



NSAWWA Chair's Report – Craig Reinsch

May 19, 2022

The year is in full swing, and I have appreciated your efforts as board and committee members. Thank you for your support and attendance at our activities this last month. We'll hear more about these activities and their successes throughout today's meeting. I wanted to highlight a few of them:

- ◆ Great work by Ben Day and the committee to successfully plan and hold the Water Utility Workshop on May 10th. It was well attended and we were able to provide educational opportunities for different members and industry personnel than what we reach at the fall conference.
 - Ryan missed me speaking about the “Grandpa Hurst’s” that we have within NSAWWA.
- ◆ Governor’s proclamation on April 4th – Thank you to the 10 individuals (including 4 board members and 2 committee chairs) who made the time and trip to Lincoln to take part in the Drinking Water Proclamation ceremony.
- ◆ Presentation to SCC-Milford on April 27th – Thank you to Marc Rosso for the idea, and Ryan Hurst for setting up the meet/greet to share what we do. There were nearly 20 students in attendance and we talked with them about various subjects for over 30 minutes. The faculty who were present said that this would be a great presentation to schedule twice per year. They were grateful for the scholarship and program contributions.
- ◆ And as always, we are grateful for the golf and other events put together by the WFP committee, which is why we are here today.

These are the big items that have occurred since our last meeting, here’s to looking forward for the next few months!

The fall conference is in full swing, and getting started (don’t forget to turn in your presentation abstracts to Marc!). We’ll continue our 75th anniversary planning discussions and are looking forward to how that comes together between now and November. With school getting out (for those of us with kids at home) and summer vacations started, I hope that you enjoy some time off and can enjoy our great state and country! Don’t forget to try the water along the way!

Thanks to all of you for the important work that you as Board Members, Committee Chairs, and active members.

Nebraska Section AWWA Director's Report

May 19, 2022
By Teresa Konda

AWWA Fly-In – April 27-28 in Washington, D.C.

- AWWA Fly-In was held in-person.

AWWA ACE 2022 – June 12-15, 2022 in San Antonio, TX

- AWWA ACE will be in-person with a virtual option. In-person attendance will require masks, vaccine verification.

Summer Workshop 360 – July 27-29 in Denver, CO

Will be held at the Colorado Convention Center and Hyatt Regency Denver.

AWWA's Summer Workshop is a day and a half training for Section Leadership. Sessions focus on training and development for AWWA volunteers in leadership roles.

AWWA provides instruction on association management best practices, guidelines and model programs.

Attendance is open to any section volunteer in a leadership role, whether staff or volunteer.

Agenda:

https://sectionsupport.awwa.org/Portals/3/Events/SW22/2022_Summer_Workshop_Agenda.docx?ver=2022-05-02-102117-607

AWWA Legislative Affairs Provided Summary on *Buy America*

In April, the White House released the Buy America Guidance. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) passed in late 2021 prompted this guidance and, by May 14 2022, federal agencies awarding funds for infrastructure projects will enact Buy America preferences in the terms and conditions. The Buy America Guidance applies to all federal funds for infrastructure projects, not just those provided for in the IIJA, even if the project is not primarily or solely funded by federal funds. Water and wastewater projects are subject to this guidance which applies to the iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used. Three types of waivers will be available for use, which will be subject to public comment and review as well as approval by the federal agency awarding funds.

Review the full guidance here: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/M-22-11.pdf>

Membership

- Before COVID, AWWA membership was around 52,000
- Association reached a low point in membership of 48,378 in July 2021. Member numbers have started to slowly increase since then.
- Current goal for membership is 50,000.
- Refer A Member Program
 - When you refer a colleague who joins AWWA, you get rewarded. The more members you recruit, the more recognition you receive
 - <https://www.awwa.org/Membership-Volunteering/Refer-A-Member>

Membership Bookstore Allotment

- \$600 Bookstore allotment is available for sections to use.

Treasurer's Report & Budget Report – March 2022

monthly change

Account Summary as of: 3/30/22

Checking Account (9562)	(actual check book balance)	\$82,011.61	-\$262.60
Savings Account (8714)			-\$9,230.77
	TOTAL:	\$82,011.61	
Stifel Investment			-\$89,904.74
	TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS:	\$82,011.61	-\$99,398.11

Bills - Checking Account (9562)

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TOTAL: \$ 346.75

Deposits - Checking Account (9562)

Date	Description	Amount
3/2/2022	AWWA - MBR Section Pymt	\$56.10
3/28/2022	AWWA - MBR Section Pymt	\$ 28.05

TOTAL :	\$	84.15
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net change: \$ (262.60)

Respectfully Submitt John Keith, Treasurer

YTD Change

\$11,996.60

-\$9,230.62

-\$92,323.53

-\$89,557.55

NESAWWA Treasurer's Report & Budget Report – March 2022
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Checking account (9562)

Beginning Checkbook Balance ¹	\$	82,274.21
This Month's Payments	\$	346.75
This Month's Credits	\$	84.15
Checkbook Balance	\$	82,011.61
Outstanding Checks	\$	87.21
Outstanding Deposits	\$	-
Reconciled Balance	\$	82,098.82
Ending Statement Balance		

Outstanding Payments

Date	Check#		
11/4/21	2821	Aguilar - 3rd Place Water Artr Contest	\$ 25.00
11/22/21	visa	Eagle Printing - Trap Banner	\$ 62.21
Sub-Total Outstanding			\$ 87.21

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¹ ending checkbook balance previous month
 Matches 2022 NSAWWA Budget ✓

Nebraska Section American Water Works Association 2022 Budget

NEBRASKA SECTION AWWA BUDGET DRAFT	2022 Budget Request	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		
INCOME																		
Section Allotment	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	19,200.00	4,200.00				15,000.00									
Association Allotment (multi-section)	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$252.45	168.30		56.10	84.15	28.05										
Annual Fall Conference	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,556.29	14,123.03	14,066.93		56.10											
Advertising Income																		
Education Committee																		
Pipeline workshop	\$3,000.00							268.58										
AWWA Grant Training Events	\$4,200.00	\$5,100.00	\$9,300.00	0.00														
Safety Committee		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Scholarship																		
One AWWA Operator Scholarship	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Special Project Funding		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Small Systems		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00														
WARN		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Water for People																		
Raffle - Fall Conference	\$2,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$1,335.00	0.00														
Golf Event	\$8,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$7,988.76	0.00														
Wine tasting Event	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Trap Event	\$2,500.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,439.35	0.00														
WEF Collections Systems Donation (2017 only)																		
Young Professionals																		
2022 National YP Summit		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00														
YP Activities Expenses																		
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$260.23	0.00														
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 47,450.00	\$ 47,350.00	\$ 40,697.08	33,491.33	18,266.93	56.10	140.25	296.63	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
EXPENSES																		
Awards (non-safety or non-water contest)	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$314.64	0.00														
Cross Connection Workshop	\$1,250.00		\$0.00	0.00														
Community Engineering Corp Committee			\$0.00	0.00														
Education																		
Education Committee	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$114.92	0.00														
LONM/NSAWWA Seminars	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$3,250.00	0.00														
AWWA Grant Training Events	\$2,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$662.50	0.00														
Pipeline Workshop	\$2,500.00			231.75			231.75											
SECC Scholarship	\$5,000.00			5,000.00	5,000.00													
Annual Fall Conference																		
Annual Meeting at Fall Conference		\$2,000.00																
Fall Conference Post Cards	\$500.00		\$479.40	0.00														
Fall Conf Name Tag Ribbon	\$0.00		\$28.35	0.00														
Fall Conference SWAG			\$4,356.30	0.00														
Annual Board Meeting Dignitary Dinner	\$1,000.00		\$849.19	0.00														
Fall conference Dignitary Travel	\$1,000.00		\$595.30	0.00														
Past President Breakfast at Fall Conference	\$250.00		\$182.11	0.00														

Nebraska Section American Water Works Association 2022 Budget																		
Fall Conference Competitions																		
Taste Contest (Meter Madness**)	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$420.05	0.00														
Top Ops	\$1,300.00	\$700.00	\$500.00	0.00														
Event Insurance	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$435.50	0.00														
Leadership Development																		
AWWA ACE Conference (Board Member)	\$3,500.00	\$3,300.00	\$0.00	0.00														
AWWA ACE Conference (Fuller Awardee) if employer will not cover costs	\$3,500.00																	
Membership Summit	\$0.00	\$3,300.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Regional Officer Meetings	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$972.45	0.00														
Summer Leadership Workshop	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Top Ops	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Washington Fly-In	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00														
WFP Committee Workshop	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00														
ACE - Water Utility Council Meeting	\$1,500.00	1, 000.00	\$0.00	0.00														
YP Summit Conference	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	1,001.62		1001.62												
Directors Spouse - Directors Meeting	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	0.00														
MAC Activities	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	0.00														
Membership	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$300.00	0.00														
Nitrate Ad Hoc Committee	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Public Info Comm.																		
Art Contest 1st Place	\$100.00	\$400.00	\$100.00	0.00														
Art Contest 2nd place	\$50.00																	
Art Contest 3rd Place	\$25.00																	
Misc. contest supplies	\$50.00																	
Outreach	\$200.00																	
Publications																		
Wise Water Words	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Membership Directory ('16,'18,'20...)	\$3,000.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Website hosting	\$125.00	\$115.00	\$110.40	0.00														
Website domain name	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$22.65	0.00														
Advertising		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00														
75th Anniversary																		
History Book/Shirts	\$8,000.00	NA	NA															
Social Events	\$1,500.00	NA	NA															
SWAG	\$3,250.00	NA	NA															
Safety Committee	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$202.15	0.00														
Scholarships																		
General Fund for Scholarship committee	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Abel Wolman	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Stockholm Water Prize	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Poster Board Competition	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Conference Attendance Incentive	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Leisen	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	0.00														
One AWWA Operator Scholarship (OAOS)	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Small Systems Committee	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	0.00														
Student Activity		\$500.00	\$0.00	750.00				750.00										
Total Water Solutions Ad-Hoc Committee																		
WARN	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	0.00														

Nebraska Section American Water Works Association 2022 Budget

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Treasurer's Report & Budget Report – April 2022

monthly change

YTD Change

TREASURER'S REPORT

Account Summary as of:

4/30/22

Checking Account (9562)	(actual check book balance)	\$81,547.66	-\$463.95	\$11,532.65
Savings Account (8714)			\$0.00	-\$9,230.62
	TOTAL:	\$81,547.66		
Stifel Investment			\$0.00	-\$92,323.53
	TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS:	\$81,547.66	-\$463.95	-\$90,021.50

BUDGET REPORT

Bills - Checking Account (9562)

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TOTAL:	\$	1,088.58
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Deposits - Checking Account (9562)

Date	Description	Amount
4/4/2022	AWWA - Olsson Pymt	\$ 250.00
04/19/22	4 ALL Promos K Read - Refund for unavail iter	\$ 346.58
4/26/2022	AWWA - MBR Section Pymt	\$ 28.05

TOTAL : \$ 624.63

net change: \$ (463.95)

Respectfully Submitted John Keith, Treasurer

NESAWWA

Treasurer's Report & Budget Report – April 2022

Checking account (9562)

Beginning Checkbook Balance ¹	\$	82,011.61
This Month's Payments	\$	1,088.58
This Month's Credits	\$	624.63
Checkbook Balance	\$	81,547.66
Outstanding Checks	\$	87.21
Outstanding Deposits	\$	-
Reconciled Balance	\$	81,634.87
Ending Statement Balance		

Outstanding Payments

Date	Check#		
4/4/22	2827	Mary Poe – PO Box Renew	70
4/13/22	2828	Utilities Sectino of LoNM – NEWARN Contrib	750
11/4/21	2821	Aguilar - 3rd Place Water Artr Conte	\$ 25.00
11/22/21	visa	Eagle Printing - Trap Banner	\$ 62.21
		Sub-Total Outstanding	\$ 87.21

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NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee: Cross Connection Committee
Chair: Rich Koenig *WAK*

Date: May 18, 2022
Vice Chair: Leroy Kramer

Total Members: 7 **Active Members: 7**

Executive Board Liaison:

List of Active Members: Rich Koenig, Leroy Kramer, Chad Roberts, Rob Pierce, Doug Meyer, Chris Holley, and Marty Ostransky.

- When and where has the committee met in the past year (include conference calls):
 - Met with Rob Pierce, LofNM May 16, 2022 to develop proposed topics for the co-sponsored workshops with LofNM.

Proposed changes in committee membership: None

Deliverables/Activities: 4 – 1 day workshops co-sponsored with LofNM
- Develop and oversee the Backflow Track at the NeSAWWA Fall Conference - Assist with selection process for the following awards:
“Cross Connection Control Program of the Year”
“Cross Connection specialist of the Year”

How might the Executive Board assist your Committee in accomplishing its work? Working OK

**Plans/Projects for upcoming year: 4 – 1 day workshops co-sponsored with LofNM
- Provide CCC Training at the Annual Conference with a Backflow track**

Anticipated Budget Expenditures for 2022: \$1649.00 - LofNM cost share
\$ 100.00 – Misc.

Budget Request for 2022 (include a short justification) \$1749.00 - Expenses as described above

Other: The four 1-day Workshops co-sponsored with LofNM for 2022 have the following dates proposed:

- August 16, 2022 Beatrice
- August 17, 2022 Wayne
- August 23, 2022 Ogallala
- August 24, 2022 Grand Island

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May 19, 2022

Incoming Chair and Fall Conference Update, Board Meeting

Fall Conference planning is in full swing, and the joint planning committee met at the Great Plains Conference. The committee discussed the inclusion of the SWANA group at Fall Conference and recently were informed that SWANA wanted to participate. Logistics are being discussed to see how SWANA can be included. Kathleen Alexander reported she is working with Younes Conference Center to make space for SWANA.

Fall Conference activities for the 75th anniversary are being planned with the first activity being a social at the Heartland Conference. NSAWWA plans to sponsor part of the social and is working on how to prepare for that.

Some proposed 75th anniversary activities are:

July 21 – Heartland (NWEA) conference social sponsorship

September 16 – WFP sporting clays

Each event would include a committee handout (2 line summary from each committee), followed by a social event (2 drinks at each, etc), and/or committee pep talk. Those who “sign up” for a committee at each event would have a ticket added to a hat and a winner would be drawn at each of the events. The prize would be a \$50 or \$100 gift card.

- An easy one would be to fund \$500 for a member raffle at FC. Might even get a few people to join if they can put a ticket in the drawing.
- We could have an AWWA reception the evening before FC. Heavy Hors d’oeuvres and drinks. That might be hard to control non-members. It would have to be an honor system.
- NSAWWA bath towel sets or kitchen towels. White w/75th Anniversary logo.
- We could have a photo booth and get everyone to take a picture, frame it with a 75th Anniversary frame and send it to members. NSAWWA members free. Everyone else at cost.
- Custom logo kitchen cutting board.

Respectfully submitted,
Marc Rosso
Incoming Chair



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May 16, 2022

Board of Directors Memorandum

May 19, 2022 Board Meeting, Woodland Hills Golf Course, Eagle, NE

We currently have 308 active members, with 9 late members. Since the last Board meeting in March we are up one member from 309. For comparison, in January 2015 we had 352 active members with 29 late. In a large part, we anticipate a significant number of late members rejoining as they include several member renewals that are sent to municipal finance departments to process and it takes 30 days to process.

I came on as Membership Committee Chair last November, and my goal this year is to increase membership along with learning more about AWWA. We can report “more of the same” for 2022. We continue to monitor late members and notify them of lapsed memberships, on a monthly basis.

I attended the Membership Summit at AWWA virtually, January 26-28. There was a lot of energy and optimism about retaining and adding new members to AWWA in 2022. AWWA had a lot of suggestions and ideas on different ways and events to sign up new members.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Seufferer

Nebraska Section AWWA Membership Committee Chair

Nebraska AWWA Nominations Report

May 19, 2022

The positions up for nominations for the term November 2022 through November 2023 include:

Chair-Elect

Vice-Chair

Secretary

Trustee

Trustee

The committee is meeting at 9:00 AM prior to the board meeting on Thursday May 19 and will present the recommended slate of candidates at the board meeting.

As stated in the bylaws: The Committee's nominations shall be in the hands of the Secretary not later than July 31. Upon receipt of the nominations, the Secretary shall, within 20 days, mail to each member, a notice setting forth the nominations of the nominating committee and stating the date, time, and place of the next business meeting, at which the elections will be held.

Submitted by: Mary Poe

Nebraska Section Past-Chair

Nominations Committee Chair

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

May 18, 2022

Brian Gongol, chair - brian@gongol.net

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Current members: Brian Gongol, Laura Hardesty, Darren Jack, Teresa Konda, Mary Poe, Marc Rosso, Mike Wentink (no change since last report)

KEY UPDATES

- **Committee recruitment:** Reminder that a draft version of a Virtual Open House for committee recruitment has been started at <https://forms.gle/SC8m2FTVSokUZ7b19>. If you like it this way, we can proceed with populating it with details from each committee chair.

WEBSITE

Updates have been made to the website as requested by the board and committees.

Month	Updates	One year ago
June 2021	10	9
July 2021	9	11
August 2021	7	3
September 2021	12	7
October 2021	11	20
November 2021	6	3
December 2021	1	6
January 2022	5	10
February 2022	7	2
March 2022	5	10
April 2022	2	12
May 2022 (to date)	5	7

E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

WWW Weekly emails are going out regularly.

Recent editions	Open rate ¹	Click rate ²
February 4	35.6%	2.6%
February 11	32.2%	6.6%
February 18	32.3%	5.6%
March 4	36.9%	4.8%
March 27	31.1%	6.2%
April 1	33.3%	3.5%

1 Of the emails sent, how many were opened by subscribers

2 Of the emails sent, how many registered at least one click

April 15	33.8%	5.6%
May 6	26.8%	3.8%
May 13	27.1%	3.2%

WISE WATER WORDS

Please don't hesitate to send content at any time, since we always publish to the website first.

Edition	Articles due	Target publication
Spring edition	March 15	April 1
Summer edition	June 15	July 1
Fall edition	September 15	October 1
Winter edition	December 15	January 1

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow the Facebook page and Twitter account, and don't hesitate to "like" and share content as much as you feel comfortable.

MULTIMEDIA

Nothing new to report.

DATA DASHBOARD

Medium	Members/Fans	March report	Change
Facebook likes	360	350	+10
Facebook follows	447	436	+11
E-mail distro list	375	374	+1
LinkedIn	14	14	n/c
Twitter	140	140	n/c
YouTube subscribers	122	117	+5
YouTube views	162,003	156,675	+5,328

Small Systems Report – 5/19/2022

-Started Preliminary stages of planning two workshops with Rob Pierce and LONM for Broken Bow on 9/28/22 and Red Cloud on 10/12/22.

-Possible agenda items:

2 hours What an operator needs to know (Rob and or small systems operators)

1 hour trenching & shoring refresher (Rob)

1 hour small system management of a backflow program (small system operators/local state rep)
(maybe group discussion)

1 hours Industry/Regulatory Update (area state rep)

**Nebraska Section AWWA
Top Ops Committee Report
May, 2022**

AQs discussed at the March NSAWWA Board meeting, confirmation of Top Op Teams prior to the competition at the annual conference is a primary objective of the Committee this year. Also discussed at the meeting is the distribution of “gas” cards to those Top Op competitors. A shift has been made to the distribution of gift cards (Visa or such) for a cash amount in lieu of “gas” (fuel) cards. In speaking with one PWS source of competitors, that would have more applicability at the going and future rate of fuel cost. Plan is to hit the NSAWWA members with an email blast regarding the Top Ops competition at the Fall conference and collect a goal of eight teams (3-person teams).

Marketing the competition with the added “carrot” of gift cards to competitors is essential. Plan to begin during the summer months after the timeframe for the actual competition is established. \$25.00 Gift cards will be distributed at competition time to those team members who compete. The 2023 ACE is in Toronto CA.

Top Ops at ACE allows teams of one, two or three (**Eligibility Rules below**). Three-person teams has been a mainstay at the Fall Conference and are much preferred. Depending on what we have for team entries, teams at the Fall Conference may consist of one, two, or three person teams.

At the local level, the eligibility (operator, member or other) to compete should not be restrained. Eligibility to compete at ACE and teams sponsored by the Section however is obviously another matter.

ACE 2022 Top Ops Eligibility Rules

ELIGIBILITY & MEMBERSHIP

7. Teams of one (1), two (2), or three (3) water operators from AWWA Sections are invited to compete.

8. Each AWWA Section, including Multi-State Provincial Sections may enter one (1) team in the AWWA ACE Top Ops Competition. The ACE local host Section is permitted to send up to two (2) teams. The Section with the returning champion team is permitted to send one (1) additional team, up to a total of two (2). If the ACE Local Host Section also has the returning champion, they are permitted to send a total of three (3) teams.

9. Each AWWA Top Ops Competition participant must be a current AWWA member from the time of registration through the ACE event. This membership may be an individual membership, or the participant can be a regular employee of an AWWA Utility Member. Each Section is responsible for verifying the membership status of each participant before entering them into the competition.

10. Only AWWA Section teams that have qualified by competing in a Section Top Ops competition are allowed to enter the AWWA ACE Top Ops Competition. If there are not enough teams for a Section to hold a Top Ops competition at the Section level, a team may enter the AWWA Top Ops competition with approval from the Section that they are representing.

11. A team must consist of the same individuals throughout the entire AWWA ACE Top Ops

Competition, but the team members need not be employees of the same organization or utility. May T O

12. All team members must satisfy the following eligibility requirements:

- a. They must work full-time as a water treatment plant employee or a water distribution system employee. At least 50% of their time must be as a water treatment plant employee or a water distribution employee.
- b. They must possess a valid water operator, laboratory, and/or distribution certificate for their jurisdiction. Any Section-level contestants who do not hold this certification may not participate at the Association level.
- c. Only individuals whose primary day-to-day job functions include hands-on operational tasks within the water utility or distribution system are eligible to compete. Teams may not include anyone with a more senior job function than a first line (fore person) supervisor. Engineers are not allowed to compete unless they are working as a full-time operator.

**NEBRASKA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
2022 COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee: Total Water Solutions

Date: May 18, 2022

Chair: Dale Jacobson

Total Members: Five (5)

Executive Board Liaison: Craig Reinsch

List of members:

- Cyril Martinmaas with the State of Nebraska
- Chris Miller with Miller & Associates
- Jack Baker with Baker & Associates
- Michael Olson with M. C. Schaff & Associates
- Craig Reinsch – ex-officio
- Dale Jacobson – Chair

Committee Activity:

No committee activity was planned for the first quarter of 2022, and we succeeded in achieving that goal. The Covid-19 pandemic greatly reduced the opportunity for face-to-face meetings of the committee in 2020 and 2021, but it seems we have returned to normalcy for most meetings in 2022. Accordingly, we will be looking at an opportunity to schedule a face-to-face committee meeting going forward. We are still challenged by 500 miles of geography among our committee members.

As the chair, I am planning on submitting an abstract for the 2022 Fall meeting regarding the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and their relationship to Nebraska.

Committee membership:

We still need to add a new member or two from Eastern Nebraska as our membership is spread out from Omaha to Kearney to Scottsbluff and getting together face-to-face is difficult. Of course, we can meet electronically via Zoom or Teams on occasion.

We still need to add a staff member from the Nebraska Department Environment & Energy to the TWS Committee. Jacobson will make the necessary contact with Deputy Director Steve Goans of the agency.

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