

NEWWA Committee Council Missions & Committee Scopes 2019

ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL

The Administration Council shall be responsible for the overview of broad aspects of the association's major activities, particularly related to the organization, administration, conferences, and meetings. The council shall ensure that effective liaison exists with other units of NEWWA, and other related organizations. The council will develop a council plan aligned with and to implement the NEWWA strategic Plan.

ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL COMMITTEES

AWWA Nominating Committee

The AWWA Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates annually for the election of the office of AWWA Vice-President and Director-at-Large, and every third year for the election of the office of Service Provider Director-at-Large. The AWWA Awards Committee reviews all AWWA Section awards and seek out nominations and make recommendations for any of the awards that do not have separate committees.

Exhibits

Oversee exhibit opportunities at association conferences. Focus on the best ways for exhibits to enhance conference learning activities and benefit the attendees, associate members and the association.

Facilities

To plan and coordinate the improvements, construction, and major maintenance of association facilities. Will make recommendations to the Board of Directors on all major cost items related to the association's facilities.

Fund Raising

The committee will oversee the coordination, planning and implementation of association-wide fundraising drives and projects.

ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont.)

Innovations

Coordinates the innovative device competition including advertising, registration, set-up, tabulation of votes, etc. Devices are judged at the Annual Conference on originality, usability, cost, and application to the water works industry and safety.

Program

Shall conceive, consider, coordinate, perform, and promote quality programs to be presented at monthly meetings and Spring and Fall conferences. Will strive to have diverse representation on the committee to ensure a variety of programs to meet all members' needs.

Site Selection

Will review and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on locations for meetings and conferences of the association.

Sponsor Services

To conceive, consider, coordinate, promote, and implement activities in achieving the goals of the association and its sponsors to further promote and recognize the association's active sponsors.
To assist sponsors in maximizing their involvement in the association.

COMMUNICATION COUNCIL

The Communications Council works to publicly position NEWWA as an effective advocate for the drinking water profession, public water supplies and to educate the public on drinking water related topics through print, electronic media and other formats as appropriate. The council shall ensure that effective liaison exists with other units of NEWWA, and other related organizations. The council will develop a council plan aligned with and to implement the NEWWA strategic plan.

COMMUNICATION COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Legislative and Regulatory Affairs

To monitor legislative action in six states and at the national level. Will develop responses and comments within the framework of the association's policies on legislation and regulatory matters. To develop, respond, and comment on regulatory matters directly or indirectly affecting the water supply industry. All positions taken will be coordinated throughout the association and be in compliance with approved policy and procedures.

Public Relations

To develop immediate and long range public relations goals for the association. Assist and support the staff and water utilities in their own public relations programs including Drinking Water Week activities. Coordinate recognition for outstanding utility public outreach activities.

Publications

To work with the staff, particularly with regard to publication policies, to recommend and direct sources and procedures for obtaining advertisements, and to review and recommend the publication format, layout, content, and quality

Youth Education

Will assist NEWWA in the development and implementation of youth education programs aimed at students from pre-school through post secondary education. Efforts will focus on classroom teacher and development of strong relationship with their local water utility.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

The Environmental Stewardship Council shall be responsible for developing response and comment within the framework of association policy on research, and legislative and regulatory matters directly affecting the drinking water community. The council shall ensure that effective liaison exists with other units of NEWWA and other related organizations. The council will develop a council plan aligned with and to implement the NEWWA strategic plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Conservation

To study and make recommendations on guidelines for developing and implementing water conservation management programs within the context that water conservation is not a substitute for proper water management. To utilize technology transfer systems, seminars, presentations, and to prepare reports for management.

Sustainability

To develop sustainable materials and practices on all facets of water supply operation and resource management; and to promote our position through reports, papers, and meetings, to move water suppliers into a more positive, proactive leadership role in the stewardship of water resources and water operations.

Water Resources

Coordinate with internal NEWWA committees and outside groups and organizations to promote partnerships to balance the interests of water suppliers with others in the realm of water resources management. The committee will provide technical guidance on water resource issues and promote the role of water suppliers through education, outreach, and the development of position papers.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

The External Affairs Council works to develop and coordinate activities reaching outside the membership, actively promoting the association to individuals and organizations to stimulate participation. The council coordinates programs that support involvement in the global drinking water community and recognizes significant work of external individuals or places. The council shall ensure that effective liaison exists with other units of NEWWA, and other related organizations. The council will develop a council plan aligned with and to implement the NEWWA strategic plan.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Historical Landmarks

To search out, review, and make recommendations on nominations of water works facilities that meet the AWWA award criteria as a historical landmark.

Membership

To plan and coordinate efforts to stimulate the enrollment of additional members and aid in the retention of members in the association. Welcome new members and assist them in getting involved. The committee should have representation from all six New England states.

NEWWA Scholarship

Will solicit and review applications and award scholarships. Awards will be based on merit, character, and need to members and student members. Preference will be given to candidates in programs related to water works practice - advise on rules and fund investment.

Student Activities

To recruit, develop programs for, and encourage the participation in the association's activities by student members and develop programs to encourage students to enter fields related to the water works profession.

University Outreach

Preparing, coordinating, and giving NEWWA and career presentations to New England colleges and universities to encourage interest in water works careers, joining NEWWA, and future active membership in the association.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont.)

Water For People

To develop, coordinate, and implement programs that will foster relations with water supply professionals outside the United States. To find programs in underdeveloped countries that may be worthy of financial or in-kind support. (Example: Fund Raising for Water For People)

Young Professionals

To attract and retain new young members and to develop avenues for their participation in the association through creation of programs and networking opportunities. The primary goal of the committee is to fully integrate young professionals into the association, through partnerships with other committees, mentors, and educational programs.

MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

The Management Council shall promote the objectives of the association through its standing committees and work groups by the development and presentation of management topics at conferences, meetings, workshops, and seminars; the development of handbooks, survey reports, videos, and other materials and products. The council shall ensure that effective liaison exists with other units of NEWWA, and other related organizations. The council will develop a council plan aligned with and to implement the NEWWA strategic plan.

MANAGEMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Customer Service

To make recommendations on programs or formal training seminars to meet the needs of customer service personnel of the water suppliers and related organizations. Also, to promote attendance of customer service personnel at programs.

Emergency Preparedness & Security

The committee will be instrumental in the development of emergency preparedness, safety/security best management practices (BMP) for water utilities and other members. Recommend and develop materials, programs, and activities to improve the emergency preparedness and security of the water works profession.

Financial Management

Review/disseminate information of special interest to utilities on financial management such as infrastructure financing, asset management, financial planning, accounting practices, rate setting, tax procedures, and utility expenditures and revenue. Promote the development and use of sound principles in financial management and in the design and application of water rates and other charges. Develop seminars, conference and meeting sessions, and reports and Journal proceedings on these topics.

Organizational Diversity

Study and disseminate information on programs to guarantee and encourage equal opportunities in the water works profession.

MANAGEMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont.)

Management Development – Inactive

To make recommendations on programs or formal training seminars to meet the needs of management members of the association. To promote attendance of managerial personnel at programs. Programs to consider: general management, accounting, computerization, leadership, etc.

OPERATIONS COUNCIL MISSION

The Operations Council shall promote the objectives of the association through its standing committees and work groups by the development and presentation of water system operations topics at conferences, meetings, workshops, and seminars; the development of handbooks, survey reports, videos, and other materials and products. The council shall ensure that effective liaison exists with other units of NEWWA, and other related organizations. The council will develop a council plan aligned with and to implement the NEWWA strategic plan.

OPERATIONS COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Distribution & Storage

To review and disseminate knowledge of the tools, technologies, and services for distribution and storage needs of the water utility profession, identify those topics where training is needed, and to assist in the development of materials and programs to meet those needs.

Groundwater

To review and report to the membership on the region's groundwater resources, their development, use, and management. Will review technical literature, groundwater development, revisions in related regulations, and other aspects of groundwater supply.

Information Technology

To make recommendations on programs or training seminars relating to computer applications for the water works field. Also, will assist with the implementation and promotion of related seminars and to encourage information technology personnel to become active in the association and symposiums.

Safety

Develop a comprehensive accident prevention program for the water utility industry including: 1) collecting, analyzing, and reporting statistical data on accidents and their causes; 2) preparing and disseminating safety material; and 3) developing and conducting training.

Small Systems

To prepare recommendations for programs and techniques to effectively prepare and disseminate information to small water systems and obtain their input on needed services that the association can consider for implementation. Assist with implementation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The Professional Development Council shall support the objectives of the association by developing goals, guidelines, and policies on matters that promote professional development, positive self-image, and sustainable careers for those in the drinking water community. The Professional Development Council shall be responsible for developing program goals, guidelines, and rules on matters directly affecting the professional development and careers of those in the drinking water community. The council shall ensure that effective liaison exists with other units of NEWWA, and other related organizations. The council will develop a council plan aligned with and to implement the NEWWA strategic plan.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Board of Certification of Backflow Prevention Device Testers

Designated by the Board of Directors to develop, provide, and administer all NEWWA educational and certification programs, courses, and forums related to backflow prevention and cross connection control and make recommendations regarding associated rule changes.

Education

To participate actively in establishing and advancing the educational goals of the association relating to water utility operations and support personnel and to provide guidance in the development of training and technology transfer programs. To set long range goals relative to seminar, distant learning, and DVD/video needs.

Laboratory Operations

Enhance the lab profession through education, communication, and diverse partnerships across the drinking water community and to establish growth and development opportunities for drinking water lab professionals through education and training. Provide outreach to the public health community.

Operator Certification

To facilitate communication between agencies responsible for certification of water utility personnel, to work toward the acceptance of core certification program requirements, and to promote essential training to meet those requirements. Provide forums for Association members.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont.)

Operator Involvement

To assist in the advancement of the needs of operators and to encourage their enrollment and the establishment and coordination of a self paced operator training program. The program will target what operators need to know to be successful on the job and in taking state certification exams.

RECOGNITION COUNCIL

The Recognition Council shall be responsible for the implementation of the association's award's program to recognize the outstanding work of all involved in the advancement of drinking water supplies, public health, watershed protection and accomplishing the mission of the association. The council shall ensure that effective liaison exists with other units of NEWWA, and other related organizations. The council will develop a council plan aligned with and to implement the NEWWA strategic plan.

RECOGNITION COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Award of Merit

To review and vote on nominations for the Award of Merit according to the rules. The award is presented for outstanding services to NEWWA, a water utility, and/or outstanding contribution to the water works practice. Member must be past recipients of Dexter Brackett or Past Presidents Award.

David M. Erickson Groundwater Award

Established in December, 2012, the purpose of the David M. Erickson Groundwater Award is to recognize an individual member of the NEWWA who has demonstrated excellence in the field of groundwater science as it relates to groundwater supply development, management and protection.

George Warren Fuller Award (AWWA)

To choose and recommend a candidate from the section to receive the Fuller Award from AWWA. The award is presented annually to a member for their outstanding service in the water supply field or in commemoration of the life and work of George Warren Fuller.

Honorary Member

Jerome J. Healey Award

The committee considers candidates for the award and reports nominees to the Board of Directors. Committee membership consists of the Past President (Chair) or most recent past president able and willing to serve, two additional past presidents, the director of the NEWWA Recognition Council, and the most recent past recipient of the George Warren Fuller Award.

RECOGNITION COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont.)

John Chafee Distinguished Public Servant Award

The award recognizes individual(s) or agency(s) that demonstrate clear leadership that embodies commitment to principles and pursues what is right while championing the causes of the environment and public health. The recipient places the country and our society before all and diligently works to find middle ground in order that the public good will be served.

Legislator of the Year Award

This award is presented to a member or members of the US Congress or a state legislative body who has substantially assisted in the promotion of legislation or advancement of policy that protects public health and the environment while ensuring safe drinking water. The legislator may have worked with water works professionals to introduce or support legislation or amendments that advance safe drinking water priorities. There can be more than one recipient in any given year.

K.O. Hodgson Distinguished Service Award

To provide recognition for outstanding service to NEWWA and the water works industry by a member from the supplier, manufacturing, or service areas of the industry who has provided exemplary service and dedication to furthering the ideals of the association.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The committee considers candidates for the award, which perpetuates the memory of members who have made significant contributions to the field of public water supply, or involved in the production, protection or delivery of public drinking water, or support one of the many disciplines involved through membership in the water works profession in their life. Committee membership consists President (Chair), Past President, President-Elect, Vice President, and Executive Director.

Operator Meritorious Service Award

To annually solicit and review candidates for the award. Make the recommendation to the Executive Director for forwarding to AWWA.

Publications

To make recommendations to the Board on recipients of the Dexter Brackett, Past Presidents', or special awards according to the Rules Governing Publications Awards. Shall review all papers published in the volume of the association's Journal for the calendar year of the award.

RECOGNITION COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont.)

Sponsor of the Year

Established in 1995, the Sponsor of the Year Award recognizes the outstanding efforts of service provider members who support the association through contributions of financial, in-kind materials and, volunteer resources.

Utility Recognition Awards

The committee oversees the selection of the Utility Service Award and the Utility of the Year Award. Two utilities are recognized annually that made significant contributions to the association. The Utility of the Year is awarded to three utilities (small, medium, and large).

Younger Member of the Year Award

Oversees the selection of awards that recognize a NEWWA member who is under 35 years old or new to the water works profession and who has demonstrated outstanding service to NEWWA through active participation in NEWWA programs, committees, and/or presentations. A second award recognizes the employer that made the most significant effort to support young professional involvement. Chaired by a member of the BOD, recommended by the president. Members comprise the four most recent recipients.

WATER QUALITY AND TREATMENT COUNCIL

The Water Quality and Treatment Council shall promote the objectives of the association through its standing committees and work groups by the development and presentation of water quality and treatment topics at conferences, meetings, workshops, and seminars; the development of handbooks, survey reports, videos, and other materials and products. The council shall ensure that effective liaison exists with other units of NEWWA, and other related organizations. The council will develop a council plan aligned with and to implement the NEWWA strategic plan.

WATER QUALITY AND TREATMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Corrosion Committee

To study and report on areas related to corrosion control through water treatment and to make recommendations to the Board of Directors on products, practices, legislation, and research concerning corrosion control.

Disinfection

To review all current reports and literature relating to water disinfection practices. To survey and report on technology and all aspects of disinfection required to produce high quality, palatable water to meet quality goals.

Filtration

To study and report on current and emerging technology relating to water filtration. To identify filtration topics where training is needed and to assist in the development of materials and programs to meet that need.

Fluorides

To develop and maintain standards and related manuals, reports, etc. for fluorides for water treatment, including AWWA B701, B702, and B703. Also, plan training program sessions and assist in voluntary proficiency program.

WTP Residuals

To study and report on areas related to drinking water treatment plant residuals management. Make recommendations to the Board on processing, disposal, and beneficial reuse of WTP residuals, related water works practice issues/technology, regulatory/permitting requirements, and technology transfer.

STANDARDS COUNCIL MISSION

The Standards Council shall be responsible for the active participation of NEWWA in the development AWWA standards and other related publications for the fulfillment of the objectives of the association. The council will promote the understanding and use of standards. The council shall ensure that effective liaison exists with other units of NEWWA, and other related organizations. The council will develop a council plan aligned with and to implement the NEWWA strategic plan.