

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

🔹 GENERAL SESSION

PRESIDER: Tim Gratke, *MWOA President*

- 8:15 Welcome**
Tim Gratke, *MWOA President*
- 8:30 Nano-Bubble Technology**
Tony Belden
- 9:15 Most Common Wastewater OSHA Citations & How to Avoid Them**
Chad Peterson, *Safe Assure*
- 9:45 MWOA Business Meeting**
- 10:15 BREAK**
- 10:30 Trace But Not Trivial—Chasing Low-Level Mercury in Wastewater**
Dr. Paul Wentworth, *RMB Labs*
- 11:15 State of the State in Wastewater**
Suzanne Baumann, *MPCA*

12:30 LUNCH

🔹 VENDOR DISPLAYS/DEMOS

PRESIDERS: Amy Schreder 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

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**See you next year!
July 27–30, 2027**

THURSDAY, JULY 30

🔹 BIOSOLIDS SESSION

PRESIDER: Cory Schultz, *MPCA,*

- 8:00 Logistics & Introductions**
Cory Schultz & Brandon Huston
- 8:45 Biosolids Regulatory Framework and History**
Greg Kester
- 9:30 BREAK**
- 9:45 Biosolids PFAS Updates**
Cory Schultz, *MPCA*
- 10:30 Soils Basics, Using WebSoil Survey & Site Application**
Kevin Krause
- 12:00 LUNCH**
- 1:00 Albert Lea WWTF Pyrolysis Pilot Study & PFAS Source ID and Reduction**
Angie Saffert & Brenden Olevson, *Bolton Menk*
- 1:45 PFAS Biosolids Destruction**
David Quast, *SEH*
- 2:30 BREAK**
- 2:45 St Cloud WWTF SCWO Pilot Study**
Andy McCabe, *Barr*
- 3:15 Local Metals Limits Review**
Jon Peterson, *Bolton Menk*
- 3:45 Networking: How has PFAS sampling impacted your biosolids program?**
Cory Schultz & Brandon Huston

🔹 COLLECTION SESSION

PRESIDER: Rachel Kranz, *FOTH*

- 8:00 Coatings**
Jake Nelson, *Sherwin Williams*
- 8:45 Control Panel and Instrumentation Basics**
Anthony Bramante, *InControl*
- 9:30 BREAK**
- 9:45 Open Channel Flow Metering Technologies**
Travis DeGroot, *Tech Sales*
- 10:15 USEMCO Buildings**
Justin MacPherson, *Minnesota Pump Works*
- 10:45 Sewer Pipes**
Doug Kilanowski, *Northern Pipe*
- 11:15 Dezurik Valves**
John Skalla, *Dezurik*
- 12:00 LUNCH**
- 1:00 MnDOT Work Zone Safety**
Tom Dailey, *MnDOT*
- 1:45 Generator Design Considerations**
Adam Wahler, *AE2S*
- 2:30 BREAK**
- 2:45 Lift or Let It Flow: The Waukesha Greenmeadow Interceptor**
Josh Zimmermann, *Brierley Associates*
- 3:30 Collection System Math**
- 4:00 Collection System Jeopardy**
Todd Carlson, *Retired Sewer Gent*

🔹 WASTEWATER SESSION

PRESIDER: Al Parrella, *Barr*

- 8:00 Pumps**
Dan Nessler, *Barr*
- 8:45 Clarifier Overhaul**
Nathan Parr, *WLSSD*
- 9:30 BREAK**
- 9:45 Chemical Market Update**
Dave Schindeldecker, *Hawkins*
- 10:15 Energy Reduction**
Andee Huff Chester, *B&C*
- 10:45 PFAS Removal Tech**
Sara Ahmed-Menzies, *Barr*
- 11:15 Thickening and Dewater Tech**
Andritz
- 12:00 LUNCH**
- 1:00 Rockford, IL Filters**
Donohue and Assoc.
- 1:45 Granular Mixed Liquor**
Donohue and Assoc.
- 2:30 BREAK**
- 2:45 Nutrient Removal**
Bolton-Menk
- 3:30 Rochester Upgrade**
Slim Meersm
- 4:00 Vermillion CC Update**
O'Niell Tedrow

🔹 WASTEWATER EXAM STUDY SESSION

8:00–4:30 Wastewater Refresher Classes

TRAINERS:

*A-B Wastewater: Marcus Weikert, MRWA SA-SB Collections: Kay Curtin, Curtin Consulting & Training LLC
C-D Wastewater: Joe Janson, MRWA SC-SD Collections: Kelly Janes, AE2S*

🔹 MWOA Conference Banquet

6:00 SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 BANQUET AND AWARDS



FRIDAY, JULY 31

🔹 GENERAL SESSION

PRESIDER: Brandon Huston, *MWOA President*

- 7:30 BREAKFAST FOR ALL ATTENDEES**
held in front of session rooms
- 8:00 MWOA Introductions of Board Members and Section Leaders**
Brandon Huston, *MWOA President*

8:10 Outstanding Wastewater Women Who Broke the Glass Ceiling

Linda Mullen, Kay Curtin, Amy Schreder, Kelsey Prall

9:00 Be an Ops Challenge Hero
Eric Lynne, *Donohue & Assoc.*

9:45 BREAK

10:00 Minnesota Weather
Joseph Moore, *NOAA*

10:30 Workforce Recruitment
Michelle Stockness, *Freshwater*

11:30 Closing Comments, Survey 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 Pirkl, Owatonna
1971 Gilbert Junge, Moorhead
1972 C. George King, Bloomington
1973 Otto Kuehne, International Falls
1974 Ralph Thimmesh, 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 Jarrod 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 Jarrod Christen, Detroit Lakes
1999-00 Stephen Lipinski, Duluth
2000-01 Randy Stetler, Anoka
2001-02 Ron Hagemeyer, 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 +
10 Wastewater hours

**Certificates of Attendance
will be available Friday
after the General Session**



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