

Wednesday, July 23

**GENERAL SESSION**  
Presider: Frank Stuemke, MWOA President

8:15 Welcome  
*Frank Stuemke (MWOA President)*

8:30 “Why the Chicken Crossed the Road”  
*Brian Mehr, Pilgrim’s Pride*

9:15 WW Tech School Roundtable—How can MWOA members help fill your seats

**9:45 MWOA Business Meeting**

**10:15 Break**

10:30 State of the State in Wastewater  
*Suzanne Baumann, MPCA*

11:45 Sewer Backups & the Paper Trail  
*Troy Walsh, LMCIT*

**12:30 Lunch**

**VENDOR DISPLAYS/DEMOS**  
Presider: Amy Schreader and Joe Rubbelke

12:30–4:30 Technology, Product Demos, & Services  
*Prize drawings will be held during the session*  
*Grand Prize Drawing – Must be present to win*

**4:30 Picnic / Meet and Greet**  
Bean Bag Tournament  
Cash bar, Door prizes

**Sponsored by MWOA, Vendors and Other Contributors**



See you next year!  
July 28–31, 2026

Thursday, July 24

**WASTEWATER EXAM STUDY SESSION**  
8:00–4:30 Trainers:

**Wastewater Tests:**  
**A–B Wastewater:** *Marcus Weikert, Joel Jasmore, MRWA*  
**C–D Wastewater:** *Joe Janson, MRWA*

**Collections Test:**  
**SA–SB Collections:** *TBD*  
**SC–SD Collections:** *TBD*

**BIOSOLIDS SESSION**  
Presiders:  
**Cory Schultz, MPCA; Eric Lynne, Donohue**

8:00 Networking—Who/why/what went well or what didn’t go so well  
*Cory Schultz, Sherry Bock, MPCA*

8:45 Concrete spalling repair & crack injection  
*Western Specialties*

**9:30 Break**

9:45 Site Application Forms  
*Kevin Krause, MPCA*

10:45 Annual Reports  
*Lauren Bammert, MPCA*

11:15 Annual Report Activity continued  
*Lauren Bammert, MPCA*

11:45 Q&A if time allows/networking with attendees

**12:00 Lunch**

1:00 Solids Thickening Panel  
*WLSSD, Fairbault*

1:45 PFAS and Biosolids Thermal Treatment  
*David Quast, SEH*

**2:30 Break**

2:45 Biosolids PFAS Strategy/Resources/ Analytical review  
*Cory Schultz & Sherry Bock, MPCA*

3:30 Biosolids PFAS Strategy/Resource/Analytical review continued

**COLLECTION SESSION**  
Presider: Rachel Kranz, FOTH

8:00 The Dirty Truth: Why What You Do Matters— and How to Talk About it  
*AJ Axtell, WLSSD*

8:45 The Evolution of Locating Equipment, Practices and the Tracer Wire Specification  
*Paul Teicher, Utility Logic*

**9:30 Break**

9:45 Pipeline Inspection Software  
*Chris McAleenan, Flexible Pipe Tool Company*

10:15 Vactor Jetting Nozzles  
*Aaron Holzemer & Anthony Frescas, MacQueen*

11:15 How to Read Plans and New Access MHs  
*Frank Stuemke, DSG Supply*

**12:00 Lunch**

1:00 Options for Pipe and Manhole Rehabilitation  
*Todd Stelmacher, Visu-Sewer*

1:45 Keeping Your Crews Safe Around Excavations  
*Gary Carlson Equipment*

**2:30 Break**

2:45 Monoform MH Rehabilitation  
*Jake Nanti, HK Solutions*

3:30 Valve Insertions, Line Stops, and Conveyance  
*Ron Weston, Rangeline Group*

4:00 Sewer Jeopardy  
*Todd Carlson, Retired Sanitary & Storm Sewer Sludge Shoveler*

**WASTEWATER SESSION**  
Presider: Al Parrella

8:00 Total Nitrogen Removal  
*Eric Lynne, Donohue and Associates.*

8:45 What Every Operator Needs to Know About Hose  
*Greg Borash, Hose Pros*

**9:30 Break**

9:45 Supercritical Water Oxidation for PFAS Removal  
*Kelsey Klucas, U of MN; Ali Ling, U of St. Thomas*

10:15 Here To Help: Municipal WW Tech Assistance  
*Kira Peterson, Brett Brehm, MPCA*

10:45 Treatment Chemical Markets  
*Dave Schindeldecker, Hawkins*

11:15 Combined Heat and Power (or “I’ve got gas”)  
*Chuck Kimball, WLSSD*

**12:00 Lunch**

1:00 CMAR and Collaborative Delivery for WW Projects  
*Tracy Ekola, Sherri Leonard, Brown and Caldwell*

1:45 Cybersecurity in WW: What Every Operator Needs to Know  
*Dave Skramsted, OT Security Advisors*

**2:30 Break**

2:45 Rosemont/Emersons’ Municipal Flow Monitoring  
*Tom Johnson, Emerson Measurement Solutions*

3:30 Temperature Impact on WWT  
*Brandon Stall, Bolton Menk*

4:00 Reactive to Proactive: A Progressive Approach to Optimizing Your Maintenance  
*Leslee Storlie, Steven Hutchings, Hazen and Sawyer*

**MWOA Conference Banquet**  
**6:00 Social Hour**  
**7:00 Banquet and Awards**

Friday, July 25

**GENERAL SESSION**  
Presider: Tim Gratke MWOA President

**7:30 Breakfast for all attendees in front of session rooms**

8:00 MWOA Introductions of Board Members and Section Leaders

8:10 Regionalization of Wastewater Systems  
*Bolton & Menk*

9:00 Fastenal—What Can We Do For You  
*Conner Gavin, Fastenal MN*

10:30 MESWRB Membership and MN Legislation Session Update  
*Daniel Mars or Cooper Silburn; Elizabeth Weffel, Flaherty & Hood*

11:30 Closing Comments and Drawings  
*MWOA Board*

**8:30–12:30 Exam Session**  
*\*exam start time subject to change; check with MPCA Staff at the conference*

PAST LOYAL SERVICE AWARDS

1969	Walter Hogenson, Rochester
1970	Anton PirkI, Owatonna
1971	Gilbert Junge, Moorhead
1972	C. George King, Bloomington
1973	Otto Kuehne, International Falls
1974	Ralph Thimmesch, Caledonia
1975	Henry Ellens, Mora
1976	Axel Jensen, Silver Bay
1977	Not Available
1978	Clarence Boelen, Cimarron MHP
1979	Art Johnson, Duluth
1980	Robert Knutson, Austin
1981	Andy Zajac, MWCC - Hastings
1982	Willard Sexauer, MPCA
1983	Emil Flicek, New Prague
1984	Harold Ulrich, Owatonna
1985	John Thom, Richfield
1986	David Frey, Marshall
1987	Ray Anderson, General Repair
1988	Leland Enge, Thief River Falls
1989	John McLouth, Mora
1990	Jim Miller, Mankato
1991	John Gray, MVTL
1992	Chuck DeWolf, Litchfield
1993	Karen Cummings, Bemidji
1994	Del Haag, MPCA
1995	Gene Erickson, MPCA
1996	Dan Zarembinski, Woodbury
1997	Steve Kleist, Vermillion Com Coll
1998	Jerry Balbach, MVTL
1999	Bob Zimmerman, Moorhead
2000	Steve Johnsen, WLSSD
2001	Jarrold Christen, Detroit Lakes
2002	Steve Duerre, MPCA
2003	Rick Lohmann, Zumbrota
2004	Steve Lipinski, Duluth
2005	Bob Van Moer, Marshall
2006	Joel Schmidt, Prairie Island
2007	Rick Ashling, Albert Lea
2008	Tim Polipnick, Breezy Point
2009	Dean Nelson, Owatonna
2010	Pat Meyer, Isanti
2011	Sandy Mass, Duluth
2012	Dianne Navratil, MPCA
2013	Steve Duerre, MPCA
2014	Todd Carlson, Duluth
2015	Randy Poore, Bloomington
2016	Joe Rubbelke, Copperhead Innovations
2017	Mark Saunders
2018	Jim Miller
2019	Howard Jacobson
2020	NA
2021	Linda Mullen
2022	Al Parrella
2024	Chris Kleist

MWOA PAST PRESIDENTS

1956–57	Walter Hogenson, Rochester
1957–58	Carl Lund, Duluth
1958–59	James L. Rudd, Alexandria
1959–60	Robert Knutson, Austin
1960–61	L.D. Graig, St. Cloud
1962–63	Carroll Jensen, New Ulm
1963–64	Melvin Koch, Faribault
1964–65	Howard Grindy, Anoka
1965–66	Axel Jensen, Silver Bay
1966–67	Roger Ebersole, Northfield
1967–68	Jack Giles, St. Cloud
1968–69	Ralph Rader, Mankato
1969–70	James Pastika, Cloquet
1970–71	C. George King, Bloomington
1971–72	Ralph Thimmech, Caledonia
1972–73	Andrew Zajac, Hastings
1973–74	Henry Ellens, Mora
1974–75	James Johnson, Duluth
1975–76	Daryl Lambert, Worthington
1976–77	Dwayne Nelson, Owatonna
1977–78	John Thom, Dept of Education
1978–79	Emil Flicek, New Prague
1979–80	Dave Frey, Marshall
1980–81	Harold Ulrich, Owatonna
1981–82	Leland Enge, Thief River Falls
1982–83	Del Domagala, Luverne
1983–84	Byron Zeeveld, Hastings
1984–85	Chuck DeWolf, Litchfield
1985–86	Harold Wadewitz, Lewiston
1986–87	Gordon Peters, Bloomington
1987–88	John McLouth, Mora
1988–89	Joel Schmidt, Olivia
1989–90	Steve Johnsen, WLSSD
1990–91	Jim Miller, Mankato
1991–92	Del Haag, MPCA
1992–93	Steve Kleist, Vermillion Comm Coll
1993–94	John Gray, MVTL
1994–95	Dan Zarembinski, Woodbury
1995–96	Bob Cockriel, Bloomington
1996–97	Robert Zimmerman, Moorhead
1997–98	Rick Lohman, Zumbrota
1998–99	Jarrold Christen, Detroit Lakes
1999–00	Stephen Lipinski, Duluth
2000–01	Randy Stetler, Anoka
2001–02	Ron Hagemeier, GLSSD
2002–03	Jerry Balbach, MVTL
2003–04	Dave Simons, Met Council
2004–05	Dean Nelson, Owatonna
2005–06	Rick Ashling, Albert Lea
2006–07	Keith Redmond, St Cloud Tech College
2007–08	Randy Poore, Bloomington
2008–09	Pat Meyer, Isanti
2009–10	Bob Van Moer, Marshall
2010–11	Howard Jacobson, Duluth
2011–12	Linda Mullen, Burnsville
2012–13	Todd Carlson, Duluth
2013–14	Christopher Kleist, Duluth
2014–15	Joe Rubbelke, MN Pump Works
2015–16	Richard Olson, Owatonna
2016–17	Al Parrella, WLSSD
2017–18	Kay Curtin
2018–19	Wade Klingsporn
2019–21	Amy Schreader
2021–22	Jayme Klecker
2022–23	Paul Christensen
2023–24	Kelsey Prall

CERTIFICATION HOURS

- 16 Direct Wastewater hours  
or if attending the Biosolids Session
- 6 Type Four hours and  
10 Wastewater hours

Certificates of Attendance  
will be available Friday  
after the General Session



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