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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**May 18, 2020**

Hi all,

Following up from our board meeting on May 15, we have several items to notify membership about. I hope all are staying safe and looking forward to Memorial Day Weekend!

First off, we have an update on Steve Broadbent's condition. As noted in a prior message, Steve is currently in hospice care. Steve is a Past President of MEWEA, holding several wastewater industry jobs throughout his storied career. Steve has appreciated the outreach and support of the membership over the last several weeks, and he also is now respectfully asking us and others to limit direct outreach to those closest to him and his family. He remains in our thoughts and we wish him and his family the best in his time of need.

## **AWARDS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Operations Challenge is still looking for one more team member for 2020. Please contact Rob Pontau, [rpontau@brunswicksewer.org](mailto:rpontau@brunswicksewer.org), if you have interest in this exciting opportunity.

MEWEA has a substantial recognition program, providing a number of awards for outstanding association members. With many of us taking on new responsibilities and stepping up to new challenges, now is as good a time as ever to submit an application for a worthy member. Please find additional information at the following link: <https://www.mewea.org/recognition-program/>

MEWEA is also seeking nominations for the Pelouin Award and Operator of the Year Award, as administered through NEWEA, with information here: <https://www.newea.org/about-us/awards/>

EPA is taking nominations for a POTW pretreatment award. To nominate a facility or department, please submit a few paragraphs discussing the positive actions that organization is taking to Justin Pimpare at [pimpare.justin@epa.gov](mailto:pimpare.justin@epa.gov) or James Crowley at [james.r.crowley@maine.gov](mailto:james.r.crowley@maine.gov). Nomination deadline is August 1st.

## **UPCOMING MEWEA EVENTS NOTIFICATION**

We have made the decision to cancel the MEWEA Spring Conference, which was originally planned to be postponed from the April date. Receipts will be mailed for those who pre-registered initially, and we are in the process of coordinating options for additional training credits.

## **UPDATED CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION FOR WATER PROFESSIONALS**

WEF, NEWEA, and the CDC have released materials to inform water professionals about the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Whereas we are aware this information is continually developing, we find it prudent to provide a link to this information, which will be updated with the most recent information available to them, from the MEWEA Website, <https://www.mewea.org/>

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