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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Friday the 13th everyone,

I was fortunate enough to attend the MWUA/MEWEA summer outing yesterday, at which I was able to see many familiar faces for the first time in well over a year. It looked like everyone had a great time. A big thank you to all those who helped make the day so successful, from the vendors to the attendees to the coordinators. Keeping with the theme of one water, we had a water/wastewater duo take home the gold for the cornhole tournament. Rob Pontau of Brunswick Sewer District and Keith Levasseur of Sanford Water District were victorious. This was my first time going, and I thought it to be a great event and look forward to next year.

August 26th launches the 2021 Maine [Hire-A-Vet Campaign](#). MEWEA and MWUA will be sharing a booth in support of this annual event. If you are interested, please visit the link above to register. This is a great opportunity to bring highly motivated and skilled individuals into the water sector. Another route for hiring of veterans separating from military duty is through the Department of Defense [Skillbridge](#) program. Please follow the link for more details. We have also partnered with Boots2Roots as part of our workforce development. Please visit the [Boots2Roots](#) website for more information.

There are other avenues for skilled help as well, such as Northern and Southern Maine Community Colleges. Both colleges now have [water/wastewater programs](#). Although it is early, we have had one meeting with Unity College to discuss a water and clean water program, which all of us left feeling excited about. There will be more to come on this after future meetings.

Our fall convention is only a month away at Sunday River. I'd love to see you there. Please register [here](#) if you are interested in going. We have some great classes scheduled (see Session Map in the [Attendee Packet](#)) as well as our special guest speaker, [Travis Mills](#), a meet and greet event with vendors, and the 4th annual Collection System Committees Cornhole Tournament. **Special Challenge:** If anyone can bring a wastewater math problem to Mac Richardson (who'll be presenting Session 2) that he cannot solve, he will buy them a beverage of their choice. Up to three people can win.

As always thank you all for your dedication, and if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me directly. ptucker@yorksewerdistrict.org.

Sincerely,

Phil Tucker
President