

2017 Annual Report

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2017 Annual Business Meeting Agenda

Thursday September 21 2017

TCU Place

Saskatoon Saskatchewan

- I. Call to Order
- II. 2017 Annual Report
- III. Appointment of Auditor for 2017
- IV. Board Appointments and Election Results
 - Joe Zimmer, Vice Chair 2017-2018 by acclamation
 - Craig Bonneville, Alberta Trustee, 2017-2020 by acclamation
 - Rynette Moore-Guillaume, Saskatchewan Trustee to be appointed for 1 year term 2017-2018
- V. Questions
- VI. Adjournment

2016 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Friday October 7 2016

TELUS Convention Center

Calgary Alberta

- VII. Call to Order

Michael Binns called the meeting to order at 8:55 AM.
- VIII. Annual Report

The 2016 Annual Report was made available on the WCS AWWA website and copies were available for members present.

Motion Mark Draper moved to accept the 2016 Annual Report. Max Wong seconded. Motion carried.
- IX. Appointment of Auditor for 2016

Motion Ken Anderson moved to appoint Calvista Professional Accountants to conduct the 2016 Audit. Mark Draper seconded. Motion carried.
- X. Board Appointments and Election Results

The following board positions were announced:

 - Mark Draper, Vice Chair 2016-2017 by acclamation
 - Max Wong, Treasurer 2016-2019 by acclamation
 - Bill Burgess, Manitoba Trustee 2016-2019 by acclamation
 - Alberta Trustee, Craig Bonneville, appointed for 1 year term 2016-2017

Motion Dan Limacher moved to accept the election results. Kevin Lang seconded. Motion carried.
- XI. Questions from the Floor

There were no comments or questions from the floor.
- XII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

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WCS AWWA Board

2016-2017 Board of Directors

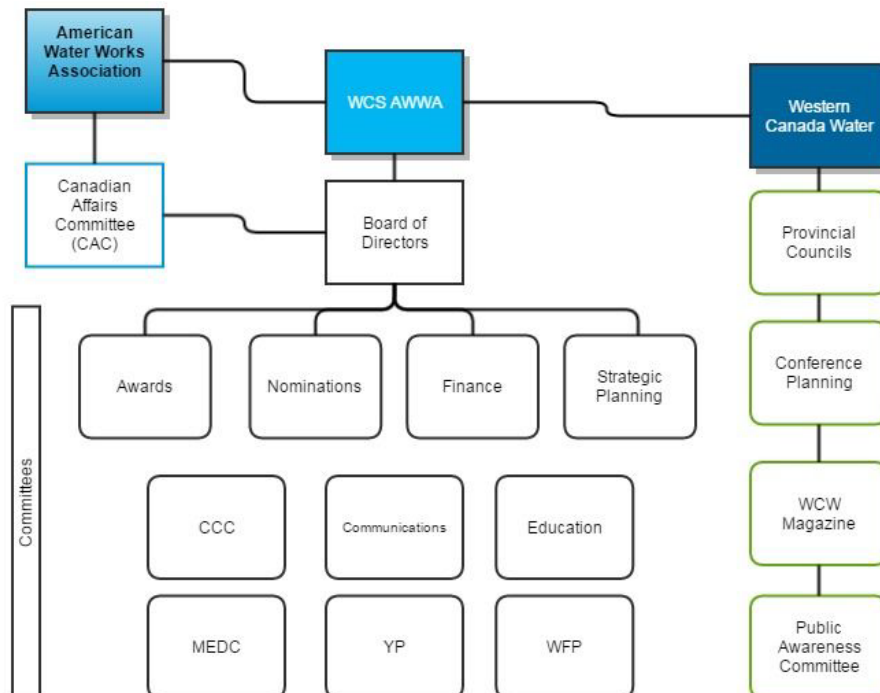
Chair	Michael Binns, Associated Engineering
Chair Elect	Kyla Kirk, CH2M HILL Canada Ltd
Vice Chair	Mark Draper, CH2M HILL Canada Ltd
Past Chair	Jason Sinclair, City of Calgary
Treasurer	Max Wong, Capital H2O Systems Inc
AWWA Director	Dan Limacher, City of Calgary (to June 2017)
AWWA Director	Paul Wobma, CH2M HILL Canada Ltd (as of June 2017)
Alberta Trustee	Craig Bonneville, EPCOR Water Services 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 (to May 2017)
Cross Connection Control	Lorne Mireau, Saskatchewan Polytechnic (as of June 2017)
Communications	Nisa Jayathilake, City of Calgary
MEDC Chair	Kristi Beckman, Stantec Consulting Ltd
Water For People Chair	Kari MacDonald, City of Calgary
Young Professionals	Mike Sadowski, City of Saskatoon

WCS AWWA Organization Chart

Current Section information and Strategic Plan are available online at www.wcsawwa.net.



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WCS AWWA Members Active on AWWA Committees

<i>Name</i>	<i>Committee</i>
Araki, Sheldon	Regulating Valves
Ashbolt, Nicholas	M57, Algae: Source To Treatment; M68, Water Quality In Dist. Systems; Organisms In Water
Bontus, George	Applied Linings; Condition Assessment Subcommittee; Cured-In-Place; Pipe Rehabilitation; Sliplining; Structural Classes of Pipeline Repair; Water Main Condition Assessment; Water Main Rehabilitation
Cameron, Alida	Asset Management
Geer, Moira	M29, Fundamentals of Water Utility Capital Financing
Gerlack, Dylan	Canadian Cross Connection Control Coordinating Committee; M14, Recommended Practice For Backflow Prevention & CCC
Griffin, Duane	Electronic Revenue Meters; Water Meters
Hambley, David	Ion Exchange
Hawboldt, Bob	Engineering Modeling Applications
Janzen, Aaron	M74, Managing Water Projects In Small Or Rural Communities
Jeirani, Zahra	Membrane Technology Research; Organic Contaminants Control
Kellsey, Brian	Fire Hydrants
Limacher, Dan	Mentoring Ad Hoc Committee
Line, Joanna	Water Main Condition Assessment
Macey, Chris	Applied Linings; Condition Assessment Subcommittee; Cured-In-Place; M77, Condition Assessment; Pipe Bursting; Structural Classes of Pipeline Repair; Water Main Condition Assessment; Water Main Rehabilitation
Mason, Brad	Water Loss Control
Mireau, Lorne	Canadian Cross Connection Control Coordinating Committee
Molla, Saif	Joint Section Research
Ogertschnig, Jason	Aeration Systems
Olson, Doug	Water Treatment Facilities Design & Construction
Pernitsky, David	2120 Color; Standard Methods Committee; Standard Methods Part 10,000; Standard Methods Part 2000; Standard Methods Part 3000; Standard Methods Part 4000; Standard Methods Part 5000
Pruden, Douglas	Small Systems Technical Review
Ruecker, Norma	M48, Waterborne Pathogens; M57, Algae: Source To Treatment
Schild, James	Workforce Strategies
Seargeant, Douglas	Asset Management; C502 - Dry Barrel Fire Hydrants
Szkwarek, Lucy	M29, Fundamentals of Water Utility Capital Financing
Weng, Shengtao	Biological Drinking Water Treatment
Wilner, Deon	Sustainable Infrastructure

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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	Strategic Objectives
WCS AWWA will be recognized as the water association of choice by creating meaningful and unique opportunities for our water community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	Strategic Objectives
WCS AWWA will be an effective and efficient organization by practicing sound financial and risk management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• Maintain strong succession plan for Section committees
Strategic Goal: Knowledge Creation & Exchange	Strategic Objectives
WCS AWWA will create and exchange knowledge to benefit public health and the needs of our water community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	Strategic Objectives
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liaise with provincial governments on water industry priorities.• Maintain strategic partnerships with other water associations• Increase public awareness of the value of water• Increase awareness of water industry careers

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Chair Report

2017 has been a year of implementation of the WCS AWWA Strategic Plan 2017-2020 finalized last year. The Board and Committees have been acting to undertake the initiatives and actions identified to foster growth and improvement in the organisation and membership, and maintain a path of identifying and creating value for our members.

The Membership Engagement and Development Committee (MEDC) Terms of Reference were developed, and approved at the spring meeting. Need for the MEDC was identified in the strategic plan to provide leadership, resourcing, and consistency for many of our membership initiatives. The MEDC will work to promote the engagement of members in Section and Association activities and volunteer opportunities. It will help to identify and provide growth opportunities for membership and the section. We are pleased to have Kristi Beckman chair this committee and look forward to the work ahead.

Another important initiative implemented in 2017 is the One AWWA Operator Scholarship Program. This program is a partnership with funds matched by AWWA under their Water Equation Campaign. Up to three \$500 scholarships may be provided to members and are available for certification, courses, or books for a person pursuing an operator certification, two or four year degree.

Our Cross Connection Control (CCC) Committee is finalising an extensive make-over of the AWWA Canadian CCC Manual. The new manual features improvements to the presentation of information and graphics, as well as new updates and 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 under Backflow Prevention to find out more.

This past year saw continued opportunities for members to engage in social time outside of the office, 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. In conjunction with Water for People Committee and Young Professional volunteers, members had the opportunity to attend golf tournaments, curling bonspiels, networking nights, educational presentations and workshops throughout the Section. It is very rewarding to see the continued effort of our volunteers in planning and hosting these events, and the support of our members in attending them and making them a success.

In the spirit of collaboration and engagement for mutual success, this year has seen exploration of possibilities to improve coordination and cooperation among the YP committees within Western Canada Water. We are excited to see where this will lead in supporting the critical role of bringing young professionals into the organisation and engaging them the opportunity and desire to grow and contribute within our industry.

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.

Finally, we saw some organisational changes as regional memberships were adjusted and amalgamated. Our region now encompasses several new section areas which will provide increased diversity and experience when networking with our new regional partners.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers and Section staff that have contributed to our success this year and made my experience as Chair an enjoyable one. Our Section's future is bright, with strong leaders and plans that embrace new ways of thinking and understanding the value to our membership, industry, and communities. 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 impact people's quality of life, our environment, and our economy through your important work and knowledge, both within Canada and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Binns, P.Eng.

Chair, Western Canada Section American Water Works Association

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AWWA Director Report

2016 was a successful and rewarding year for both the AWWA and the Western Canada Section of the Association. The Section and the Association continue to enjoy a strong working relationship. Some areas of interest among the many activities at both levels of the AWWA organization include:

- Overall AWWA membership increasing slightly – presently above 50,000. The Section membership has gone up over the last year and has risen from about 580 to about 630. The Section has struck a new focus on membership attraction and retention, all as part of the enhanced focus of membership value.
- ACE in Philadelphia in June 2017 was very successful with attendance topping 11,300 and approximately 500 exhibitors. In addition to an impressive Exhibition and Professional Program, the conference provided numerous networking opportunities that allowed those in the Water Industry to get to know each other better and share knowledge and experiences.
- AWWA continued to refine its strategic plan and it was finalized in 2016. The revisions reflect advancements in the business plan that has moved the strategic initiatives forward, particularly around Total Water Solutions and AWWA 2020. AWWA's Strategic Plan focuses on the following strategic goals:
 - Member Engagement & Development
 - Organizational Stewardship
 - Knowledge Creation and Exchange
 - Water Policy and Leadership
- AWWA2020. In 2014, the AWWA Board of Directors passed a resolution to align the Association and the Sections through the initiative entitled AWWA2020. At the AWWA Board of Directors meeting in January 2017, a draft AWWA2020 Communications Plan was provided to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Since January, the plan has been modified to include, among other changes, the results of a survey to Section and Association staff and volunteers.
- AWWA is focused to become the largest water-industry grant program in the world through the advancement of its Water Equation Program. AWWA has created the "One AWWA Operator Scholarship" which reflects the need for skilled Operators to operate increasingly complex water and wastewater systems. The One AWWA Operator Scholarship Fund was created to address the present and future workforce need for Operators by providing training and educational funding. This fund will be used to provide matching dollars to AWWA's Sections in order to award new Operator focused scholarships. The WCS has engaged and is participating in this scholarship opportunity.

AWWA continues to spearhead a number of initiatives that provide added value to the membership and help ensure the long-term health of the Water Industry. Some of these include:

- Community Engineering Corps (CECorps) - was launched in February 2014 by AWWA in alliance with Engineers without Borders USA and the American Society of Civil Engineers. The program assists underserved US communities in meeting their infrastructure needs and improving the quality of life. CECorps is interested in potentially expanding the program to assist with any needs in Canada and are in preliminary discussions with the CAC.
- Total Water Solutions - this means the development of knowledge resources not only in the area of drinking water but also in wastewater, water reuse, and storm water.
- The Water Equation – This workforce initiative includes the One AWWA Operator Scholarship Fund, Wolman Fellowship, Larson Aquatic Research Scholarship, and Student and Young Professional Program support.
- Lead Mitigation in Drinking Water - AWWA is committed to protecting public health through the reduction of exposure to lead in drinking water.
- Partnerships for Safe and Clean Water programs - The Partnerships' mission is to improve the quality of water delivered to customers by optimizing water system operations. They offer self-assessment and optimization programs so that operators, managers and administrators have more tools to improve performance.

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AWWA and the WCS, along with the other 4 Canadian Sections, will continue to work on utility member value in Canada. WCS, through the Canadian Affairs Committee will continue to look for opportunity to leverage AWWA resources to enhance member value.

In Canada, through the CAC, we have the Value of Water Campaign, to continue educating the public on the value of water and the need for reinvestment in our utility infrastructure. We are also interacting with regulators in developing a human health number for lead in drinking water. While we certainly support reducing lead, we are concerned about appropriate regulated levels, consistent sampling, and adequate time and funds to implement any new standards.

The Section was pleased to present Garry Drachenberg with the AWWA George Warren Fuller award in 2016. Garry has had a most distinguished career in the water industry and has been an active member in the Section for many years.

The Western Canada Section is fully committed to providing opportunities for networking and learning to the AWWA members in the three western provinces, all in the interest of providing value for the dues paid. The Section will continue to work closely with the Association to connect local members with the vast collection and variety of material and events that are provided at the local, national and North American scale.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Wobma

Director, American Water Works Association

WCS AWWA Awards

The following members have achieved Membership Tenure Awards in 2017.

Silver Water Drop Awards

25 years of cumulative membership

- Kerry H. Clark
- Kerry S. Lines
- Ernest Marchildon
- Jan A. Oleszkiewicz
- Mike Schorn
- Supramaniam Suthaker
- Ken Turnbull
- Gary Wagner
- Kenneth G. Wiens
- Milan Zverina

Life Members

30 years or more of cumulative membership and 65 years of age

- Karim Kassam
- Jan A. Korzeniowski

Gold Water Drop Awards

50 years of cumulative membership

- Daniel W. Smith
- I. Teranishi

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	2011	Terry Kjartanson	2014	Lorne Mireau
2010	Duane Griffin	2011	Rodger McDonald	2015	Bill Brant
2010	Don Poon	2011	Simon Thomas	2015	Barry Williamson
2010	Cal Sexsmith	2012	Ray Bilevicius	2016	Ryan Roberts
2010	Gerald Samuel	2013	Paul Wobma	2016	Dean Wigmore
2010	Dan Limacher	2014	Ken Wiens		

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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	1988	Arthur Sparling	2006	Terry Kjartanson
1972	R.C. Sommerville	1989	David Spink	2007	Dan Limacher
1973	Ozzie Mang	1990	Al Schwinghamer	2008	Bert Munro
1974	Donald R. Graham	1991	Perter Lawson	2009	Ray Bilevicius
1976	F. Gordon Denson	1993	Les Gammie	2010	Simon Thomas
1978	William McKay	1995	Allan Davies	2011	William A Bullee
1979	George Balacko	1996	Erika Hargesheimer	2012	Duane Griffin
1982	Eric Davis	1997	Tom Pearson	2013	Ian Wright
1983	Ian B. Henderson	1999	Dan Hogan	2014	Mark Keller
1984	David Shillabeer	2000	Bill Brant	2015	Doug Taniguchi
1985	Gerald Samuel	2002	Gordon Finch	2016	Garry Drachenberg
1986	Gene Dzugas	2003	Kelly Kjartanson		
1987	Rodger McDonald	2005	Don Poon		

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	Bill Burgess
2016	Max Wong

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	2007	Doug Thorson	2012	Paul Klassen
2002	Doug Seargeant	2008	Randy Bracewell	2016	Anne Bridgman
2003	Lisbeth Liebgott	2009	Doug Campbell		
2004	Brian Pfeifer	2010	Audrey Arisman		

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	2017	Michael Birks

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Financial Report

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
Income		
Cross Connection Control	174,133	176,107
Membership & Allotments	97,492	88,883
Education	12,578	37,383
Networking Events	4,561	4,661
Operational Revenue	3,325	4,558
Total Income	292,589	311,592
Expense		
Cross Connection Control	118,965	94,818
Subcontractors	58,435	47,480
Meetings and travel	36,958	41,160
Membership Costs	22,563	16,179
Audit and legal fees	15,053	15,077
Committees	13,139	11,743
Networking Events	9,695	10,615
Office and miscellaneous	9,569	8,983
Interest and bank charges	4,055	4,427
Awards	576	656
Education and Training	364	21,684
Water Bucks	420	270
Total Expense	289,792	273,089
Excess of revenue over expenses	2,797	38,500
Net Assets	426,866	424,069

As reported by Calvista LLP, Certified General Accountants