



MWOA Members and Supporters,

I'm writing to inform you that the 2020 MWOA Annual Conference has been canceled. The MWOA Board made the very difficult decision this week based on a combination of health and safety concerns, travel restrictions, and concerns about large group gatherings due to COVID-19. I'm sure this news may leave you with some questions and the detailed information below should address most of them.

Refunds - Everyone who has already registered will receive either a full refund or (if they prefer) a credit toward next year's conference.

Hotels - MWOA is not affiliated with the Timberlake Lodge for room reservations. If you have reservations at the Timberlake Lodge for the 2020 MWOA Conference you should contact the hotel and cancel. Their phone number is (218) 326-2600. If you are already looking forward to the 2021 conference (I sure am!) please make reservations at the hotel for July 27 - 30th, 2021. If your hotel reservation is at the Super 8 or the AmericInn please contact them to cancel your reservation, and we are currently working with these hotels to adjust the room blocks for 2021.

Scholarships - Scholarship awards will be given this year to four selected student applicants.

Awards - Operator awards will be given this year and the recipients featured in a special Fall Edition of the Wastewatcher. 2020 award recipients will be recognized in person at the 2021 Annual Conference Awards Banquet.

Election of Officers - The [MWOA bylaws](#) state that elected officers on the MWOA board remain in place until the next annual meeting. In this situation, Board Members whom would be up for election will remain in their current posts until the Annual Conference in 2021.

If participants or vendors have any questions about this please contact us at [mwoatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:mwoatreasurer@gmail.com)

The cornerstones of our conference are both the outstanding technical program at an affordable cost as well as professional networking and camaraderie. With this in mind, the MWOA Executive Board and I are committed to making next year's conference extra special. Can't wait to see you all in July 2021.

MWOA President Amy Schreader

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Toward a Cleaner Tomorrow!!**