



# State Director Reports

## Maine

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The Maine Wastewater Control Association (MWWCA) has been busy since our last report. Many of our members attended NEWEA's Annual Conference; notable were individuals and plants that received awards. Mark Soucy, town of Fort Kent, received the Maine Operator of the Year Award. Mark oversees topnotch operations of both the town's water and sewer departments. His leadership in preparing for and working through the major flooding that occurred in northern Maine in the spring of 2008 was also recognized. Jeff McBurnie, Soil Prep Inc, received the Alfred E. Pelloquin Award for significant contributions to the wastewater field. Jeff has helped train operators for years in several New England states. Jeff's contribution to the biosolids composting field was also recognized. The city of Saco received the WEF George W. Burke Jr. Safety Award. Saco's wastewater treatment plant has been progressive in operations and was recognized for its efforts in implementing a progressive and thorough safety program. Steven Freedman, Brown and Caldwell, received a WEF Service Award, recognizing his service to the organization. Steve is a retiring member of the WEF House of Delegates.

The MWWCA once again held a Legislative Breakfast to convey our message to elected officials in Augusta. This year the MWWCA and Maine Water Utilities Association co-sponsored the event, which was held on February 4. The weather was not cooperative but attendance was good. The theme was "Securing Sustainable Financing for the State's Clean Water and Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs." Leadership from both organizations addressed subjects connected to the theme, and many good questions were fielded from the audience. Informal discussions continued after the formal agenda was completed. The MWWCA's work has continued with the Government Affairs Committee, monitoring and coordinating testimony on bills before the legislature.



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Andre Brousseau, First Vice President, Paul Rodriguez, Second Vice President, Mike Grove and Brad Moore traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with our senators and representatives on April 29. NEWEA coordinated the visit and hosted a Congressional breakfast on April 29 to provide a regional voice and platform for all states in meeting with their elected officials. We took the same message we

have been sharing for a number of years – developing a sustainable trust fund to support wastewater infrastructure. The money received by Maine through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to be administered through the Clean Water program was approximately \$30 million, and the Maine DEP received requests for projects totaling \$300 million, adding credibility to the issue of more funding.

The Spring Technical Conference was successful with 125 attending. This year it was held at Verillo's Portland Convention Center. Timely subjects were on the conference agenda, including operations issues, safety and a Maine DEP update. The awards received at NEWEA Annual Conference were re-presented at this conference. Our annual Fall Conference will be held at the Sunday River Resort on September 16-18, with the golf tournament on the 16th. Mark your calendars and join us!

Our Clean Water Week Poster Contest had another successful year with schools all over the Maine participating. The winners met with Governor Baldacci for the formal presentation of prizes during Clean Water Week.

More information about MWWCA's mission and activities can be found at our Web site, [www.mwwca.org](http://www.mwwca.org).



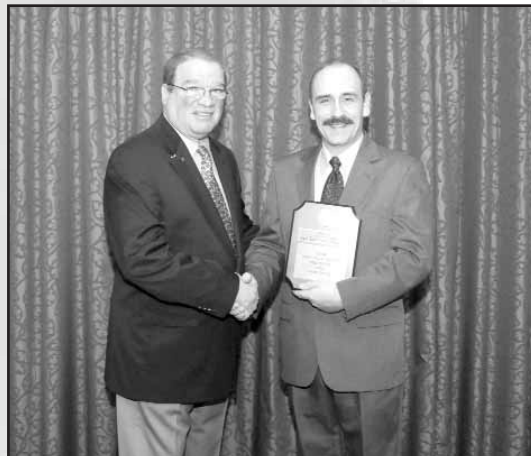
*President Tom Wiley addresses attendees at lunch during the Spring Technical Conference.*



*Jeff McBurnie (center) receives the Alfred E. Peloquin Award from NEWEA President Erin Mosley and NEWEA Vice-President Howard Carter.*



*Travis Peaslee accepts the Burke Safety Award for the City of Saco WWTP.*



*Mark Soucy (right) received the Operator Award from President Robert Cutone at the Annual Conference.*