

WESTERN CANADA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION



Annual Report

2014

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2014 Annual Business Meeting Agenda

WESTERN CANADA SECTION

AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION

Annual Business Meeting

AGENDA

9:00 AM Friday September 26 2014

Sorrento Room, Delta Hotel

Regina, Saskatchewan

- I. Call to Order
- II. 2014 Annual Report
- III. Appointment of Auditor for 2014
- IV. Board Appointments
 - a. Alberta Trustee – Max Wong
 - b. Vice Chair – Mike Binns
 - c. Saskatchewan Trustee – Joe Zimmer
- V. Questions
- VI. Adjournment

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Minutes from 2013 Annual Meeting

WESTERN CANADA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION Annual Business Meeting

Thursday September 19, 2013

SCC Boardroom, Shaw Convention Centre

Edmonton Alberta

I. Call to Order

Dawn Dierker called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

II. Annual Report

The 2013 Annual Report was made available on the WCS AWWA website and copies were available for members present.

Motion Ryan Roberts moved to accept the 2012-2013 Annual Report. Gyn-Gyn Lee seconded. Motion carried.

III. Approval of By-Laws and Articles of Continuance

WCS AWWA is incorporated federally and is required to submit application of Articles of Continuance and update Bylaws to be compliance with the new Federal Not for Profit Regulations.

Documents were made available online and copies distributed at the meeting. Letter describing the process for updating the bylaws was sent to all members with the AGM notices.

Motion Jason Sinclair moved to accept the By-Laws and Articles of Continuance. Ken Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Appointment of Auditor for 2013

Motion Ryan Johnson moved to appoint Thompson Penner & Lo to conduct the 2013 Audit. Paul Wobma seconded. Motion carried.

V. Board Appointments and Election Results

- a) Manitoba Trustee - Kyla Kirk
- b) Vice Chair - Jason Sinclair
- c) Treasurer - Mark Draper
- d) AWWA Director - Dan Limacher

Motion Kyla Kirk moved that the ballots be destroyed. Mike Binns seconded. Motion carried.

VI. Questions from the Floor

There were no comments or questions from the floor.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.

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WCS AWWA Board of Directors

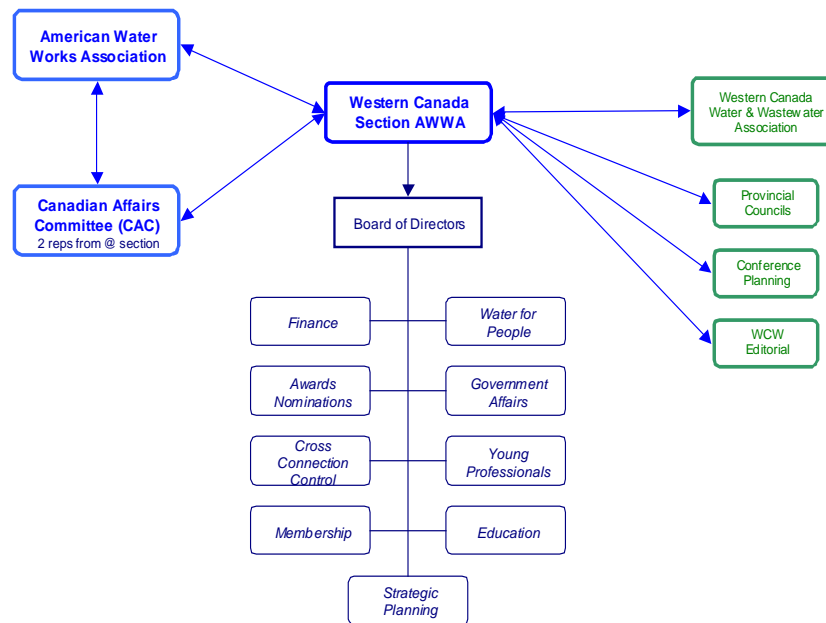
2013-2014 Board of Directors

Chair	Dawn Dierker, SaskWater
Chair Elect	Ken Anderson, Associated Engineering
Vice Chair	Jason Sinclair, City of Calgary
Past Chair	Ryan Roberts, Stantec Consulting Ltd
Treasurer	Mark Draper, CH2M HILL Canada Ltd
AWWA Director	Simon Thomas, EPCOR Water Services Inc (to June'14)
AWWA Director	Dan Limacher, City of Calgary (after June'14)
AB Trustee	C. Gyn-Gyn Lee, EPCOR
MB Trustee	Kyla Kirk, CH2M HILL Canada Ltd
SK Trustee	Michael Binns, Associated Engineering
Executive Director	Audrey Arisman

Committee Chairs

Cross Connection Control	Dean Wigmore, Red Deer College
Communications	Sharmila Acharya, Stantec Consulting Ltd
Education	Max Wong ,Capital H2O Systems Inc
Membership Co Chair	Claudia Bess-Ouko
Membership Co Chair	Brent Houle, City of Winnipeg
Water For People Co Chair	Anne Bridgman, Canadian Water Technologies Ltd
Water For People Co Chair	Paul Klassen, Neegan Burnside Ltd
Young Professionals	Jasmine Wang, Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment

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

Name	Committee Name
Arisman, Audrey	Canadian Cross Connection Control Coordinating Committee Member Engagement & Development Committee SP2 - Special Presidential Panel
Baptist, Gary	Regulating Valves
Bilevicius, Raymond	Finance Committee Pension Committee
Bontus, George	Cured-In-Place Pipe Rehabilitation Sliplining Structural Classes of Pipeline Repair Water Main Rehabilitation
Cameron, Alida	Asset Management
Geer, Moira	M29, Fundamentals of Water Utility Capital Financing
Gerlack, Dylan	Cross Connection Control M14, Recommended Practice For Backflow Prevention & CCC
Green, James	Cross Connection Control M14, Recommended Practice For Backflow Prevention & CCC
Griffin, Duane	Water Meters
Hambley, David	Ion Exchange
Hawboldt, Bob	Engineering Modeling Applications
Heidary-Monfared, Sadra	Coagulation & Filtration Iron/Alum. Salts/Related Coagulant Aids
Kellsey, Brian	Fire Hydrants
Limacher, Dan	Board of Directors Canadian Affairs Committee
Macey, Chris	Pipe Bursting
Olson, Doug	Water Treatment Facilities Design & Constr.
Prosser, Monica	Distribution System Water Quality
Rempel, Roger	Climate Change Manual Exploration
Ross, Tim	Asset Management Water Loss Control
Ruecker, Norma	M48, Waterborne Pathogens
Seargeant, Douglas	Asset Management C502 - Dry Barrel Fire Hydrants
Szkwarek, Lucy	M29, Fundamentals of Water Utility Capital Financing
Turkopp, Richard	C950 - FRP Pipe M45, Fiberglass Pipe Design Thermosetting FRP Pipe
Wardner, Ron	Canadian Cross Connection Control Coordinating Committee
Wigmore, David	Canadian Cross Connection Control Coordinating Committee
Wilner, Deon	Sustainable Infrastructure
Wobma, Paul	Canadian Affairs Committee

To get involved on councils, divisions and committees visit www.awwa.org: Home > Membership and Sections > Get Involved / Volunteer

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WCS AWWA Strategic Plan

Vision Statement

Western Canada Section of the AWWA is the leading local authoritative resource on safe water

Mission Statement

Western Canada Section of the AWWA unites local water community professionals in providing safe and sustainable water through committed leadership, innovated technology, constant knowledge exchange and continuous education.

STRATEGIC GOALS AND RELATED STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Strategic Goal:

Member Engagement & Development

WCS AWWA will be the association of choice by creating meaningful and expanding opportunities for the water community.

Strategic Objectives

1. Develop a member engagement plan
2. Develop a member recruitment plan
3. Implement and manage social media communications plan
4. Create value for members at the local level
5. Support the WCW Public Awareness Committee

Strategic Goal:

Organizational Stewardship

WCS AWWA will be an effective and efficient organization by practicing sound financial and risk management.

Strategic Objectives

1. Transition the section to the Canada Not-For-Profit Corporation Act
2. Review and update the section's bylaws
3. Provide members opportunity to advise the board on needs
4. Develop a Business Plan

Strategic Goal:

Knowledge Creation & Exchange

Create and exchange knowledge to benefit public health and the needs of the water community.

Strategic Objectives

1. Increase training and education opportunities on water issues
2. Create a two-day specialty workshop
3. Provide member information on local activities and news within the region
4. Increase the section presence in the WCW magazine
5. Develop an online water forum

Strategic Goal:

Leadership & Advocacy

AWWA will lead the water community by identifying trends and issues, advocating for public policies, and engaging in other actions that promote safe water and reflect sound science.

Strategic Objectives

1. Liaise with provincial and municipal governments on water matters.

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WCS AWWA Awards

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
2010	Duane Griffin
2010	Don Poon
2010	Cal Sexsmith
2010	Gerald Samuel
2010	Dan Limacher
2011	Terry Kjartanson
2011	Rodger McDonald
2011	Simon Thomas
2012	Ray Bilevicius
2013	Paul Wobma

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

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

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
1994	Roland Tomuschat
1994	Ron Stecky
1995	Robert Sneddon
1996	Russell Briscoe
1997	Jim Green
1998	Robert Hartman
2002	Doug Snider
2005	Reg Hammer
2007	Gary Coons
2008	Michael Haslam
2009	Sheldon Diduck
2010	Danny Wilson
2012	Daniel Larson

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Board and Committee Reports

WCS AWWA Chair Report

Reporting Period September 2013 to September 2014

I had the opportunity along with a few other members of our Section to attend AWWA's regional meeting last fall. The meeting was held in Nappa Valley at the end of October and was attended by members of other sections within our region. Our region includes Alaska, Pacific Northwest, California-Nevada, Montana, British Columbia and Hawaii. The meetings were great learning tools for all attendees. Each section presented on new initiatives currently underway and challenges they were facing in bringing new benefits to their members. Through the open discussion over the two days we were able to assemble a long list of ideas that we have brought back to the WCS AWWA board and committees and we have been engaging our volunteers to implement these initiatives over the past year.

On November 14-15, 2013 the Canadian Affairs Committee (CAC) organized an event in Calgary to get some of the board members from all five Canadian AWWA Sections (British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic Canada and ourselves) together for a workshop. The five Canadian Sections are split amongst three different AWWA regions, so they don't have another opportunity to get together as a group.

One of the topics of the meeting was to discuss the Partnership for Safe Water in Canada. The Partnership is a voluntary effort between six drinking water organizations, and more than 200 water utilities. The goal of the Partnership is to provide a new measure of public health protection to millions by implementing prevention programs where legislation or regulation does not exist. The preventative measures are based around optimizing surface water treatment plant performance and distribution system operation. The result is the production and delivery of superior quality water to all users.

Until recently, only utilities in Quebec were able to register and be part of a similar program in Canada. AWWA recently took full ownership of the program which now allows all Canadian utilities access to this program which assists with continuous improvement and provides top performing utilities an industry recognized standard of excellence.

Also at the CAC meeting a strategic planning session was held to allow each section to decide what the top industry concerns were and narrow them down so that the CAC could focus on what was most important to its members. The key outcomes included the following items:

The top three priorities identified of Canada wide importance were:

- 1) Increasing the public's understanding of the value of water
- 2) State of water and sewer infrastructure
- 3) Capital costs and availability

Every 5 years the Western Canada Section reviews and refocuses their goals as a water community. In our last strategic planning session we had Gary Sullivan, from Denver head office, assist us. The following list is the goals that we developed at our last strategic planning session:

- 1) Member Engagement
- 2) Organizational Stewardship
- 3) Knowledge Exchange
- 4) Leadership & Advocacy

Each committee, board member and volunteer is trying to be mindful of the section strategic goals when formulating business plans, educational events or social networking opportunities.

My term as Chair of the Western Canada Section has been a wonderful experience. I have met many people from all over North America that share a passion to provide high quality drinking water and wastewater services. Volunteering with AWWA and other water organizations has enriched both my professional and personal life. I have been blessed with meeting many colleagues and made lifelong friends. I look forward to serving the water community as a volunteer and thank WCSAWWA for the opportunity to be a part of their organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Dierker

Chair, Western Canada Section American Water Works Association

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AWWA Directors Report

This past year, the WCS-AWWA continued to focus on providing value to its members and to support the overall efforts of AWWA across western Canada. In particular, the WCS-AWWA Board:

- Reviewed the 2012 strategic plan to ensure it remains current and in step with the AWWA strategic plan. With only a few tweaks, the plan continues to highlight the section's focused on Member Engagement, Organizational Stewardship, Knowledge Exchange and Leadership & Advocacy. The Board continues to develop and advance programs that promote unity of water providers through educational opportunities, support for young professionals, and water for People, and the continuing promotion of the awareness of the importance of backflow prevention and control programs.
- Continued to support the very active Young Professionals committee. This committee organized an event in each major city in 2013, and added educational opportunities – speakers, seminars – during these events. The committee also hosted the annual YP social evening at the WCW Conference in Edmonton. This committee provides a great venue for new members to get involved in section activities in a fun way, and creates that opportunity to network with other young (and seasoned!) professionals across western Canada.
- Attended a Canadian Section Summit in November, an event that brings together representatives from each Canadian AWWA section every three years. The summit focused on what sections could learn from each other and what issues of common interest could be advanced together. Issues such as Value of Water, Partnership For Safe Water, Infrastructure funding, and potential advancing/supporting a Canadian water Utility Council were discussed and auctioned for further consideration
- Continued to operate a number of committees in order to provide focus to activities of value to members and the section.
 - The Cross Connection Control committee provides focus to the protection of public health through the prevention and control of backflow into the potable water system
 - Membership committee explores way to retain and recruit new members to the section and stays in contact with the AWWA committees that provide strategies on this.
 - Education Committee works closely with the other constituent organizations in each province to bring learning and networking opportunities to members
 - Water for People raised funds for and awareness of water challenges in developing countries. The group hosts fundraising in conjunction with many activities across the section, and appreciates the strong support in western Canada for this noble initiative.
 - The Communication Committee oversee the communication activities from the members, including regular news posts, the section's website, and submissions of articles to the WCW magazine.

2013 was a very busy year for the section and the section Board thanks all members across western Canada for their support, involvement and enthusiasm for the water industry.

Respectfully Submitted

Dan Limacher

AWWA Director, Western Canada Section American Water Works Association

WCW Directors Report

Since the last report, the WCW Board held two conference call meetings, one on May 23rd and the last one on June 30th.

A summary of the WCW Conference calls is as follows:

Conference Planning Update:

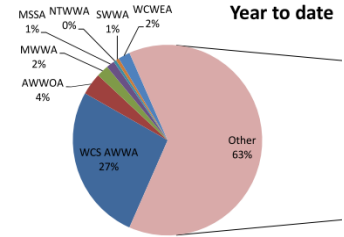
- Sponsorship revenues are much higher than budgeted.
- The planning committee had purchased the ereaders to upload the program to in order to reduce paper.
- The normal Friday lunch will be a breakfast this year.
- A discussion was had by the WCW Board regarding Associated Engineering's request to sponsor in terms of Carbon Offset. It was not accepted as the Board will have to consider their position and requirements for future Conferences. Although a great idea, it has no real cash contribution to revenues.

Other items:

- Final documentation was revived on incorporation. The name change to WCW is official.
- The WCW Audit is done, the draft report is expected in September.

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- The WCW Board has requested \$250,000 from WCW15 revenues; this will be an attempt to start strategizing the financials.
- I will distribute the recent monthly reports from the WCW Office to the WCS Board. Notable in this report is our use of the office (~25% usage at around 145hrs/month)
- WCW will be reviewing their Strategic Plan in the Fall; and it will need to tie into the CO Strategic Plans – so our input is required.
- CWWA Report:
 - The WSER is starting to see activity.
 - Environment Canada is starting to hand out harsh penalties to utilities
 - Low turnout to conference and workshops seems to be a growing trend



Future Activities:

- WCW Board Meeting at the WCW14 Conference in Regina on September 23.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Anderson, P. Eng.

WCW Director / Vice Chair Western Canada Section AWWA

AWWA Special Presidential Panel (SP2)

Charlie Anderson, AWWA President, 2012-2013 established the Association (AWWA and Section) Special Presidential Panel and charged it with accomplishing the following vision, mission and goals:

VISION: A re-engineered vibrant sustainable Association operations and business model between AWWA and Sections that brings relevant value added programs, processes, and services to respond rapidly to changing member and water utility professional needs.

MISSION: To create an operations and business model that institutionalizes a dynamic and sustainable focus on the development of Association and Section strategies that will engage members with constantly refreshed and relevant Association and Section offerings.

The Special Presidential Panel (SP2) was charged with developing an operations and business model that will establish a new culture for AWWA and the Sections. The Panel identified five focus areas: Branding, Communications, Education, Finances, and Membership

The final report from the Panel was approved by the AWWA Board in June of 2014. The report sets a direction with the five specific Strategic Themes as guides for the **AWWA2020: A Path to One AWWA**. The report is recognition that the most important business relationship that exists is between the Association and Section because that creates alignment and a sustainable future

- Strategic clarity: AWWA's most important and strategic business relationship is between the Association and Sections
- Alignment fulfillment: Affiliation Agreements, governance model, mission, and the strategic plan all anticipate or are based on alignment throughout AWWA
- Sustainable future: One AWWA is a stronger business model; AWWA is our guide to that future

Strategic Theme	Strategic Tactic
Communication	Form the Strategic Coordinating Team (SCT formed by July 2014).
Education	SCT develops a work plan that focuses on TWS and WaTER-X.
Membership	SCT supports the review of proposed revisions to AWWA's membership model (to be presented to BOD January 2015).
Branding	SCT Assist all Sections in adopting the AWWA Branding Program (completed by ACE16).
Finance	SCT reviews proposals to defray Association and Section costs, rollout of a grant funded education program for small systems.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Arisman

Executive Director, Western Canada Section American Water Works Association

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Alberta Trustee Report

1. 2014 Networking Events

- Calgary, February
- Saskatoon, May
- Edmonton, August
- YP curling networking events in planning for Edmonton

2. WCW Alberta Provincial Council (APC)

Participation has been maintained (when available to) in the Provincial Council activities. APC meetings:

- December 2013 – Calgary (Telephone conferenced in for the meeting)
- March 2014 – Banff (could not attend)
- May 2014 – Edmonton
- September 2014 – Calgary (could not attend)

The main activities associated with these meetings have been:

- Projects / Seminars (Past, Upcoming and Future) see below.

A. Completed Activities in 2014:

- Asset Management – Edmonton on January 23

B. Potential Upcoming Activities in 2014 and 2015:

The following seminars are currently planned for the 2014:

- True Grit – Online – Delayed to 2015
- Surface Water and Watershed Protection – Red Deer on November 4, 2014
- Wastewater Membrane Seminar – Red Deer in January 2015
- New Water/Wastewater Regulations – Late 2015

C. Future Activities:

The following topics are being considered for Future Seminar Topics:

- Odor Management in Wastewater
- Flood Mitigation, Lift Stations
- Operation Challenges for Regional Systems – Collection and Distribution

3. Cross Connection Control Committee

- Worked with the Communications Committee to develop new CCC banners. New banners available for the AUMA conference in November 2013 – CCC representation noted that at the conference they experienced the most contact with municipal leaders compared to previous tradeshow
- CCC successfully represented at the AUMA Tradeshow in Calgary November 2013 – commented on the most foot traffic and interest at the CCC booth experienced than any other tradeshow
- Future trades shows that CCC will represent at:
 - 2014 Manitoba AMM – November 24-27, Winnipeg
 - 2015 Saskatchewan SUMA – February 23, Saskatoon
- Moving forward to work with the Communications Committee to develop informational handout/pamphlets for the municipal tradeshow – with safe water information and risks and educational contact
- CCC continues to participate in the Annual National Committee meetings
- Participated in Annual CCC meeting in Canmore, June 2-4, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Gyn-Gyn Lee, P.Eng. PMP

Alberta Trustee

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Saskatchewan Trustee Report

WCW – 2014 Conference Committee

Participated as part of the WCW 2014 Conference planning committee. Attended monthly planning meetings and assisted with planning and co-ordination of conference activities.

Activities for the conference include:

- Fundraising activities and events for WFP
- YP Pub Night
- YP and 1st time attendees conference session

Activities:

Led by YP and WFP committees, we have held:

- Bowling Session (Regina)
- P3 Informational Session Lunch and Learn (Regina)
- Ostara Project Presentation (Saskatoon)
- Attended YP co-ordinators meeting in Regina to discuss some of the YP and conference planning

Fall Activities

- Attend RMSO 5
- Assist with conference activities
- Networking events
- Initiate 2015 seminar planning

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Binns, P.Eng.

Saskatchewan SK Trustee

Manitoba Trustee Report

Once again our volunteers have planned and executed several great events this year.

The first event was our annual Water for People Curling Bonspiel, spearheaded by our Water for People Committee co-chair Paul Klassen. The local favourite attracted many participants and remains a fun way to network and support Water For People's initiatives.

The Young Professionals Committee organized a tour of the Fort Garry Brewery followed by pizza and samples. The event was well attended by all our water professionals, and WCS AWWA would like to extend sincerest thanks to the Fort Garry Brewing Company for hosting us.

Our Business After Hours Social Hour continues. In case you haven't attended this event, it is an opportunity for our local members to meet and network on a quarterly basis. Appetizers are free and the conversation is excellent. There will be at least one more Social Hour this year, and I hope to see more of you there! As always, we plan to end the year with our Annual Bowling Tournament. The City of Winnipeg team is the current undefeated champion, but the competition will be fierce and fun as the other teams attempt to dethrone them.

We intend to continue providing networking and educational events annually, so please pay attention to those WCS AWWA Events emails to confirm the dates of all our events. Have a great conference!

Respectfully submitted,

Kyla L. Kirk, P.Eng.

Manitoba Trustee

Education Committee Report

2014 has been a year of adjustment for this Committee. Max Wong of Calgary was introduced as chair for the term from January to August 2014. Gyn-Gyn Lee of Edmonton will be taking over as Committee chair going forward, with Max continuing to support efforts.

- A committee has been assembled, with members from Calgary, Red Deer and Edmonton.

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- Recruitment throughout the year of designated Committee member / champion for all major population centres. This has thus far been unsuccessful, though there is some headway in Saskatchewan.
 - This should be a continuing effort to recruit Committee members for service of the membership in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.
 - Some attempt were made to interest SK and MB YPs in this, but not successful thus far.
- Efforts begun for planning the proposed 2015 two-day seminar. This will be held in Calgary in April – May 2015.
 - A draft plan for this session has been prepared.
 - Currently the plan is to have one workshop stream and one paper stream for the two day period, for a total of four (4) half-day sessions of each type.
 - As of report time, the Office is investigating possible venues in Calgary to accommodate a projected attendance of 80 – 100 people.
 - Once this is completed, the Committee will nominate leads for each workshop / paper stream, who will select workshop leads and issue invitation to submit papers.
- The Chair attended the APC meeting in May 2014 in Edmonton. It was discussed that southern and central Alberta are extremely well served on educational opportunities, but northern Alberta (in particular, Fort McMurray) is not served.
 - It has been mentioned that some Fort McMurray members' employers are willing to pay for trainers to go to their area for training, under condition that they attend the seminar for free.
 - This may be pursued with other COs to maximize educational exposure.

Respectfully submitted,

Max Wong

Education Committee Chair

Cross Connection Control Committee Report

WCS AWWA Cross Connection Control Committee Members are listed on the WCS AWWA Website.

- 2013 WCW Annual Conference & Exhibition in Edmonton was attended by several committee members.
 - Thursday's guest speaker at lunch was John Alston, the Water and Sewer Superintendent for the City of Bozeman, MT. The topic of his speech was Cross Connection, and he referenced our CCC Committee several times in his speech.
- Ron Wardner and Vice-Chair Dean Wigmore attended the Canadian National Cross Connection Control Coordinating Committee meeting in Toronto in early October.
 - Ron Wardner of WCS AWWA chaired the meeting.
 - Change to the "Legal" section of the National CCC Manual was approved.
 - Approved the removal of the list of certified backflow preventers from the National CCC Manual and replaced it with a link to the CSA website.
 - All sections committed to funding educators to participate in updating the National Exam Bank for CCC Testers.
 - Louise Egan of BCWWA moved into the chairperson's role at the conclusion of the meeting.
- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Conference held in November at Calgary, AB.
 - Volunteers from the City of Calgary and Alberta Municipal Affairs manned the booth.
 - Communications Committee was able to get the new banners completed in time for the Trade Show – very positive feedback from the people working the booth.
 - Booth was extremely busy – very good interaction with Alberta's elected officials.
- Annual WCS AWWA CCC Meeting held in June at Canmore, AB.
 - Committed to attending one provincial municipal association trade show per year to promote cross connection to municipal government / administration.
 - Developed new contest "The good, the bad and the ugly" to promote Cross Connection (testers submit photos of "ugly" installations for a chance to win prizes donated by the manufacturers of backflow preventers).
 - Kevin Lang of the City of Regina to continue as Vice-Chair.
 - Lorne Mireau of SIAST to continue as Education Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Wigmore

Cross Connection Control Committee Chair

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Communications Committee Report

We are mid-way into our second official year for the WCS-AWWA Communications Committee and our committee continues to be actively involved by encouraging membership benefits through different media tools. The committee currently has 6 enthusiastic members (one less from last year), located in both Alberta and Manitoba. All committee members have been working hard to maintain the overall objective of developing innovative ways to communicate awareness and knowledge of the Water Industry issues and events via different media tools to existing members, and encouraging new membership and engagement. So far this year we have had 1 teleconference, in addition to frequent one-on-one calls between chair-member. As committee chair, I am very happy about the efforts put in by all members who have helped to address the planned activities that were assigned according to the 2014 work plan.

This year, we have managed to accomplish the following until now in 2014:

- Ongoing website review and maintenance
- Ongoing distribution of email Water Industry news alerts
- Assistance with WCS-AWWA networking events
- Assisting the Education Committee with planning of the upcoming May 2015 Specialty Workshop planned to be held in Calgary, Alberta
- Maintaining section presence in the WCW quarterly magazine by finding members to write articles
- Assistance with the creation and sales of Water For People (WFP) t-shirts

In addition to the above, we will continue to assist with planning/coordination of WCS-AWWA networking events for the remainder of the year. In the very near future our committee will assist the Cross Connection Control (CCC) committee with the development of a CCC handout that can be distributed at various networking, seminars and tradeshow.

All members of this committee are working hard to keep the lines of communication open with the other committees, and provide support to them when required. Thank you for the continued opportunity of being chair to the committee as this experience is still one that I thoroughly enjoy - I am extremely satisfied with our participation and presence in the overall WCS-AWWA section.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharmila Acharya, M.Eng, P.Eng
Communications Committee Chair

Membership Committee Report

Membership is an art, with this in mind WCS of AWWA has been looking at understanding the factors and drivers which impact its members:

- Based on this a significant focus to address growth of the WCS membership, is through retention of first year members. At the beginning of 2014, 0.6% increase in retention of first year members was realised over the previous fiscal year. This is due to an 87.6% retention rate of first year members that had joined the organisation.
 - In 2013 there were 49 new members – Grades 02 and 06
 - To date (as at July 2014) – 20 new members
 - To date (as at July 2014) 641- Active members
 - Current retention rate 94%
- With a view to increasing membership, the Committee will be completing a survey later this year to be used as a tool to better identify the tangible and non-tangible benefits to increase membership, as well as a tool to drive marketing! Figures 1 and 2 show a decline in total membership, with the decline being affected primarily through reduced number of individual membership.

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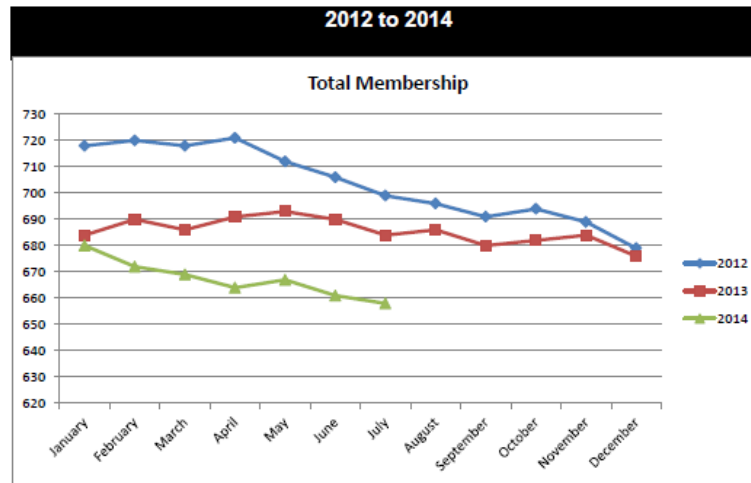


Figure 1: Total membership Trend - 2012 -2014

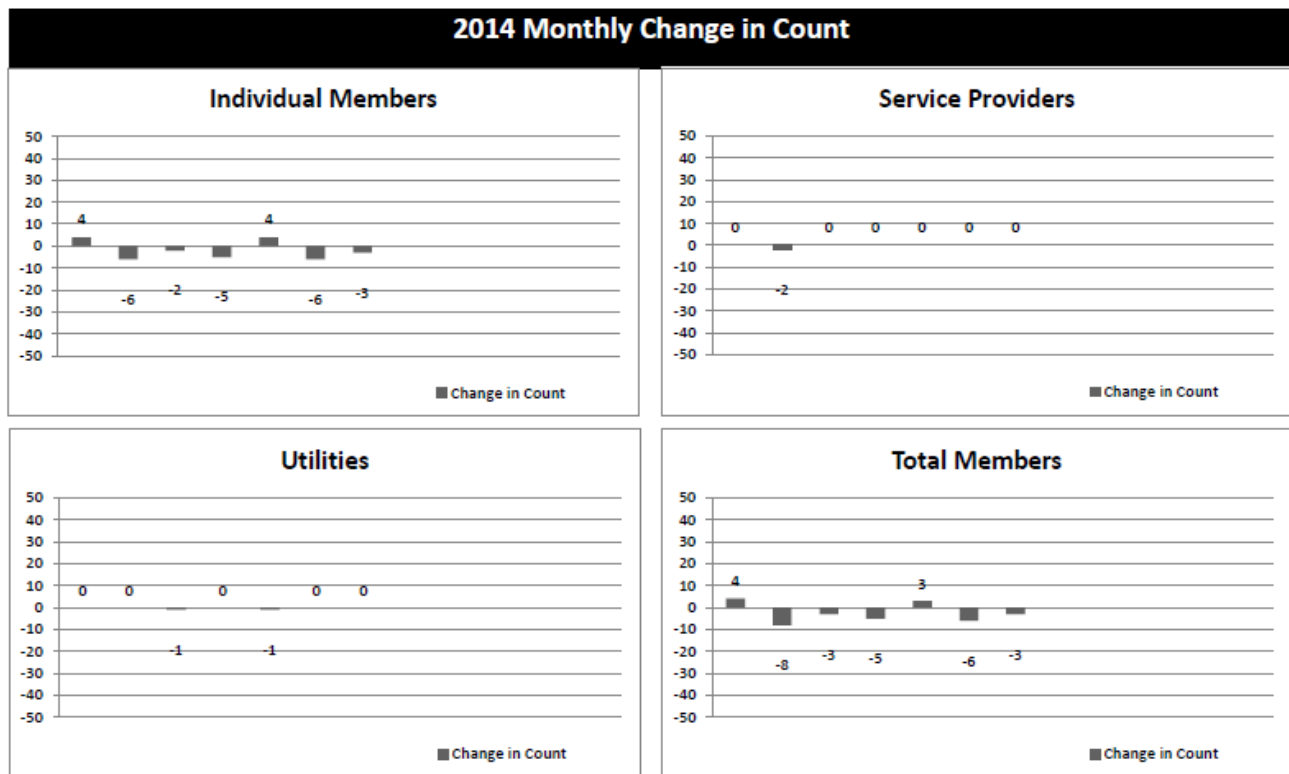


Figure 2: Membership count per grade - July 2014

We sadly said good-bye to Gary Sullivan, our membership liaison at AWWA head office....enjoy your retirement years! God bless!

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Bess-Ouko

Membership Committee Co-Chair

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Water for People Committee Report

Water for People (WFP) is an international humanitarian organization that helps people in developing countries improve quality of life by supporting the development of locally sustainable drinking water resources, sanitation facilities, and hygiene education programs

Water For People is active in supporting integrated, sustainable water and sanitation projects in developing countries. Projects are regional in scale and rely heavily on in-country, local organizations, and volunteer labour. For each region Water for People is active in their goal of clean water and sanitation for everyone, every house, every school, every clinic.

The Water For People committee seeks to raise awareness among the membership about the Organization through various activities, such as: Presentations (WFP Breakfast at WCW Conference), sponsored events in each centre, as well as taking part in fundraising, networking and awareness campaigns at WCS AWWA events.

In 2013-2014 the WFP Committee proceeded with efforts to build a larger executive group which now consists of the following members:

- Co-Chairs: Anne Bridgman, Paul Klassen
- Vice Chair: Kari MacDonald
- AWWA Board Liaison: Ken Anderson
- Calgary City Rep: Darlene Kindrat
- Edmonton City Rep: Harshan Radhakrishnan
- Regina City Rep: Jasmine Wang
- Saskatoon City Rep: Vacant
- Winnipeg City Rep: Paul Klassen

2013-2014 Activities:

- Calgary Curling Bonspiel, April 2014
- Winnipeg Curling Bonspiel, April 2014
- T-Shirt Sales

Summary of Planned Activities:

- Edmonton – Curling tournament-Planned for November
- Regina – Spring Curling Tournament
- Calgary – Wine Tasting Event in November
- Calgary-Foot-Golf Tournament for next summer, exploratory stages
- Winnipeg – Annual Spring Curling Tournament

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Bridgman

Water for People Committee Co-Chair

Young Professionals Committee Report

This was a year of maintaining the momentum of growth for the WCS AWWA Young Professionals (YP) Committee. One of the biggest achievements is to create a new major city – Lethbridge to host YP social network event. The first network event in Lethbridge made a huge success and attracted quite a few members to join the informal network event. Meanwhile, the YP committee continued attracting a few new YP members to actively participate on the committee as well as attracting new people to join into events regularly.

We have continued the committee leadership structure developed in 2011 by having one committee member assigned to represent each major city.

The eight assigned positions are currently held by:

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|----------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| • Chair | Jasmine Wang | • Lethbridge Rep | Andrew Kleisinger |
| • Past Chair | Esther van Herk | • Regina Rep | Jasmine Wang |
| • Vice Chair | Justin Rak Banville | • Saskatoon Rep | Russ Munro |
| • Calgary Rep | Joshua LaMarre | • Winnipeg Rep | Justin Rak-Banville |
| • Edmonton Rep | Sadra Heidary-Monfared | | |

Networking Events

As a committee, we had 3 city representative teleconferences. Each city rep held separate teleconferences/meetings with their local interest YP's to continue communication and plan events. One face to face meeting was held with the city reps in Regina, SK on May 29, 2014. We were very fortunate to have three out of town and three local YPs attending the meeting.

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During the meeting there was lots of positive discussion on 2014 WCS AWWA Strategic Plan and where the YP committee fits in. Brainstorming was done on how to increase the exposure to the students and engage the student in the AWWA association and particularly in the YP committee and help the students ready to take the lead in the future. Other discussion on coordination with Education Committee, membership committee, and WEF YP committee were undertaken as well. This year, YP committee will also sponsor a first timer orientation session at the 2014 WCS Annual conference to help newcomers to get familiar with the conference and get them warmed up.

Focus has also been on developing the existing committee members. This is currently being accomplished by discussions between past/current/future chairs to determine direction of the committee. This is also being accomplished by the future chair and future-future chair attending YP conferences to meet and understand the greater role of the YP committee in growing our technical association as well as developing future leaders for the association. Justin Rak- Banville and Joshua LaMare attended the AWWA YP Summit. Newer committee members are being developed by getting them involved in planning and implementing networking events, along with getting them involved in discussions at the city level, and getting the more involved members into the discussion at the city chair level.

Thank you for the opportunity to be YP Chair during the growth and development of a more active committee. I have seen the committee grow greatly in the past couple years, and there is a lot more potential for this group with the support we have been getting from the board.

Respectfully submitted,

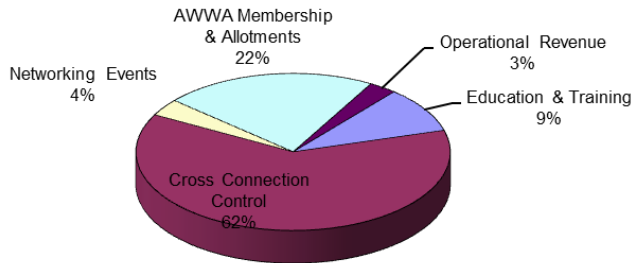
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Young Professionals Committee Chair

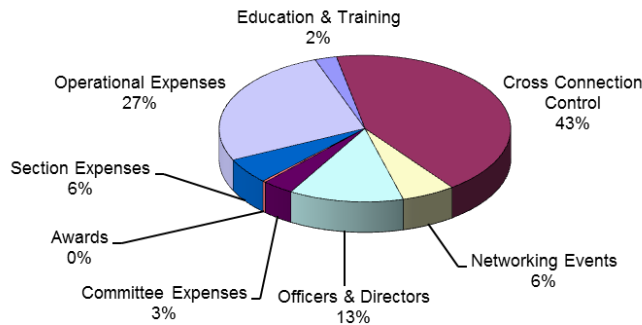
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Financial Report

2013 Revenues



2013 Expenses



	Budget	Actual
Revenues		
Education & Training	30,000	27,837
Cross Connection Control	150,000	183,232
Networking Events	9,250	10,344
AWWA Membership & Allotments	63,949	64,444
Operational Revenue	8,500	8,402
Total Revenue	261,699	294,259
Expenses		
Education & Training	11,800	6,007
Cross Connection Control	98,100	106,946
Networking Events	16,500	14,800
Officers & Directors	46,000	31,596
Committee Expenses	14,650	8,666
Awards	2,500	903
Section Expenses	12,330	14,018
Operational Expenses	73,000	65,986
Total Expenses	274,880	248,922
Special Projects	0	0
Revenue Less Expense	-13,181	45,336