



May 25, 2017

Dear AWWMA Member:

You are invited to attend the 2017 Arkansas Water & Wastewater Managers' Association Annual Conference. This year's agenda is full and exciting, and you won't want to miss it! Registration forms are enclosed. Please fill them out completely to help us appropriately count the number of meals needed. Return with the applicable fees ASAP, but no later than June 30, 2017. Feel free to duplicate the form if you have more than one from your organization who will be attending. The registration fee will cover most events for yourself and one guest. Any additional guests or children will be extra for certain events/meals. Please accurately indicate your preferences and entire party on the registration form. To get the member rate, you must have paid your member dues prior to registration.

The meeting will be held at the beautiful Sheraton Memphis Downtown, July 19-22, 2017. It is important that you reserve your room as soon as possible. You may call 1-901-527-7300 before Monday, June 19, 2017 to book a room for the annual conference. Be sure to tell them you are with the Arkansas Water & Wastewater Managers' Association to get the special room rates. Reservations can also be made online at the following link:
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1609232775&key=2DA70543>

Dinner will be served at the Meet & Greet on Wednesday night and at the Banquet on Friday night. Daily lunches and the Thursday evening meal will be on-your-own. Dress for all conference activities will be casual.

ADEQ has approved our conference for 11 hours of training for wastewater and ADH has approved us for 11 hours of water training as well.

A Scholarship application and rules are enclosed. Please read the rules to determine the number of applications you may submit from your utility, and return the applications with your registration form by July 10, 2017. This is for active and current members. Any applications will be compared to the active membership roster for verification.

For the past year the committees and board members have been working hard to represent the AWWMA. We are in the process of making significant improvements to our web presence, have provided feedback and information exchange on legislative issues, provided training on numerous items of interest to our membership, as well as given scholarships to several members of our association. The committees and board members have done a wonderful job and without them we could not exist. If you are interested in serving on a committee we will circulate a sign-up sheet on the last day of the annual meeting. Many hands make light work and can do amazing things together!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me @ 479-751-5751 or email at hward@springdalewater.com. We look forward to seeing you in Memphis!!

Sincerely,
Heath Ward
Secretary-Treasurer
Enclosures

AWWMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

JULY 19-22, 2017

The Sheraton Downtown

Memphis, Tennessee

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017

3:00pm-5:00 pm Registration

6:30pm Meet & Greet Dinner

“Special Guest Brian Faught”- Teaser

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017

6:00am-11:00am Breakfast at Crossroads Tavern and Grill (Look for special tickets in packet).

9:30am-11:30 am Spouses Program (Located on the second floor).

9:00am-10:00 am Brian Faught, **“Psychology of Influence”** (Located on the second floor).

10:00am-10:15am Refreshment Break

10:15am-11:00am Brian Faught, **“Just Do the Right Thing”**

11:00am-12:00pm Mitchell/Williams, Michele Allgood, Jill Drewyor and John Bryant
“Financing of Improvements and Additions to Water and Sewer”

Lunch and dinner on your own.

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017

6:00 am-11:00am Breakfast at Crossroads Tavern and Grill (again look for special tickets)

9:00 am-10:15am Arkansas One-Call, Mike McGowen, Damage Prevention Manager
“Culture Change and the Importance of Communication”

10:15am-10:30am Refreshment Break

10:30am-11:30am Chad Johnston, Homeland Security,

“Overview of the Protective Security Advisory Program and Infrastructure Protection”

11:30am-12:00pm Business Meeting

Lunch on your own.

6:30pm AWARDS BANQUET

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

6:00am-11:00am Breakfast at Crossroads Tavern and Grill

9:00am-10:15am ARWA (Arkansas Rural Water Association), Dennis Sternberg,

“Arkansas Rural Water Association and Member Benefits”

10:15am-10:30am Refreshment Break

10:30-am11:30am Central Arkansas Water (CAW), Jane Hurley, **“Out Reach and Education”**

Adjourn/Depart



2017 AWWMA Scholarship Program

Application Deadline: July 10, 2017

This program is for **active** AWWMA member utility employees and/or their dependents.

- The amount of scholarship depends on the number of hours taken.

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| 6 Credit Hours | \$300 |
| 12 Credit Hours | \$600 |

- Eligible schools will be colleges, junior colleges, and Vo-Tech schools.
- If member utility reimburses employees' tuition costs for attending school, that employee is not eligible for the AWWMA scholarship.

Eligibility Process

1. The AWWMA Secretary will mail applications to managers with the annual meeting registration packets for them to processed and returned to Scholarship Committee. This normally occurs in May of each year. Applications are also available on the AWWMA website at www.arkwwma.org.
2. The number of applications that will be eligible for drawing is equal to the number of current active AWWMA members of your utility. In cases where a utility has more applicants than current active AWWMA members, they will have to choose which applicant will be eligible.
3. The Scholarship Committee must receive applications from utilities prior to the Annual Meeting each year.
4. Drawing will be held at Awards Banquet each year at AWWMA Annual Meeting.
 - A total of five (5) winners will be drawn.
 - Winners must send proof of registration postmarked no later than September 1 in the year which they are chosen in order to receive scholarship money.
 - There will be five (5) alternates drawn at the Awards Banquet in the event winners do not qualify.
5. Scholarship money will only be mailed to the drawn winners after receiving **PROOF OF REGISTRATION** at an eligible school.
6. Return applications to:
Susan Cloos, Scholarship Committee
c/o Watalula Water Association
P.O. BOX 1121
Ozark, AR 72949



2017
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 10, 2017

Name of Applicant _____ Age _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Telephone Number _____ Utility Represented _____

I am currently enrolled: _____
Name of Institution _____

I will be enrolling in: _____
Name of Institution _____

Located at: _____
Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number for Verification _____

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ARKANSAS WATER & WASTEWATER MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CONFERENCE - JULY 19,20,21 and 22nd, 2017
The Sheraton Hotel Downtown, Memphis, TN

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| Pre-Registration (AWWMA Members) . . . | \$350.00 | | Registration Amount | |
| Pre-Registration (Non-AWWMA Members) . . . | \$375.00 | | | |
| Registration at the Door | \$400.00 | | \$ | |
| <i>(Registration includes member & one guest for all meals)</i> | | | | |
| Additional Meal Costs <i>(Please note that meal costs for children and additional guests are not included in registration fees above!)</i> | # Extra Adult Tickets | | # Extra Child (12 & Under) Tickets | Amount Included Per Meal |
| Extra Meet & Greet Tickets..... Wednesday Evening <i>(Adults-12 yrs and up \$35.00 ea./Children 12 & under \$17.00 ea.)</i> | | | \$ | |
| Extra Banquet Tickets..... Friday Evening <i>(Adults-12 yrs and up \$40.00 ea./Children 12 & under \$20.00 ea.)</i> | | | \$ | |
| Extra Breakfast tickets..... Thursday <i>(\$19.00 ea./Children Under 12 \$10)</i> | | | \$ | |
| Extra Breakfast tickets..... Friday <i>(\$19.00 ea./Children under 12 \$10)</i> | | | \$ | |
| Extra Breakfast tickets..... Saturday <i>(\$19.00 ea./children under 12 \$10)</i> | | | \$ | |
| TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED | | | \$ | |

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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| Name: | | Title: | | | | |
| Spouse/Guest: | | City/Company: | | | | |
| Telephone No.: | | Email: | | | | |
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| ADH or ADEQ Training ID (OOOOABC) | | | | | | |
| Children Attending | Age | Name | Age | Name | Age | Name |
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RETURN THIS FORM WITH CHECK NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2017 TO:

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **AWWMA**
SEND TO: Heath Ward, P.O. BOX 769, Springdale, AR 72765
MAKE HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS BY JUNE 19, 2017
THE SHERATON HOTEL DOWNTOWN, MEMPHIS, TN
Tell them you are with AWWMA for Contract Room Rates
Absolutely no registration refunds after June 30, 2017