



State Director Reports

MAINE

Howard Carter,
ME State Director

Happy Birthday, MWWCA. This year is the 40th anniversary of our association protecting the waters and the environment of the state of Maine. The formation of the association has enabled facility operators and communities to draw on collective expertise. These interactions have helped steady the course and paved the way for today's water quality professionals.



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The NEWEA Annual Conference kicked the year off with the following people being recognized for their contributions to water quality throughout Maine and New England:

- 2005 NEWEA Safety Award - Jane A. Carroll, Augusta Sanitary District
- 2005 NEWEA Operator Award - Steve Lane, Winterport Water District
- 2005 NEWEA Alfred E. Peloquin Award - Greg Cataldo, Woodard & Curran
- 2005 WEF Operations Challenge Competition - Force Maine, Process Control Event
- 2005 WEF Public Officials Award - Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME)
- 005 WEF Quarter Century Operators' Club - Willis T. Emmons, Kennebunk Sewer District
- 2005 WEF Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award - David Anderson, PH.D., Portland Water District
- 2005 WEF Arthur Sidney Bedell Award - John Hart, Saco WWTP

The annual MWWCA Spring Conference was held this year in early April at Jeff's Catering in Brewer. The conference always provides attendees with an opportunity to acquire much needed training con-



MWWCA President Andy Rudzinski with NEWEA President Phyllis Arnold Rand during the Spring Meeting in Brewer

tact hours on the latest topics and technologies, while offering networking with old friends and peers.

We participated in the Annual Congressional Briefing on May 2 in Washington D.C. Attending this year's briefing on behalf of the MWWCA were Andy Rudzinski, president; David Anderson, vice president; Greg Cataldo, NEWEA Government Affairs Committee chair; and Howard Carter, NEWEA Maine state director.

The congressional briefing included meetings with Maine's congressional representatives and senators. The group presented position papers on

the following issues: Clean Water Trust Fund, Funding Assistance, Wastewater Operator Training, and MWWCA Celebrating 40 Years of Protecting the Waters and Environments of the State of Maine. Also, a framed Maine Clean Water Week poster will be presented to each congressional office.

Maine sent a new Operations Challenge team to Springfield, Mass., in late April to take part in the NEWEA sponsored Operations Challenge Training Day. The team learned about the events that will take place at the joint NEWEA/NY Spring Conference being held in Connecticut. The Operations Challenge always provides a fun and competitive atmosphere while at the same time allowing the teams throughout New England to showcase their skills and compete for the nationals held during the Water Environment Federation's Annual Conference.

For more information please visit the MWWCA website located at www.mwwca.org. ■

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Massachusetts

Michael Burke, MA State Director



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Greetings from Massachusetts. In my last report I stated that an RFP was sent out for an administrative assistant to the MWPCA. Since then NEWEA has submitted a proposal to the MWPCA, which was presented to the BOD at the last meeting, and a motion was made to accept the contract as presented. This transition is helping tremendously with the MWPCA daily operations such as for phone calls from the membership, newsletter and meeting notice mailings, newsletter production and formatting, and administrative duties that go along with training courses and seminars affected by the reduced participation at the former Millbury DEP office.

MWPCA recently held its Spring Quarterly Meeting at the Westford Regency. This meeting touched on some very interesting topics such as the Moving Bed Biofilm Reactor for Organic and Nutrient Removal, Blower Technologies regarding Aeration Blowers and Compressors, Thermo-Orion demonstration on BOD, DO, Ammonia, Nitrate and Chlorine probe methods and theory. During the quarterly meeting the Board of Directors also voted on the approval of \$500 each year for three years to help defray the cost of travel to an SJWP winner in the state of Massachusetts. Nominations from the floor by the membership were also taken for elections to the Board of Directors at the upcoming June quarterly meeting, which is scheduled for the Log Cabin Banquet and Meeting House in Easthampton.

The Stockbridge Specialty conference that was scheduled for October 2005 was rescheduled for May 24, 2006. It was also mentioned that the Oaks Bluff WWTP has requested a specialty meeting at its facility, possibly in October. This would be a one-day seminar held on the island. These specialty tours have been a big hit among the association, in the way that it gives the membership an opportunity to view other facilities around the state. At the same

time it gives the host plant a chance to show off its plant and the upgrades that have taken place at the host facility.

The MWPCA hosted the Operations Challenge Training day in April along with NEWEA and the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission. Attendees included NYWEA representatives as well.

The last note is to wish all teams good luck at this year's NEWEA/NYWEA Operations Challenge Competition in Groton, Connecticut. ■

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Charles Tyler addresses attendees during the MWPCA Spring Quarterly Meeting



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