



2015 Winter Conference
*Leaving the Comfort Zone. . .
Collaborating for Clean Water*

February 1-4, 2015
*The Belmond Charleston Place Hotel
Charleston, SC*

Δ – Board of Directors Committees
* – Denotes Confirmed Speakers

Sunday, February 1

Morning

8:00 – 12:00 Registration
Grand Hall

8:30 – 9:30 Strategic Planning Committee Δ
Live Oak

9:45 – 10:45 Finance Committee Δ
Live Oak

Afternoon

12:00 – 4:00 Board of Directors Meeting
Cypress/Live Oak

Evening

5:15 – 6:00 Registration
Grand Hall

5:30 – 6:30 ‘Appy’ Hour Welcoming Reception
Grand Hall

C’mon and get “appy” with us! We are pleased to announce the debut of the NACWA Events App. The App is available for the most popular mobile devices and can also be accessed via the web. With the App at your fingertips you can browse the program; create your schedule; add your appointments; sync your schedule across multiple devices; access speaker handouts and presentations; receive conference notifications; and more. Be sure to stop at the NACWA Events App table during the reception to make sure you are ready to join the ‘appy’ crowd!

Monday, February 2

Morning

7:00 – 4:00

Registration

Grand Hall

7:30 – 9:00

Water Quality Committee

Willow

The Water Quality Committee will focus its discussions on a number of nutrient and water quality criteria-related issues that are impacting clean water utilities or that will have a major impact in the near future. On the nutrient front, NACWA is actively working with EPA in an effort to influence the Agency's training materials for developing nutrient permit limits and is closely tracking developments at the state level, including a potential challenge to the variance approach Montana used when it developed its numeric nutrient criteria. New criteria for bacteriophage and implementation of the revised ammonia criteria are the two top water quality criteria on the Committee's radar screen, and updates on both will be provided. Anticipated revisions to most of EPA's human health criteria, developments on Whole Effluent Toxicity out of California, water quality trading and more are also on the agenda for the meeting.

Featured Presentation:

Bruce Roll*

Director, Watershed Management Department
Clean Water Services
Hillsboro, OR

9:00 – 10:00

Spouse & Guest Lounge

Suite 2E

9:15 – 10:30

Utility & Resource Management Committee

Willow

The Utility and Resource Management Committee meeting will feature a presentation on how NACWA member agency the City of South Bend, Indiana, is using real-time intelligence and optimization to help the city further its Utility of the Future goals. Kara Boyles, Assistant Director of Public Works will present their story together with Tim Braun, Enterprise Architect with EmNet. The Committee also plans to continue its dialogue on sustainable rates and increasing concerns about declining revenues due to water conservation. Sustainable rates will be part of the 2015 Summer Conference theme and the Committee will help to generate some discussion topics for the Conference. Updates will be provided on NACWA's Utility of the Future advocacy efforts and the latest on the state revolving loan funds. Preliminary results from NACWA's 2014 Cost of Clean Water Index Survey will be released, along with the Executive Highlights document from NACWA's 2014 Financial Survey.

Featured Presentation:

Kara Boyles*

Assistant Director of Public Works
City of South Bend
South Bend, IN

Tim Braun*
Enterprise Architect
EmNet, LLC
South Bend, IN

10:45 – 11:45
Willow

Biosolids Management Committee

The regulatory status of recovered struvite and the spread of phosphorus regulations will headline the Biosolids Management Committee agenda. On the struvite front, NACWA has maintained a dialogue with EPA on whether recovered struvite must be regulated under the Part 503 biosolids regulations. The Committee will hear the latest including the details from a December meeting with EPA. A number of states, including Maryland, have started to develop regulations limiting the amount of phosphorus that can be land applied in an effort to address eutrophication concerns. Maryland's rules, if they go final, could drastically reduce the available farm field acreage for biosolids land application. Many of these rules are treating phosphorus from biosolids – which is less bioavailable than other forms of phosphorus – the same as phosphorus from other sources like manure. The Committee will discuss these issues and get updates on NACWA's efforts on sewage sludge incineration, a recent policy put in place by a national grocery chain to limit the use of biosolids, and a range of legal actions from around the country.

Featured Presentation:

Lisa Ochsenhirt*
Attorney
AquaLaw PLC
Richmond, VA

11:00 – 12:30
Suite 2L

Value of Water Coalition Listening Session

NACWA is one of the founding members of the Value of Water Coalition—an alliance of public and private water agencies, business and community leaders, and national organizations, united in elevating the importance of water to the economic, environmental and social well-being of America. With one voice, the Value of Water Coalition educates decision-makers and the public on the importance of clean, safe, and reliable water and helps ensure quality water service for future generations. This listening session will be an opportunity to hear about and shape the Coalition's strategy and work plan for 2015. Please join this interactive discussion with several General Managers who have recently joined the Coalition's leadership, NACWA staff, and the Coalition's new director. Your input will help shape the research, tools and resources, events, and media strategy that we undertake to elevate the importance of water and build the will to invest in America's water and wastewater system.

Afternoon
1:30 – 2:45
Willow

Facility & Collection Systems Committee

Our Facility & Collection Systems Committee meeting will begin with a discussion about blending, including how utilities are managing peak wet weather flows, EPA's stance on the issue, and potential legislative action to address EPA's application of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals decision on blending. The Committee will then focus

on the status of Integrated Planning (IP) implementation in consent decrees and permitting. Fred Andes with Barnes & Thornburg will give a presentation about the City of Lima, Ohio's consent decree based on IP, with integration of wastewater treatment, combined sewer overflow, sanitary sewer overflow, and other projects and prioritization based on environmental and human health benefits. Finally, an update will be provided on the work being done by NACWA and other associations to reduce problems with wipes and other non-dispersible products that are flushed into the sewer system.

Featured Presentation:

Fred Andes*

Partner

Barnes & Thornburg LLP

Chicago, IL

Gary Sheely*

Director of Utilities

City of Lima Utilities Department

Lima, OH

3:00 – 4:00

Willow

Stormwater Management Committee

The Committee meeting will begin with an update on outcomes from key meetings with EPA's stormwater team, including a recently released TMDL memorandum and where to expect their focus over the coming months. NACWA's legal team will brief the committee on a valuable tool they have created to assist municipalities facing legal challenges to their stormwater programs. The City of Charleston will also present to the committee on the Department of Public Service's extensive efforts to relieve flooding and address urban runoff.

Featured Presentation:

Mike Horton*

Program Manager

City of Charleston Stormwater Program

North Charleston, SC

4:15 – 5:15

Willow

Climate & Resiliency Committee

The Climate and Resiliency Committee meeting will provide an overview of Executive Office climate initiatives and associated Federal implementation plans – and their implications for more resilient clean water utilities. The committee will also cover the status of greenhouse gas emissions regulations.

Featured Presentations:

Bob Steidel*

Chair, NACWA Security & Emergency Preparedness Committee

Director

City of Richmond, Department of Public Utilities

Richmond, VA

Andy Fairey*
Chief Operating Officer
Charleston Water System
Charleston, SC

Evening

6:00 – 7:30

Riviera Theater &

Riviera Ballroom

225 King St.

(Directly across King

Street, adjacent to hotel)

National Environmental Achievement Awards Ceremony & Reception

Join us as we celebrate NACWA's 2015 *National Environmental Achievement*

Award recipients. With these Awards, NACWA honors individuals and public

agencies that have made extraordinary contributions through environmental

service, community stewardship, and advancements in technology and operations.

Following the Awards Ceremony, you're invited to continue the celebration of these exemplary individuals and utilities at a reception in their honor. Located in the beautiful Riviera Theater, this festive event will rival Hollywood award shows not only in the grandeur of its location but its recognition of these exceptional environmental NACWA celebrities.

Tuesday, February 3

Morning

7:30 – 3:30

Grand Hall

Registration

7:30 – 8:45

Willow

Legal Affairs Committee

NACWA's Legal Affairs Committee meeting will feature updates and discussion on a number of the Association's most important legal advocacy initiatives. A key part of the meeting will focus on NACWA's recent engagement with EPA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) regarding an ongoing investigation into the Agency's wet weather enforcement program. The Committee will receive an update on what NACWA has learned about the goals of the investigation, how NACWA is seeking to influence the outcome, and discuss what the appropriate metrics for determining "success" of consent decree programs should be. On a related wet weather topic, the Committee will also receive a short presentation on NACWA's new whitepaper addressing legal considerations for municipal stormwater fee programs, learning how the whitepaper can be a useful resource for stormwater utilities. The Committee will also receive updates on key ongoing NACWA litigation activities, discuss plans for the upcoming 2015 NACWA Consent Decree Workshop, and hear some special presentations on key current clean water legal issues involving above ground storage tanks and water quality trading.

Featured Presentations:

Richard Lewis*

Member

Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

Charleston, WV

TJ Mascia*
Associate
Troutman Sanders LLP
Richmond, VA

9:00 – 10:00
Suite 2E Spouse & Guest Lounge

9:00 – 12:00
Live Oak Magnolia *Opening Remarks*
Karen Pallansch*
NACWA President
Chief Executive Officer
Alexandria Renew Enterprises
Alexandria, VA

Welcoming Remarks
Kin Hill*
Chief Executive Officer
Charleston Water System
Charleston, SC

Keynote Address
The Necessity of Strangers:
The Intriguing Truth About Insight, Innovation and Success
Internationally-respected expert on business strategy and innovation, and best-selling author, Mr. Gregerman, will kick-off the Association's 2015 Winter Conference. Mr. Gregerman's inspiring session, based on his best-selling book, *The Necessity of Strangers*, will discuss the power of connecting with new and different people as the real key to innovation, collaboration, and greater professional and personal success.

Alan Gregerman*
President & Chief Innovation Officer
Venture Works Inc.
Silver Spring, MD

10:15 – 10:30 BOOK SALES & BREAK

Roundtable Discussion
Today's Strangers . . . Tomorrow's Partners
Building on the theme of our Keynote Address, leaders from the water, agriculture, financing, and energy sectors will share their perspectives and insights regarding the key role interaction with "strangers" may play in seizing future opportunities and meeting today's challenges.

Speaker/Moderator:

Dave St. Pierre*

General Manager

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Chicago, IL

Roundtable Participants:

Steve Hershner*

Utilities Director

City of Cedar Rapids, Utilities Department

Cedar Rapids, IA

Roger Wolf *

Director of Environmental Programs & Services

Iowa Soybean Association

Ankeny, IA

Francesca McCann*

Founder & President

Global Water Strategies, P3 Advisory

Austin, TX

Nancy Stoner*

Water Program Director & Senior Fellow

Pisces Foundation

Washington, DC

Featured Speaker

Opportunities for Water – Energy Partnerships

Bob Perciasepe*

President

Center for Climate & Energy Solutions

Arlington, VA

Closing Remarks

Karen Pallansch*

NACWA President

Afternoon

1:45 – 3:15

Live Oak Magnolia

Opening Remarks

Karen Pallansch*

NACWA President

Panel Presentation

Water Quality Challenges Inspire Partnerships

The promise of smarter solutions for our water quality challenges has helped to spur a number of collaborations within the past several years. This session will examine recent

collaborations and the key issues that stakeholders must grapple with to ensure strong outcomes. Panel participants will discuss how innovative programs and policies – such as adaptive management, water quality trading, stormwater/green infrastructure, reuse and product stewardship – are driving these meaningful collaborations.

Moderator:

Adel Hagekhalil*

NACWA Vice President

Assistant Director

Bureau of Sanitation City of Los Angeles

Los Angeles, CA

Panelists:

Dave Taylor*

Chair, NACWA Water Quality Trading Work Group

Director, Ecosystem Services

Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District

Madison, WI

Aubrey Strause*

President, Maine Water Environment Association

Owner

Verdant Water

Scarborough, ME

Randy Bartlett*

Supervisor

Fairfax County Wastewater Management Program

Fairfax, VA

David Primozych*

Senior Director of Ecosystem Services

The Freshwater Trust

Portland, OR

Featured Speaker

Rich Anderson*

Senior Advisor, Urban Water Council

U.S. Conference of Mayors

Washington, DC

Closing Remarks

Karen Pallansch*

NACWA President

3:30 – 5:00

Willow

Legislative & Regulatory Policy Committee

The Policy Committee will kick off its meeting in February with a discussion of financial capability and affordability concerns, including NACWA's next steps and opportunities to collaborate with the other water sector organizations and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Collaboration with agriculture will be a major theme for 2015 and the Committee will hear a briefing on NACWA's newest white paper featuring case studies from around the country. Work to implement the Memorandum of Understanding between NACWA and the National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) is underway and NMPF will be on hand to share the dairy perspective on why collaboration is so important. The Committee will also be briefed on a Board-level discussion about the Association's 2015 advocacy agenda, hear the latest on what we expect from the 114th Congress and more. The Policy Committee is comprised of the leaders from all of NACWA's Standing Committees, but all are welcome to participate in the Committee meeting.

Featured Presentations:

Betsy Elzufon*

Associate

Larry Walker and Associates
Davis, CA

Ryan Bennett*

Director, Government Relations

National Milk Producers Federation
Arlington, VA

Evening

6:00 – 7:00

Palmetto Café

Reception

Enjoy the spectacular hotel courtyard garden while you treat yourself to exquisite cuisine. The hotel's gas lighted lanterns, marble-floor corridors and classic gardens are extensions of the famous historic district that envelops Belmond Charleston Place. Dress for the reception is business casual. Please note that this reception will be outside.

Wednesday, February 4

Morning

8:30 – 10:00

Grand Hall

Registration

9:00 – 11:00

Live Oak Magnolia

Opening Remarks

Karen Pallansch*

NACWA President

Featured Speaker

Stan Meiburg*

Acting Deputy Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, DC

Roundtable Discussion

Turn-Around Time –

Utilities Look to a Future When Collaboration is Key

Clean water agencies from around the country are taking a hard look at where they need to be to meet the future needs of their communities and making choices that are informed, enlightened, and innovative. Our final Roundtable Discussion will feature several such utilities and share the details of their important work as ‘change agents’ in their communities.

Participant/Moderator:

Ted Henifin*

NACWA Board Member
General Manager
Hampton Roads Sanitation District
Virginia Beach, VA

Roundtable Participants:

Ray Orvin*

Executive Director
Renewable Water Resources
Greenville, SC

Shannon G. Williams*

Chief Executive Officer
Capital Region Water
Harrisburg, PA

Gregg Eckhardt*

Senior Analyst
San Antonio Water System
San Antonio, TX

Closing Remarks/Adjourn

Karen Pallansch*

NACWA President