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# 2016 Annual Report

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## 2016 Annual Business Meeting Agenda

**Friday October 7**

**Telus Convention Center**

**Calgary Alberta**

- I. Call to Order
- II. 2016 Annual Report
- III. Appointment of Auditor for 2016
- IV. Board Appointments and Election Results
  - a. Mark Draper, Vice Chair 2016-2017 by acclimation
  - b. Max Wong, Treasurer 2016-2019 by acclimation
  - c. Bill Burgess, Manitoba Trustee 2016-2019 by acclimation
  - d. Alberta Trustee, Craig Bonneville, to be appointed for 1 year term
- V. Silver Water Drop Awards
  - Garth Carl
  - Wing Choy
  - Lyle Clarke
  - Neil Evans
  - James Green
  - David Hambley
  - Ken Holmes
  - Wendell James
  - Jan Korzeniowski
  - Dave Kubik
  - Bruce McLeod
  - Tom Pearson
  - Arvid Pederson
  - Hans Peterson
  - Stephen Poole
  - Robert Pritchard
  - Gordon Putz
  - David Rector
  - Riyaz Shariff
  - Dennis Smerchanski
  - Woytek Stachowski
  - Alan Thompson
  - Clayton Tiedemann
  - Peter Wallis
  - Paul Wong
- VI. Questions
- VII. Adjournment

## 2015 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

**Thursday September 17, 2015 2:00 PM**

**Room 15 South, RBC Convention Centre**

**Winnipeg Manitoba**

I. Call to Order

Jason Sinclair called the meeting to order at 1:52 PM.

II. Annual Report

The 2015 Annual Report was made available on the WCS AWWA website and copies were available for members present.

*Motion Dawn Dierker moved to accept the 2015 Annual Report. Dan Limacher seconded. Motion carried.*

III. Appointment of Auditor for 2015

*Motion Dan Limacher moved to appoint Calvista Professional Accountants to conduct the 2015 Audit. Kevin Lang seconded. Motion carried.*

IV. Board Appointments and Election Results

The new board members were elected by acclimation. The following positions were filled:

- Kyla Kirk, Vice Chair 2015-2016 by acclimation
- Joe Zimmer, Saskatchewan Trustee 2015-2018 by acclimation
- Manitoba Trustee, to be appointed for 1 year term

*Motion Ken Anderson moved to accept the election results. Paul Wobma seconded. Motion carried.*

V. Questions from the Floor

There were no comments or questions from the floor.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:58 PM.

## WCS AWWA Board

### 2015-2016 Board of Directors

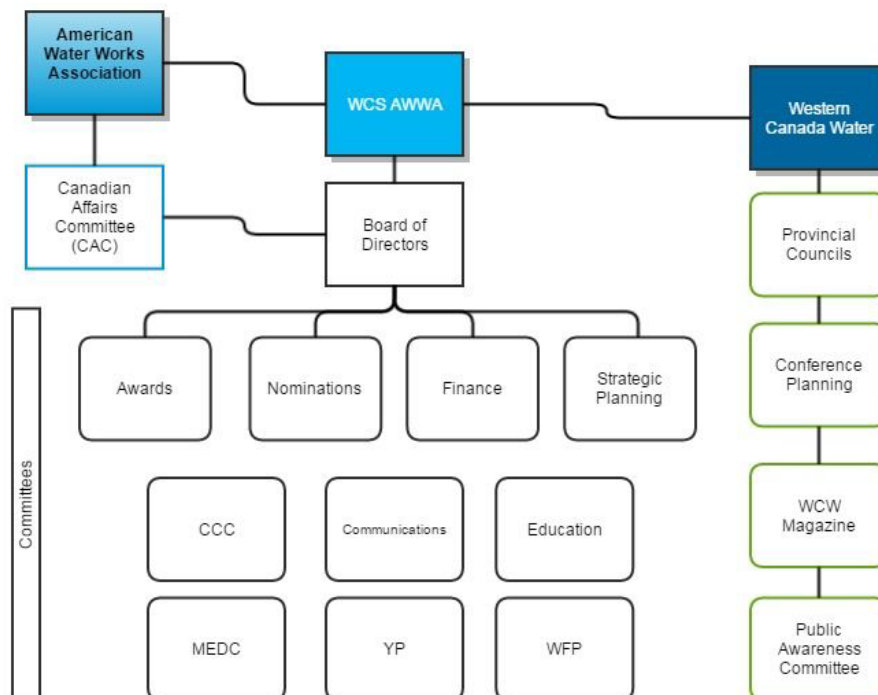
Chair	Jason Sinclair, City of Calgary
Chair Elect	Michael Binns, Associated Engineering
Vice Chair	Kyla Kirk, CH2M HILL Canada Ltd
Past Chair	Ken Anderson, Associated Engineering
Treasurer	Mark Draper, CH2M HILL Canada Ltd
AWWA Director	Dan Limacher, City of Calgary
Alberta Trustee	Max Wong, Capital H2O Systems Inc
Saskatchewan Trustee	Joe Zimmer, EPCOR Water Services Inc
Manitoba Trustee	Bill Burgess, AECOM Canada Ltd
Executive Director	Audrey Arisman

### Committee Chairs

Cross Connection Control	Kevin Lang, City of Regina
Communications	Justin Rak-Banville, WSP Canada Inc
Education	C. Gyn-Gyn Lee, EPCOR
Membership Chair	Brent Houle, City of Winnipeg
Water For People Co Chair	Anne Bridgman, Canadian Water Technologies Ltd
Water For People Co Chair	Kari MacDonald, City of Calgary
Young Professionals	Nisa Jayathilake, City of Calgary

### WCS AWWA Organization Chart

Current Section information and Strategic Plan are available online at [www.wcsawwa.net](http://www.wcsawwa.net).



## WCS AWWA Members Active on AWWA Committees

<i>Name</i>	<i>Committee</i>
Araki, Sheldon	Regulating Valves
Arisman, Audrey	Member Engagement & Development Committee
Ashbolt, Nicholas	M68, Water Quality In Dist. Systems Organisms In Water
Bess-Ouko, Claudia	Climate Change
Bontus, George	Applied Linings Condition Assessment Subcommittee Cured-In-Place Pipe Rehabilitation Sliplining Structural Classes of Pipeline Repair Water Main Rehabilitation
Cameron, Alida	Asset Management
Deshpande, Dipen	Water Treatment Plant Residuals Mgmt.
Geer, Moira	M29, Fundamentals of Water Utility Capital Financing
Gerlack, Dylan	Cross Connection Control M14, Recommended Practice For Backflow Prevention & CCC
Green, James	M14, Recommended Practice For Backflow Prevention & CCC
Griffin, Duane	Electronic Revenue Meters Water Meters
Hambley, David	Ion Exchange
Hampaul, Rahul	Disinfectants Fluorides
Hawboldt, Bob	Engineering Modeling Applications
Jeirani, Zahra	Membrane Technology Research Organic Contaminants Control
Kellsey, Brian	Fire Hydrants
Lang, Kevin	Canadian Cross Connection Control Coordinating Committee
Limacher, Dan	Board of Directors Canadian Affairs Committee
Macey, Chris	Applied Linings Condition Assessment Subcommittee Cured-In-Place M77, Condition Assessment Pipe Bursting Structural Classes of Pipeline Repair Water Main Rehabilitation
Mason, Brad	Water Loss Control
Molla, Saif	Joint Section Research
Olson, Doug	Water Treatment Facilities Design & Constr.
Pearce, Candice	Water Treatment Plant Residuals Mgmt.
Pruden, Douglas	Small Systems Technical Review
Rak-Banville, Justin	Section YP Committee Chairs
Ruecker, Norma	M48, Waterborne Pathogens Microbiological Contaminants Research Organisms In Water
Seargeant, Douglas	Asset Management C502 - Dry Barrel Fire Hydrants
Szkwarek, Lucy	M29, Fundamentals of Water Utility Capital Financing
Wigmore, David	Canadian Cross Connection Control Coordinating Committee
Wilner, Deon	Sustainable Infrastructure
Wobma, Paul	Canadian Affairs Committee
Young, Christopher	Concrete Water Tanks, Conventionally Reinforced Cast-In-Place

## WCS AWWA Strategic Plan

### Vision Statement

The association of choice for professionals providing solutions for total water management.

### Mission Statement

Uniting the water community to provide safe and sustainable water through industry leadership and knowledge exchange.

## STRATEGIC GOALS AND RELATED STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

### Strategic Goal:

#### Member Engagement & Development

WCS AWWA will be recognized as the water association of choice by creating meaningful and unique opportunities for our water community.

#### Strategic Objectives

- Increase engagement of members within the Section
- Maintain or increase Section membership base
- Enhance understanding of membership value
- Evaluate volunteer management processes and structures

### Strategic Goal:

#### Organizational Stewardship

WCS AWWA will be an effective and efficient organization by practicing sound financial and risk management.

#### Strategic Objectives

- Update the WCS Board Management Plan
- Develop an understanding of what “Total Water Solutions” means to the Section
- Clarify understanding of how Section committees and volunteers should be working with other organizations
- Manage financial reserves within federal requirements and Section finance policy
- Enhance cross-committee and staff collaboration
- Strong succession plan for Section committees

### Strategic Goal:

#### Knowledge Creation & Exchange

WCS AWWA will create and exchange knowledge to benefit public health and the needs of our water community.

#### Strategic Objectives

- Develop a Member focused Education Plan
- Define the structure of the education committee
- Build on the success of the 2015 Specialty Workshop
- Explore new formats for content delivery
- Share and leverage content with other Sections and CO's

### Strategic Goal:

#### Leadership & Advocacy

WCS AWWA will lead our water community by identifying trends and issues, and engaging in other actions that promote safe water and reflect sound science.

#### Strategic Objectives

- Liaise with provincial governments on water industry priorities.
- Strategic partnerships with other water associations
- Public awareness of the value of water
- Increase awareness of water industry careers

## WCS AWWA Chair Report

The year 2016 has been a period of strategic planning for both AWWA and the WCS AWWA. AWWA released its updated Strategic Plan at ACE16 this past June, and the WCS AWWA Strategic Plan 2017-2020 was finalized in August in time for release at the WCW Annual Conference and the Section's AGM in Calgary this October. I'm confident that both strategic plans will guide our Board, Committees and Programs on a successful path, and one which provides increasing levels of benefit to our members.

A noteworthy AWWA initiative that is supporting our future industry talent is the 'Fresh Ideas Poster Competition'. This annual competition is aimed at student and young professional (YP) members, showcasing their work and talent with an opportunity to compete at an international level at AWWA's Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE). The winner from the 2016 section competition held at the WCW Conference in Calgary will go on to represent our Section at ACE 2017, in Philadelphia, PA. I encourage all student and YP members to participate in this annual event, and all members, mentors and supervisors of eligible competitors to support this poster competition at our annual conferences.

Our Cross Connection Control (CCC) Committee is undertaking an extensive make-over of the reference manual, which is widely used by CCC trainers as the 'AWWA Canadian CCC Manual'. The new look manual will feature improvements to the presentation of information and graphics, as well as new content that will enhance its impact in training programs across Canada. If the utility you work with doesn't currently have a CCC program, or is looking to update staff skills and certification, visit our website [www.wcsawwa.net](http://www.wcsawwa.net) under Backflow Prevention to find out more and for a list of trainers across our region.

As part of our volunteer leadership development program our Section's Board and Committee leadership are provided with opportunities to attend workshops and summits through AWWA on topics such as Young Professionals, Education, as well as Membership Engagement and Development. This year's volunteer training opportunities were well attended, however we are always looking to expand our future leadership resources and provide interested individuals with the development and training they will require to contribute to our association and industry. If you are interested in exploring opportunities with WCS AWWA or AWWA, please do not hesitate to contact a Board Member, Committee Chair or our Executive Director through the WCW Office.

This past year was also a busy social time for many of our members, with great industry networking events being held across our territory. The efforts of volunteers and staff to host these valued events are tremendous, reflecting a culture of collaboration, which is core to our industry. Water for People Committee volunteers held curling bonspiels in Calgary, Regina and Winnipeg during the cooler months and the popularity of these events is a testament to the organizers and participants. The Young Professional Committee and city representatives have also been busy providing interesting venues and concepts for networking opportunities, including plant tours in Saskatoon and Calgary, a tour of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights in Winnipeg, as well as bowling nights and beverage tastings in Winnipeg and Regina.

Our Section's volunteer base also provide invaluable resources to provide and promote continuing education and training opportunities to our membership and industry partners, through the participation in the Provincial Council coordinated seminar and training programs, as well as AWWA specific training events. We hope to build on this legacy of learning and sharing in future years with new and improved education offering to our members.

This is also my opportunity to thank the volunteers and Section staff that have made this past year as Section Chair a rewarding experience. I see great leadership in our Section's future, with the energy and innovation that comes from diversity and valuing new ways of thinking. To the Board and Committee Chairs, I thank you for delivering our Section's programs and events. To our members I thank you for supporting our association that will continue to improve people's quality life through your important work and knowledge, both within Canada and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jason Sinclair, P.Eng.*

Chair, Western Canada Section American Water Works Association

## WCS AWWA Awards

### WCS AWWA Outstanding Service Award

The purpose of this Award is to recognize those individual members who have provided valuable service and support for WCS AWWA programs and goals through their long standing WCS membership. Nominations should be a person for outstanding service related to activities in support of AWWA. This award may be conferred annually upon a member of the WCS who has demonstrated extraordinary loyalty to and support of AWWA through voluntary service in the form of Section Leadership and Administration, Membership Recruitment, Technical Contributions, Training, Encouragement and/or Support; a level of service above and beyond the call of duty that contribute substantially to the success of the WCS.

2010	Kelly Kjartanson	2010	Dan Limacher	2013	Paul Wobma
2010	Duane Griffin	2011	Terry Kjartanson	2014	Ken Wiens
2010	Don Poon	2011	Rodger McDonald	2014	Lorne Mireau
2010	Cal Sexsmith	2011	Simon Thomas	2015	
2010	Gerald Samuel	2012	Ray Bilevicius		

### George Warren Fuller Award

The George Warren Fuller Award is presented annually by the AWWA to a selected member of the section for their distinguished service to the water supply field in commemoration of the sound engineering skill, brilliant diplomatic talent, and constructive leadership which characterized the life of George Warren Fuller.

1971	Patrick Buothillier	1987	Rodger McDonald	2003	Kelly Kjartanson
1972	R.C. Sommerville	1988	Arthur Sparling	2005	Don Poon
1973	Ozzie Mang	1989	David Spink	2006	Terry Kjartanson
1974	Donald R. Graham	1990	Al Schwinghamer	2007	Dan Limacher
1976	F. Gordon Denson	1991	Perter Lawson	2008	Bert Munro
1978	William McKay	1993	Les Gammie	2009	Ray Bilevicius
1979	George Balacko	1995	Allan Davies	2010	Simon Thomas
1982	Eric Davis	1996	Erika Hargesheimer	2011	William A Bullee
1983	Ian B. Henderson	1997	Tom Pearson	2012	Duane Griffin
1984	David Shillabeer	1999	Dan Hogan	2013	Ian Wright
1985	Gerald Samuel	2000	Bill Brant	2014	Mark Keller
1986	Gene Dzugan	2002	Gordon Finch	2015	

### Leader of Tomorrow

This award recognizes the contributions of young members whose service and achievements are exceptional for their years of experience. The award is given to an emerging leader who has demonstrated an active commitment to the Association and the water industry as a whole.

2014	Brent Houle
2015	

### Kenneth J. Miller Founders' Award

The Kenneth J. Miller Founders' Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to Water For People was established in 2001 to recognize volunteers for their outstanding service and leadership in the advancement of the Water For People mission.

2001	Kathy Abramowski	2004	Brian Pfeifer	2009	Doug Campbell
2002	Doug Seargeant	2007	Doug Thorson	2010	Audrey Arisman
2003	Lisbeth Liebgott	2008	Randy Bracewell	2012	Paul Klassen



### Dave Walker Award

The Dave Walker Award was established in 1993 by the Western Canada Section AWWA, Cross Connection Control Committee to recognize those whose careers in this program exemplify vision, constructive leadership, excellent professional performance, and accomplishment characteristic of the late David Walker's productive career.

1993	Dave Walker	1997	Jim Green	2008	Michael Haslam
1994	Roland Tomuschat	1998	Robert Hartman	2009	Sheldon Diduck
1994	Ron Stecky	2002	Doug Snider	2010	Danny Wilson
1995	Robert Sneddon	2005	Reg Hammer	2012	Daniel Larson
1996	Russell Briscoe	2007	Gary Coons		

### Financial Report

#### Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	2015	2014
Income		
Cross Connection Control	<b>176,107</b>	145,444
AWWA Membership & Allotments	<b>88,883</b>	86,670
Education	<b>37,383</b>	23,578
Networking Events	<b>4,661</b>	3,226
Operational Revenue	<b>4,558</b>	3,853
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>311,592</b>	262,771
Expense		
Cross Connection Control	<b>94,818</b>	80,559
Subcontractors	<b>47,480</b>	40,100
Meetings and travel	<b>41,160</b>	26,951
Education and Training	<b>21,684</b>	5,133
Membership Costs	<b>16,179</b>	21,187
Audit and legal fees	<b>15,077</b>	15,738
Committees	<b>11,743</b>	9,638
Networking Events	<b>10,615</b>	8,504
Office and miscellaneous	<b>8,983</b>	8,416
Interest and bank charges	<b>4,424</b>	4,412
Awards	<b>656</b>	642
Water Bucks	<b>270</b>	1,405
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>273,089</b>	222,685
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>	<b>38,503</b>	40,086
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>424,072</b>	385,569

*As reported by Calvista LLP, Certified General Accountants*