



State Director Reports

Maine

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Looking back at 2007, the Maine Wastewater Control Association (MWWCA) had a very busy and successful year. We thank David Anderson for his dedicated service and wise guidance as president of the Association during 2007. We had successful conferences that provided valuable training for operators. The Association, along with NEWEA and the Maine Water Utilities Association, held a successful legislative breakfast in February 2007. Our main topic was funding for the support of water and wastewater infrastructure. The Legislature did respond by providing funding, which received a 5 to 1 match from the federal government. The Association was involved with the Maine Water Conference, and we had another successful Clean Water Week Poster Contest. These are just a few of the many highlights from 2007.

The Association's slate of officers for 2008 is Chuck Applebee, president; Tom Wiley, first vice president; Andre Brousseau, second vice president; David Anderson, immediate past president; and Dan Bisson, secretary treasurer. The Association looks forward to Chuck's direction in 2008, since we have another busy year ahead. Another successful Legislative Breakfast was held at the Senator Inn in Augusta on February 6, using the same format as last year. The MWWCA appreciates NEWEA's support in this effort and was pleased to have Adam Yanulis, NEWEA Government Affairs Committee chairman, in attendance and participating in the program. Highlights of the rest of the year include some officers of the Association traveling to Washington to visit Maine's Congressional delegation, the Spring Technical Conference held



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in Bangor at the Spectacular Events Center on April 4, the Clean Water Week Poster Contest Presentation during the week of June 1, and our Fall Convention and Golf Tournament being held September 24 to 26 at the Sunday River Resort.

There is an initiative in Maine to form a Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (MeWARN), aiming to

establish a mutual aid network in advance of emergencies and disasters. This network could help participants share equipment and expertise. The EPA and Maine DEP both support the formation of such networks. If you would like to know more about MeWARN, please contact Norm Labbe of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water districts at 207-985-3385.

A number of awards were presented to Maine facilities and wastewater professionals during NEWEA's Annual Conference in Boston this past January. George Motycka, superintendent of the Castine WWTP, received the Operator Award. Andy Rudzinski, pretreatment coordinator at the Bangor WWTP, received the Alfred E. Peloquin Award. The City of Bangor WWTP received the Utility of the Year Award.



Bradley Moore, WWTP Superintendent, and Edward Barrett, City Manager, receive the Wastewater Utility Award presented to the City of Bangor from NEWEA President Arnie Bevins.



WEF President Adam Zabinski presents the WEF Laboratory Analyst Award to Janet Abrahamson.



Receiving First Place Overall Division 2 – Force Maine. left to right: Jeff Pratt, Operations Challenge Chair; Travis, Brain, Dan, and Mary Anne; and Mohamed Dahab, WEF President

The Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award was presented to Janet Abrahamson of the Maine Rural Water Association. One award Maine is very proud of is our Operations Challenge Team, Force Maine. At WEFTEC07 in San Diego last October, Force Maine competed in Division 2. Force Maine is a veteran team that has had success in the past but nothing like it earned at WEFTEC07. The team won the process control event for the third year in a row! Topping that, the team won first place overall in its division, a major accomplishment

when competing against the top talent from North and South America. Hearty congratulations to Mary Anne, Travis, Dan, Brian and Skip for their dedication and willingness to display their skills for us all to admire.

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