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President's Message

Week of February 14, 2020

NEWEA Annual Conference and MWUA Trade Show: MEWEA officers had the pleasure of attending both the NEWEA Annual Conference and the MWUA Trade show the past two weeks. Both associations put on a fantastic show, with a good number of vendors and excellent sessions. At the NEWEA Conference, we spent a substantial amount of time coordinating with regional governmental affairs and technical committee efforts, including several presentations and discussions on biosolids management. At the MWUA trade show, I was able to learn more about GAUD's and Anson-Madison's experiences with peracetic acid. Thank you to all the presenters and organizers at both shows.

2019 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey: The MaineDEP is still taking responses from Publicly Owned Treatment Works for the 2019 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey. This survey information will be beneficial in showcasing funding needs for POTWs. If you have not already responded to the survey, please find more information about the process at the DEP's website link for the survey, <https://www.maine.gov/dep/water/wwtreatment/index.html>

Annual Family Skate Night – February 21st: The Young Professionals Committee is again sponsoring the MEWEA Family Skate Night at Thompson's Point Rink in Portland, February 21st at 5:30 PM. This is well-attended event, and a great winter alternative to other association's "summer picnic" type events. Please coordinate with the YP Committee Chair, Max Kenney, at mkenney@woodardcurran.com if you would like to attend.

Legislative Breakfast and Executive Meeting – February 27th: The Legislative Breakfast will be held on February 27th in Augusta at the Senator Inn, with our next executive committee meeting to follow. This year we will be communicating our standard legislative asks, while also focusing on emerging contaminants. If you are interested in attending, or inviting your local legislators, please register here: <https://memun.org/Training-Resources/Workshops-Training/Training-Resources-View/ArticleId/12635/MeWEA-39-s-2020-Legislative-Breakfast-sponsored-by-Maine-Water-Environment-Association-2-27-20>

Ski Day – March 27th: The annual ski day with the New Hampshire Water Pollution Control Association (NHWPCA) will be held on March 27 at Sugarloaf Mountain. Come out for a day of skiing/snowboarding and some great networking! Register today! <https://www.mewea.org/annual-ski-day/>

MEWEA Spring Conference – April 3rd: Our spring conference is being held at the Black Bear Inn in Orono in April. MEWEA's Personnel Advancement Committee are working hard on the session agenda to provide a wide range of topics! I'm looking forward to attending this convention and hope to see many of you up there!

Upcoming Events:

February 21: MEWEA Family Ice Skate Night: 5:30-7:30 pm at Thompson's Point in Portland.

February 27: Legislative Breakfast: 7-9 am Senator Inn in Augusta. Executive Committee meeting to follow

March 26: Maine Sustainability and Water Conference: Augusta Civic Center

March 27: Ski Day: Sugarloaf Mountain, Carrabassett Valley

April 2: MEWEA Strategic Planning and Executive Committee Meeting, Black Bear Inn (Orono)

April 3: MEWEA Spring Conference, Black Bear Inn (Orono)

April 25: Urban Runoff 5k and Green Neighbor Festival: 8-12, Deering High School in Portland.

Best,

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