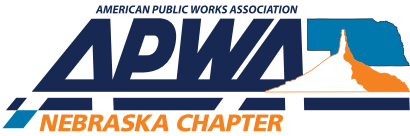


2024

Fall Conference

November 6-8, 2024



Nebraska
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American Water Works Association
Nebraska Section



Younes

CONFERENCE CENTER

Kearney, Nebraska



13th ANNUAL
TEXAS HOLD'EM
TOURNAMENT

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!

To Sign-Up to Volunteer as a Dealer Please Contact:

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

- 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)

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

Wednesday, November 6 - PM

- 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 | ***Social Hour and Tour Exhibits*** (Crystal Ballroom)
- 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)



Calendar of Conference Activities

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)

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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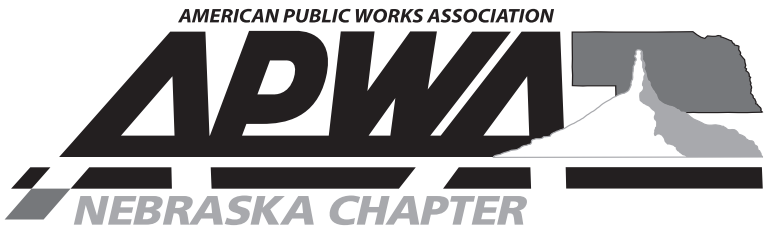


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Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (Pre-Conference)

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

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| 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*

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|-------------|--|
| 8:00 - 8:40 | Using Drones for Asset Management and Condition Assessments Bret Tremblay, Benesch |
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| 8:40 - 9:20 | Culvert Rehabilitation Methods Lindy Rogers, Houston Engineering |
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| 9:20 - 10:00 | EconH2O for Capital Improvement Plan Prioritization Austin Guimond, Derek Gardels, and Naisargi Dave, HDR |
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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**
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Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

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 Scru Dryer - 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

- 3:30 - 4:30 | **Committee Chair Workshop** (Diamond 8)
- 4:30 - 5:00 | **Pretreatment/Industrial Waste Committee Meeting** (Ruby 7)

- 1:30 - 4:00 | **Vendor Extravaganza Exhibit Hall Booths**
(Crystal Ballroom)
- 5:00 - 6:00 | **Social Hour and Tour Exhibits** *(Crystal Ballroom)*
- 6:00 - 8:00 | **NWEA Banquet** *(Diamond 4 & 5)*
- 8:30 PM - Midnight | **13th Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament**
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- 7:00 - 8:00 | **Women in Water Breakfast** *(Diamond 9)*
- 7:00 - 8:00 | **NWEA 5S Breakfast** *(Ruby 7)*

A

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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Thursday, November 7, 2024 *(Continued)*

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**



Nebraska Water Environment Association

Officers

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| President | Brittany Travers |
| President Elect | Blake Birkel |
| Vice President | Marc Rosso |
| Federation Delegate | Scott Aurit |
| Federation Delegate | Lucas Billesbach |
| Secretary | Jeremy Walker |
| Treasurer | Ryan Hurst |
| Director-at-Large | Doug Glaze |
| Director-at-Large | Darren Jack |
| Director-at-Large | Shawn Ovenden |
| At-Large Member | Lee Dunn |
| At-Large Member | Scott Seelhoff |
| At-Large Member | Kylie Wilmes |
| Past President | George Hunt |

Committee Chairs

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| Arthur Sidney Bedell Award | Roger Protzman |
| Awards | Aaron Dressel |
| Collection System | Adam Wilmes |
| Constitution & Bylaws | Jeremy Walker |
| Diversity, Equity & Inclusion | Garrett Lane |
| Finance and Audit | Mike Milius |
| Governmental Affairs | Derek Gardels |
| Great Plains Management Conference | Daria Sakharova |
| Industrial/Hazardous Waste | Dillon Devitt |
| Life Membership/Quarter Century | Jeremy Walker |
| Manufacturers and Representatives Committee (MARC) | Lee Dunn |
| Membership | Jeff Saltzman |
| Nominating | Lucas Billesbach |
| NWOC Advisory & Training | Scott Seelhoff |
| 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

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| 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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Lifetime Membership Award *(Continued)*

Ted Paysuer
Terry Pesek
Chuck Plummer
Rick Shibata

Dr. Rao Surampalli
Paul Trout
Jim Wells

Quarter Century Operators Club

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|------|---------------------|------|-------------------|
| 1979 | F. J. Hauck | | Paul Dammann |
| 1983 | Otto W. Kuck | 2000 | Lester Evans |
| 1984 | Orville Klein | | William Hamilton |
| 1985 | Floyd Sanks | | Gerald A. Indra |
| | Earle W. Schweiger | | Rick L. Sibert |
| | Urban Weinke | | Jay Whalen |
| 1987 | James O. Sell | | Allan L. Williams |
| 1989 | Bruce Bates | 2001 | Harlan Simmerman |
| 1990 | Lavern W. David | | Richard Greenwood |
| 1991 | Raymond J. Carver | | Robert Gray |
| | Donald C. Hillrichs | | Dave Petrocchi |
| | Arnold E. Rise | | Steve Crisler |
| | James A. Swan | 2002 | Tim Gilbrandson |
| 1992 | Larry F. Betts | | Richard McClemons |
| | Donald D. Dike | | Gary McCoy |
| | Johnny G. Rudder | | Thomas Barnett |
| 1994 | Karl Wlaschin | | Gerald Pesek |
| 1995 | Paul Sorenson | 2003 | Ralph Badger |
| | Tyler Konasek | | Pat Franklin |
| | Pat Lund | | Ken Jones |
| | Jerry Stump | 2007 | Todd Boling |
| | Rick Shibata | | Marsha Louthan |
| 1997 | Daryl Meiners | | Gary Lund |
| | Gerardo Talero | | Jim Mackel |
| 1998 | Larry Beavers | | Cindy Pospisil |
| | Jim Waszgis | | Joe Dabbs |
| 1999 | Gary Cooper | 2011 | Curtis Kizzire |
| | John Hauschild | | Paul Trout |
| | Ted Pratt | 2012 | Terry McCarl |
| | Tom Singkofer | 2013 | Jim Heyen |
| 2000 | David R. Brandert | 2017 | Keith Kontor |



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Safety Awards - 2023

1- 4 Operators

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

5-9 Operators

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| 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

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

Industrial

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

Lagoon

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| 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



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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



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



Friday, November 8, 2024 *(Continued)*

B

Morning Session B - Backflow

(Diamond 2)

- 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)

- 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)

- 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)

- 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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| Audit | Angel Lowrey |
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| Budget | Rob Pierce |
| Cross Connections | Greg Brekel |
| Education | John Keith |
| Fall Conference | Ryan Hurst |
| Fuller Award | Teresa Konda |
| Manufacturers/Associates Council | Lee Dunn |
| Membership Engagement | Chuck Seufferer |
| Nominations | Marc Rosso |
| Philanthropy | Joe Roberts |
| Public Information | Mary Poe |
| Publications | Brian Gongol |
| Scholarship | Angel Lowery |
| Small Systems | Alan Slater |
| Top Ops | Mike Wentink |
| Water Utility Council | Chad Roberts |
| YP and Student Activities | Abhijeet Saraf |



American Water Works Association Nebraska Section

George Warren Fuller Award Recipients

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|------|------------------------|------|----------------------|
| 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 Miriofsky |
| 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. Roszbach 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

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|------|---------------------|------|----------------|
| 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



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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
Lori Calub, NE SWANA Advisory Board Delegate

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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| Director | Haley Nolde |

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|----------------------------|--------------|
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| Programs | Morgan Sykes |
| Scholarship | Lori Calub |
| | Jeff Selden |
| Young Professionals | Katie Kinley |

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

Per contract room rates are \$124.95
for one - four persons. Tax not included.

Hampton Inn - Reservations Number: (308) 234-3400

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

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

Per contract room rates are \$124.95
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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:

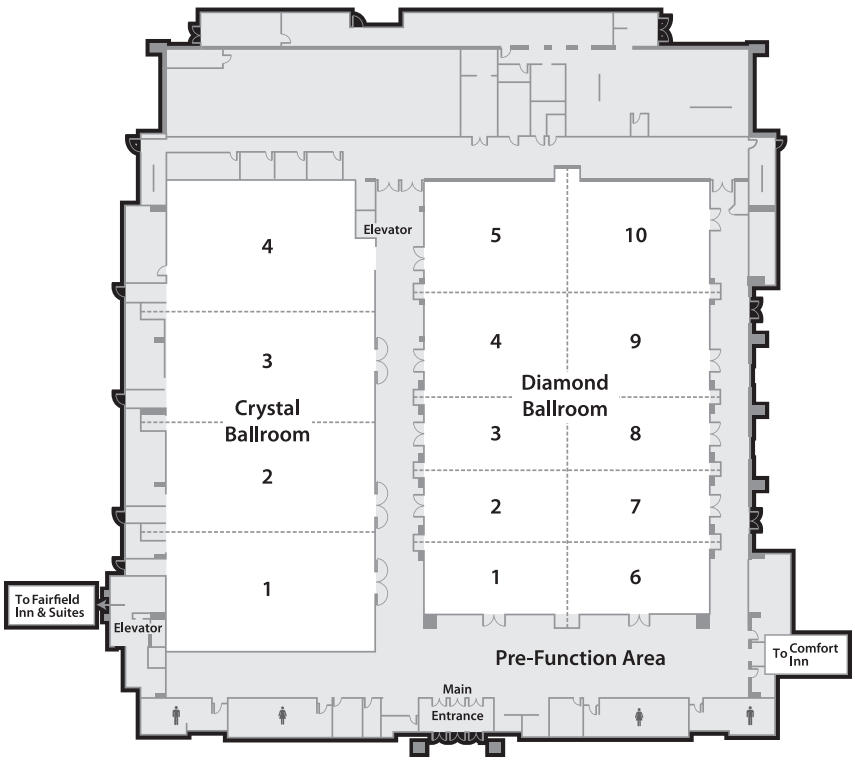
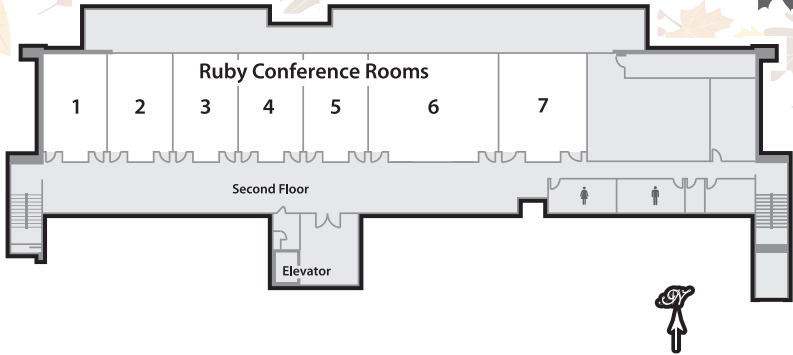
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NE SWANA CEU Hours:

4.0 CEU Hours for Tour
6.5 CEU Hours for Presentations

Women in Water Breakfast:

1.0 PDH Hours



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