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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 21, 2020

It saddens me to inform you that Steve Broadbent passed away on May 19. As he has been a prominent figure in the clean water community and past president of the association, MEWEA has been updating membership on his ongoing health condition, and in his final days he mentioned his appreciation for the amount of outreach he received from the clean water community. Information is not yet available regarding memorial arrangements. Our hearts go out to his family, and those closest to Steve.

2020 CLEAN WATERSHEDS NEEDS SURVEY

As was notified in an e-mail to facilities earlier this week, MaineDEP (DEP) is reaching out to all Maine municipal and quasi-municipal wastewater entities and stormwater groups to gather information on the state's wastewater and stormwater infrastructure via the 2020 Clean Watersheds "Needs Survey" (CWNS). What we need from membership is the wastewater and stormwater needs information that reflects the current situation in your system by completing the survey. The CWNS is located at <https://www.maine.gov/dep/water/wwtreatment/index.html>.

Please note that if federal funding becomes available for wastewater and/or stormwater projects through National Infrastructure Stimulus funding, MaineDEP will only be accepting applications for stimulus funded projects that have been reported to us in response to the 2020 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey.

AWARDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Operations Challenge is still looking for one more team member for 2020. Please contact Rob Pontau, 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/>

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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