

May 3, 2023

Dear NEWWA, a Section of AWWA Membership:

On April 26, 2023, after much consideration and overwhelming support from the membership (92.5% in favor of, versus 7.5% against, per the straw poll taken on April 6, 2023), the NEWWA, a Section of AWWA Board of Directors has voted to officially disaffiliate from the American Water Works Association (AWWA), effective June 20, 2023 (the anniversary date of the Affiliation Agreement’s original signing on June 20, 2010).

**What this means for you as a NEWWA, a Section of AWWA Member:**

As a NEWWA, a Section of AWWA member you are also a member of NEWWA, Inc. per current governing documents. NEWWA, Inc. will continue to honor your current membership and accompanying benefits until your next renewal date.

***At the time of your next renewal, you will have one of three options (more info. to come):***

- 1. Retain membership in BOTH AWWA and NEWWA, Inc. and receive benefits of both organizations.***
- 2. Choose to renew with just NEWWA, Inc. and receive ONLY NEWWA, Inc. benefits.***
- 3. Choose to renew with just AWWA and receive ONLY AWWA benefits.***

**Benefits breakdown between NEWWA, Inc. and AWWA:**

To aid in your decision making, below is a breakdown of the benefits between NEWWA, Inc. and AWWA:

| <b>NEWWA, Inc. Membership Benefits</b>  | <b>AWWA Membership Benefits</b>           |
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| Discount on NEWWA, Inc. Events & Trainings  | Discount on AWWA Events & Publications    |
| Regional and National Advocacy  | National Advocacy                         |
| Journal of NEWWA, Inc.  | AWWA Journal                              |
| The Source Member Newsletter  | OpFlow Newsletter                         |
| E-Newsletter and Membership Mailings  | AWWA Emails and Mailings                  |
| Ability to Sit on NEWWA, Inc. Committees  | Ability to Sit on AWWA Committees         |
| Ability to Sit on NEWWA, Inc. Board of Directors  | Ability to Sit on AWWA Board of Directors |
| Access to NEWWA, Inc. Scholarships  | Access to AWWA Scholarships               |
| Ability to Receive NEWWA, Inc. Awards   | Ability to Receive AWWA Awards            |
| Access to Member Portal of newwa.org  | Access to Member Portal of awwa.org       |
| Access to NEWWA, Inc. Resources and On-site Library   |   |
| Access to NEWWA, Inc. Staff   |   |
| Benefit from Collaborative Efforts Between NEWWA, Inc., NEWEA, NE-APWA, State Water Associations, State Primacy Agencies, and U.S. EPA Region I |   |

Full details on NEWWA, Inc. membership are available at [newwa.org](http://newwa.org). Mary Quigley, Membership and Volunteer Coordinator, can also be reached with any questions at [mquigley@newwa.org](mailto:mquigley@newwa.org) or 508-893-7979 ext. 224.

If you will be continuing membership in AWWA, you must renew directly with them by either logging in on their website or contacting headquarters in Denver, CO.

### **What Action is Needed by Me at This Time?**

***No action is needed until your membership renewal date.*** Unsure of your renewal date? Login to your profile online at [communityhub.newwa.org](http://communityhub.newwa.org) or contact Mary Quigley, [mquigley@newwa.org](mailto:mquigley@newwa.org). At the time of your renewal, you will choose one of the three options listed on the reverse side.

### **What Types of Changes Will We See?**

NEWWA, Inc., members will see updated branding—we're getting a new look! Other than that, members will see very little change in how we operate. Our symposia, membership meetings, and conferences are here to stay, along with our accredited training program and full staff team. In addition, members will continue to receive the *Journal of the New England Water Works Association, Inc.*, as well as *The Source* and *Currents* member newsletters, and NEWWA, Inc.-specific emails like the E-Source and training program emails.

NEWWA, Inc. will no longer facilitate AWWA member recruitment, or AWWA competitions, awards, or scholarships.

### **Will AWWA and NEWWA Work Together Again?**

While NEWWA, a Section of AWWA is disaffiliating with AWWA from an official legal and business operations standpoint, that does not mean the two organizations cannot continue to partner on important initiatives and issues, like advocating at the Washington, D.C., level on regulations and legislation. We have simply determined that the changes AWWA wanted to enforce on the business relationship and previously approved governance structure that existed successfully for 35 years were not viable.

### **What if I Have More Questions?**

We are here to answer any questions you may have. You may contact Executive Director Kirsten King at [kking@newwa.org](mailto:kking@newwa.org) or 508-893-7979 ext. 243 with general questions. Membership-specific questions can be directed to Mary Quigley at [mquigley@newwa.org](mailto:mquigley@newwa.org) or 508-893-7979 ext. 224.

### **Thank you!**

We would like to thank everyone for their support through this incredibly difficult process and decision making. We look forward to continuing to serve you in the capacity you are accustomed to and focusing on our mission.