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## 2005 CONFERENCE AGENDA

Registration Booth - Champagnes Room

### REGISTRATION TIMES

**Tuesday, November 1 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. & Wednesday, November 2 from 7:30 - 10:00 a.m.**

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

#	Day / Time	Workshop / Session
	7:00 p.m.	Exam Session

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

#	Day / Time	Workshop / Session
1A	8:30 - 12:00	Media & Public Relations Workshop - Alyson Edwards, City of Saskatoon - CEUs to be awarded
1B	8:30 - 12:00	PLC Workshop - Grand Lagimodiere, Delco Automation - CEUs to be awarded
	12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
2A	1:00 - 5:00	Well O & M Workshop - Harry Rhode, PFRA Agri-Food - CEUs to be awarded
2B	1:00 - 5:00	Filter Maintenance Workshop - David Hambley, AWI Filter - CEUs to be awarded
	5:00 - 7:00	Free Time (Supper on your own)
	7:00 - 11:00	Ice Breaker Trade Show

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

#	Day / Time	Workshop / Session
	7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast
3	8:30 - 10:00	Opening Meeting and Remarks
4	10:00 - 11:00	Walkerton - Five Years Later - Bruce Davidson
5	11:00 - 2:30	AWWA Teleconference - "The Shrinking Workforce: Hype or Crisis?" - CEUs to be awarded
	10:00 - 12:00	Coffee / Trade Show
	12:00 - 1:00	Lunch with Suppliers
6A	1:00 - 2:00	Wastewater Monitoring - Jason Wasylyshyn
6B	1:00 - 2:00	Work Zone Traffic Control Liabilities and Responsibilities - Randy Cheater
7A	2:00 - 3:00	Sewer Biofilm - Ignore at your own risk - Shayne Robinson
7B	2:00 - 3:00	Trenchless Solutions for Water Main and Sewer Rehabilitation - Marek Pawlowski
7C	2:00 - 3:00	Service Line Material, Installation and Repair - Don Webb
	3:00 - 3:15	Coffee
8A	3:15 - 4:15	Preventative Maintenance - Swabbing Watermains - Cause and Effect - Al Turner
8B	3:15 - 4:15	Installation, Care and Maintenance of Online Water Analyzers - George Hargreaves
8C	3:15 - 4:15	Asset Management for Sewer Systems - Marek Pawlowski
	6:30 - 7:00	Cocktails
	7:00 - 10:30	Banquet and Entertainment

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

#	Day / Time	Workshop / Session
	7:30 - 9:00	Breakfast
9	9:00 - 10:00	Professional Operators. Consider the Alternative - Bruce Davidson
	10:00 - 10:15	Coffee
10	10:15 - 11:15	SK Environment - Water & Wastewater Status - Sam Ferris
11	11:15 - 12:00	Reconvene AGM Elections
	12:00 - 1:00	Lunch - Final Draws and Closing Remarks

#### Additional Conference Items:

**Spousal Program - Thursday, November 3 from 1:00 p.m - 5:00 p.m.**

*Are you crafty? generous? Then SWWA is looking for you to help us out at the Water For People Silent Auction during the conference in November. SWWA is soliciting items from its members for the silent auction that have been made with your own two hands . . . or the hands of someone close to you. If you paint, woodwork or just like to build things and you would like to help out this worthy cause, please bring your item to the conference and allow it to be up for auction. If you have any questions please contact the SWWA office.*

# CONFERENCE WORKSHOP AND INFORMATION SESSIONS

## **SESSION 1A - Media and Public Relations Workshop (CEUs to be awarded)**

An excellent workshop for anyone in the water and wastewater field covering such topics as dealing with the public and local newspapers. This course will also touch on the subject of how to conduct a proper job interview.

## **SESSION 1B - PLC Workshop (CEUs to be awarded)**

A basic introduction to PLC's and their operation. The short form of this workshop was called SCADA For Dummies, but this one will be a little more informative.

## **SESSION 2A - Well O & M Workshop (CEUs to be awarded)**

This workshop will consist of the following topics: Waterwell management issues, well design and construction, well diagnostics tech, water level and water quality monitoring, well head protection, preventative maintenance, well treatment, disinfection and well abandonment.

## **SESSION 2B - Filter Maintenance Workshop (CEUs to be awarded)**

This workshop has been designed to provide the water treatment plant operator with the fundamentals of maintenance for both surface and ground water filters. Topics will include: "The backwash cycle" and "filter inspection techniques".

## **SESSION 4 - Walkerton - Five Years Later**

A five year journey has transformed Walkerton from the site of a tragedy to a centre of water knowledge. This is the story of a community that has turned its legacy from "Infamy to Excellence" by truly converting hindsight to foresight.

## **SESSION 5 - AWWA Satellite Teleconference "The Shrinking Workforce: Hype or Crisis?" (CEUs to be awarded)**

22% of employees in the water and wastewater industry are eligible to retire in the next five years. Don't miss this unique opportunity to gain insight into the future of water workforce planning. **The AWWA Teleconference is an additional charge of \$55.00 plus GST above the conference fees.**

## **SESSION 6A - Wastewater Monitoring**

This presentation is on a ground breaking technology, designed specifically for the use of the biological production and remediation industry, through a measurement of a molecule found in all living biological cells.

## **SESSION 6B - Work Zone Traffic Control - Liabilities and Responsibilities**

Standard Procedures of Temporary Traffic Control. Selecting a traffic control plan, components of a work zone and current sign standards.

## **SESSION 7A - Sewer Biofilm - Ignore at your own risk**

The biofilm (slime layer) in sewer system piping affects the wastewater it contacts. This presentation explains how this biofilm can be integrated into the wastewater treatment process.

## **SESSION 7B - Trenchless Solutions for Water Main and Sewer Rehabilitation**

An overview of available trenchless technologies suitable for the rehabilitation of sewer and water systems. The presentation will include an introduction to project management and inspection issues associated with these technologies.

## **SESSION 7C - Service Line Material, Installation and Repair**

A brief overview and the installation of corporation brass using Mueller tapping equipment.

## **SESSION 8A - Preventative Maintenance - Swabbing Watermains - Cause and Effect**

Preventive Maintenance is the cornerstone of safe and good tasting water. As an operator, you and you alone have the responsibility to monitor, improve and safeguard your most important resource. In this session we will attempt to provide operators with options to meet the standards and regulations.

## **SESSION 8B - Installation, Care and Maintenance of Online Water Analyzers**

Self-Explanatory.

## **SESSION 8C - Asset Management for Sewer Systems**

Introduction to the use of CCTV inspection programs to facilitate the use of Maintenance Management programs for sewers. These concepts include planning and budgeting for rehabilitation and maintenance programs. The presentation will focus on the CCTV inspection methods taught by NAAPI.

## **SESSION 9 - Professional Operators: Consider the Alternative**

Safe drinking water is the first thing we need, but the last thing we think about. While stagnant water may be dangerous, we must realize that stagnant thinking can be deadly. Professionally trained water operators are the most cost-effective way to ensure our community's health, finances and reputation.

## **SESSION 10 - Saskatchewan Environment - Water and Wastewater Status**

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# OPERATOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATION INFORMATION

**PURPOSE OF THE AWARD** . . . The Operator of the Year Award was established by the SWWA executive in 1988 to recognize excellence in water and/or wastewater plant operation. Two awards will be presented annually: one for populations of 1,000 or less, the other for populations exceeding 1,000.

**NOMINATIONS** . . . Nominations can be made by: Mayors, Aldermen, Administrators, City / Town Engineers, City / Town Superintendents or Foremen, fellow employees. The nominator will be required to submit written documentation to the selection committee as soon as possible. Deadline is October 15th of each year.

**ELIGIBILITY** . . . The nominee must be a member of SWWA and must be an operator certified by the Operator Certification Board. The nominee shall be a full or part-time operator of a water or wastewater treatment facility in Saskatchewan.

**AWARD PRESENTATION** . . . The Dale Heshka (over 1,000 population) and the Dave Clark (less than 1,000 population) Operator of the Year Awards will be presented at the annual SWWA Conference.

## Suppliers Without A Booth requiring a Conference Registration form - available on website [www.swwa.sk.ca](http://www.swwa.sk.ca)



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# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

## Confined Space Entry - 0.6 CEUs



**September 28 - Biggar**

**Location:**

Biggar Town Hall, 319 - 1st Ave. East  
Biggar, Saskatchewan

**Class Size:** Maximum 20

**Sign In:** 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

**Bring:** A pen and a pad of paper

**Special thanks to the Town of Biggar for donating the hall, coffee and donuts.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address / Box Number \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that the deadline for workshop registration is two (2) weeks prior to date of workshop. ALL workshop attendees must pre-register and pre-pay for workshop. No walk-up registrations are allowed and no cheques are to be submitted at the workshop.*

**Workshop Cost (lunch not included):**

**SWWA Member:** \$225.00 plus \$15.75 GST - \$240.75 \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Member:** \$275.00 plus \$19.25 GST - \$294.25 \_\_\_\_\_

## 2006 SWWA MEMBERSHIP

If you are not sure of your membership status please contact the SWWA Office at 761-1278.  
To become a member the following must be completed. The 2006 SWWA Membership Fee is \$40.00 plus \$2.80 GST.

Work Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Position / Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If you are applying for a 2006 membership add the membership fee to the SWWA Member cost of the workshop. \$265.00 plus \$18.55 GST - Total \$283.55.

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# CERTIFICATION BOARD MEETING

## Upcoming Operator Certification Preparation Courses Fall / Winter 2005

- > Sept. 19 - 23 Water Treatment & Distribution Class I Saskatoon
- > Oct. 13 Fall Maintenance for Collection Systems 1 Day Workshop
- > Nov. 14 - 18 Wastewater Treatment & Collection Class I Saskatoon
- > Nov. 28 - Dec. 2 Wastewater Treatment & Collection Class II Saskatoon
- > Dec. 5 - 9 Water Distribution & WW Collection Class III & IV S'toon
- > Dec. 12 - 16 Water Treatment & Distribution Class II Saskatoon

Interested Parties - Please send fax requesting registration information for interested courses.

Registration forms can be found on online at [www.atap.ca](http://www.atap.ca)

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The OCB met on July 7 / 8. They reviewed about 200 applications.

They also have a large number of applications on hold because operators have not included all the information like duties, job descriptions, proof of education or proof of exams passed. When you talk to operators, remind them to include all this information, otherwise the application sits until the information is submitted.

Also, there are still some operators who believe that once they pass an exam they become certified. Some don't think that they have to fill out an application and send money to become certified.

Additionally, there are some operators who have passed exams at levels higher than they are certified. They should apply, if they meet the criteria to get certified as high as their qualifications and facility classification allows.

Gus Feitzelmayer  
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# SWWA CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS PLANNED

The SWWA executive decided that it was time to review the "Constitution" to reflect the current requirements of the Association. The last amendment to the Constitution was made in September 30, 1993 while the original was adopted on September 15, 1983 when SWWA was officially founded.

The SWWA executive formed a Constitution committee to review and report any required amendments. The major highlights in the amendments are:

- Life members category
- Membership fees would not increase more than 20% at one time
- Board members increased from eleven to thirteen
- Secretary and treasurer will be separate positions
- The president and vice-president will be from the current Board, nominated by the Board
- Directors can only serve four consecutive terms
- Rules dictating the definition of a quorum at Board meetings
- Board members will not receive remuneration for services, however will be paid for expenses while on SWWA business

According to the existing Constitution "Article 11 Amendments" there are three steps before the Constitution can be amended. One, a written notice of motion. Two, the motion must have signatures of a mover, seconder, and a regular member. Three, a two thirds majority vote of regular members is required. The first two are complete while the third step will be at the annual general meeting in November.

The following notice of motion was passed at the last Board meeting on August 6, 2005. "Moved by Dale Heshka, seconded by Rick Hanson and Fred Schulze that we hereby serve a notice of motion to amend the Constitution as indicated on the copy of July 26, 2005." Signed by Dale Heshka, Rick Hanson, Fred Schulze.

Please review amendments. They are available on the SWWA website and at the conference in November.



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## Annual Conference & Trade Show

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## CONFINED SPACE WORKSHOP



SWWA will be presenting a Confined Space Workshop in Biggar on September 28, 2005. This workshop will be a one day course that will allow the participants to attain Level One and Level Two Confined Space Entry qualifications.

The workshop will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. at the Town Hall in Biggar and will comprise of the following:

#### Purpose for Confined Space Entry

- Fatality Incidents
- Legislation and Code of Practice
- Hazard Assessment
- Differences Between Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Confined Spaces
- Definitions
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Examples of Confined Spaces

There will be a short written exam in the afternoon as well as a practical exam. Please bring a pen and paper.




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# CONFERENCE EXAM SESSION

**Tuesday, November 1st, 2005**

**Sign In Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Exam Time: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

**Location: Saskatoon Inn, Canadian Room  
(Maximum 50)**

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Exam Cost: \$75.00 plus \$5.25 GST = \$80.25

**October 11th is the deadline for the exam registration and payment to be received at the SWWA Office.**

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Your receipt is your registration; bring it and a form of ID to the Exam Session.

Send Your Application and Fee to:

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## 2005 GOLF TOURNAMENT

On June 4th the SWWA golf tournament was held at the Assiniboia Regional Golf Course. A total of 43 golfers attended with 50 attendees for the supper that followed. The team of Al Turner, Gary Paptic and Bob Turnbull won the tournament with a low score of 65 (-7). The weather co-operated nicely as rain was predicted for the day but it managed to stay away for us.

Congratulations to Ries Mansuy and Carolyn Schulze, our long ball hitters, Kathy Thiele and Sean Bayer for closest to the pin and Kathy Thiele and Garth Monea for longest putts.

Thank you to the suppliers who donated many wonderful prizes for the tournament, it was fantastic that everyone was able to go home with something. The SWWA board would also like to thank the golf course and the Town of Assiniboia for their wonderful hospitality. It was great to see so many members and suppliers attend. But we would like to see even more next year in Biggar . . . see ya then!!!!!!!

