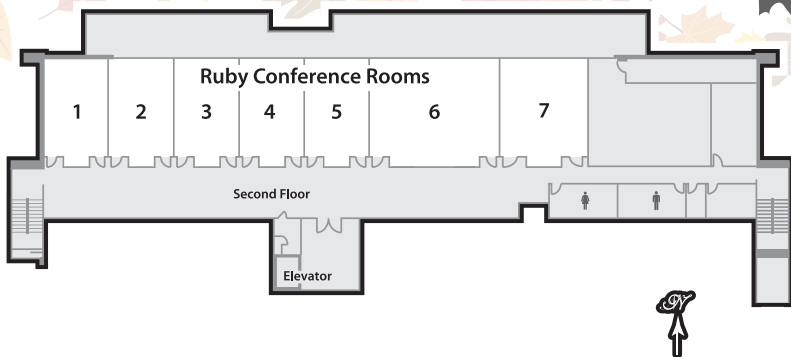
NE SWANA CEU Hours:

4.0 CEU Hours for Tour

6.5 CEU Hours for Presentations

Women in Water Breakfast:

1.0 PDH Hours



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