



# State Director Reports

## Maine

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Spring and summer have been busy for the Maine Wastewater Control Association (MWWCA). We had a successful Spring Technical Conference, held at Spectacular Events Center in Bangor on April 4. The one-day conference had more than 120 attendees, who received training in a wide variety of subjects related to our field. A number of NEWEA award-winners were represented at the conference, including:

- Andy Rudzinski, Pretreatment Coordinator at the Bangor WWTP – *Alfred E. Peloquin Award*
- City of Bangor WWTP – *Utility of the Year Award*
- Janet Abrahamson, Maine Rural Water Association – *Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award*



Howard Carter presents Phyllis Rand with the NEWEA Past President Award. (photo credit Heidi Gage)



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Another award represented at the conference, and one that Maine is proud of, is our Operations Challenge team, Force Maine. Force Maine won first place overall in Division 2 at WEFTEC 2007. The team returned this year and competed in Division 1 at WEFTEC 2008.

The MWWCA was successful this past legislative session in securing a bill to provide

matching state funds for federal revolving loan fund money – a surprise to many in Augusta. Tireless efforts of many in the association, along with the cooperation from elected officials, made this possible. Governor John Baldacci signed a bill that authorizes a \$3.4 million bond for drinking and wastewater management that will yield a 5 to 1 federal match. Voters approved the measure in November, so Maine will receive \$17 million in matching federal funds to keep our water clean. An Infrastructure Funding Group has been formed to explore funding other than State Revolving Funds (SRF) to support infrastructure repair and replacement in Maine. The comprises DEP staff, consulting engineers and members of MWWCA and MWUA.



Governor Baldacci signing the bond bill (left to right) Senator Phil Bartlett, Representative Dave Miramant, Paul Rodriguez, MWWCA Government Affairs Committee, Legislative Advocate Andrew Gilmore, Chuck Applebee, MWWCA President, Dave Anderson, MWWCA Immediate Past President



**Steve Sloan (left) presented the Charles Perry Award to Gary Howard. (photo credit Heidi Gage)**

Chuck Applebee, MWWCA President, Tom Wiley, MWWCA Vice President, Brad Moore, NEWEA Maine State Director, and John Daniels, Woodard and Curran Vice President travelled to Washington, D.C. in April to speak to Maine's elected officials about continued federal funding for SRF.

The association participated in the Maine Water Conference, and we had another successful Clean Water Week Poster Contest. Contest winners were Makayla Moors of Corinth, Courtney White of Hudson and Olivia Rancourt of Augusta placing first, second, and third, respectively. The formal presentation of the awards was held in Governor Baldacci's office during Clean Water Week in June.



**Travis Peaslee, representing the Force Maine Operations Challenge team, was presented an award by Howard Carter. (photo credit Heidi Gage)**

The MWWCA's Fall Convention was held at the Sunday River Resort Hotel and Conference Center on September 24-26 in Bethel, with the golf tournament held on September 24. The Convention and Personnel Advancement Committees put together an interesting and informative program.

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