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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July 14, 2020

It saddens me to inform our membership of another passing within the clean water community. Our friend Rick McCarthy passed away late last week after several weeks in hospice care and a long battle with cancer. Rick has been our advocate and lobbyist at the State House for several years. He has been fighting a courageous battle with cancer for many months. Rick helped guide us through a number of legislative mine fields over the years and oversaw a number of our bills result in successful adoption of important legislation. A full obituary for Mr. McCarthy is provided below, and my sincerest wishes go out to his family!

<https://www.centralmaine.com/2020/07/12/obituaryrichmond-k-rick-mccarthy/>

VIRTUAL CONVENTION PLANNING, TRAINING CREDITS AND NEXT STEPS

I, and all of the Association's leadership, appreciate impacts to membership by moving the Fall Convention to a virtual platform, especially when compounded with cancellation of other similar events. We remain dedicated to working closely with our membership to best define a virtual convention that will suit membership needs. If you would like to provide feedback on the Virtual Fall Convention, we have created the following survey to identify what membership would like to see for training, social networking, and professional networking:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WD3LH5G>

If you have any other questions regarding the conference, please feel free to be in direct coordination with myself at 207-319-1512, or the e-mail at the end of this notice.

2020 CLEAN WATERSHEDS NEEDS SURVEY

As was notified in an e-mail to facilities in May, 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.

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 from the MEWEA Website, <https://www.mewea.org/>

As always, please feel free to reach out with any MEWEA questions.

Best,

Michael Guethle, P.E.

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