

# NH Water Works Association Newsletter

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**NHWWA**

## Membership Changes Approved at Annual Meeting

The NH Water Works Association membership voted to amend the bylaws at the annual meeting on November 7, 2019. The membership approved changes to *Supporting Membership*. There are no changes to *Utility Membership*.

Specifically, the Association bylaws were amended to add the following subcategories to *Supporting Membership*:

**Individual Member** – as defined above (in the bylaws).

This is the new title for what was “Support Member”. The member fee will stay at \$70 per year.

**Student Member** – defined as a student currently studying in a

*drinking water industry related field and not yet employed in the industry. Student members are not considered “active members” and therefore shall have no vote.*

The student membership will be \$30 per year. The category supports the NHWWA Young Professional Committee’s goal of workforce development.

**Retired Member** – defined as a former utility employee or support member who has retired.

The retired membership, at \$50 per year, is a way to acknowledge those individuals who still have a lot to contribute to the industry by staying involved in the Association.

**Associate Member** - defined as a business engaged in the drinking water industry. This category allows all employees of said business to attend NHWWA trainings at the member rate. The associate member has one vote.

The most significant change is the associate membership which, at \$250 a year, will allow support businesses to have all their employees receive member rates at NHWWA trainings and events.

NHWWA is committed to growing and meeting the needs of the water works industry.

Membership renewal invoices for fiscal year 2020 will go out in late November.

## Board of Directors Conducts Search for Executive Director

Due to personal reasons, Kathy Rodgers left the Association on September 2. The Board of Directors continues to search for a new executive director.

During Kathy’s short time at the helm, she established the NHWWA Young Professionals Committee, created a line of credit for the Association, updated the website and its content, created a social media presence, and saw NHWWA awarded tax credit funding for strategic planning. She also planned and oversaw a very successful Construction Day in Portsmouth. Kathy stated in her resignation letter that she is “still quite a fan of this

organization and will do my best to support it.”

Kathy and her family moved to Bangor in September where she has returned to work with RCAP Solutions in Maine. We wish her and her family all the best.

The Hiring Committee of the NHWWA Board of Directors has conducted interviews and hopes to have an executive director on board early in the new year.

In the meantime, NHWWA Office Manager, Sue Kowalski is taking care of the day-to-day operations of the Association. If you have questions about NHWWA events, membership,

or other Association business, you can reach Sue at [info@nhwwa.org](mailto:info@nhwwa.org).

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# NHWWA Selected for Tax Credit Program to Finance Strategic Development Planning

NHWWA is pleased to announce that New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) awarded NHWWA's Strategic Development Planning Project tax credit funding as part of the L5 Capacity Building Program. This was quite an honor to be selected as many worthy projects were submitted to this highly competitive tax credit program.

Proceeds from a business investment in CDFA tax credits will be used to enable a facilitated strategic planning process to further develop NHWWA's vision, as well as identify programs and services needed to support public water suppliers today and into the future. As New Hampshire continues to grow at a rapid pace in some regions, an ever increasing demand for additional supply and new sources has been placed upon many drinking water utilities. Meeting the stringent regulations on new and emerging contaminants takes a skilled and technically savvy workforce requiring access to the advanced training, resources, and support that NHWWA can provide.

The CDFA tax credit program essentially gives you, our supporting businesses, a vote with your dollars to

show how important it is to invest in the drinking water industry. With your help, NHWWA will be able to seek ways to expand and broaden its ability to connect and provide a voice to all those working and supporting the NH drinking water industry.

"Our tax credit awardees are leading collaborative, community-based projects to address critical needs in the Granite State that bring together public and private resources to solving local challenges," commented Katy Easterly Martey, Executive Director, CDFA.

The tax credit may be applied against the New Hampshire business profits tax, business enterprise tax, and/or the insurance premium tax. A business that contributes to a tax credit project will pay no more than 25 cents on the dollar for that investment. In most cases, this amount will be less as the donation may also be eligible for favorable state and federal charitable contribution treatment. Businesses are strongly encouraged to seek advice from their tax consultant for the true cost of the donation based on their individual tax status.



Purchasing tax credits is as simple as 1,2,3. With the tax credit program you pay no more than 25 cents on the dollar to help strengthen and support NHWWA's mission and the community we serve.

## To Make a Pledge

To purchase tax credits towards the NH Water Works Association Strategic Development Planning Project or for more information about tax credits please follow the link on our website <https://www.nhwwa.org/announcements/tax-credit-program/>

Once on the CDFA website, complete the online form and print out the final document to secure your pledge and to receive your 75% tax credit. To learn more about the project please feel free to reach out to:

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or Chris Berg, member of NHWWA Board of Directors,  
[chris.berg@wright-pierce.com](mailto:chris.berg@wright-pierce.com)

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## The Other Side of Public Drinking Water

by Steve Del Deo

The numbers are out there, and easy to come by. If you Google "population served by public drinking water systems in NH" a quick answer of 56% pops up. This number indicates that most folks in NH reside in areas served by community water systems. Just think about the total number of people that have access to public drinking water not only through community water systems,

but also non-community water systems in the form of schools, work places, restaurants, campgrounds, etc. Bottom line is that public water touches nearly all of us.

But lets look at the other side of the equation as well. How many people in NH work directly for/at public drinking water systems, and then in addition how many more work or have worked indirectly to serve the

industry, improve water quality, and or water service? No Google figures available here, but my guess is the number is staggering! It includes engineers (of all sorts), surveyors, hydrogeologists, biologists, chemists, foresters, treatment specialists, manufacturers, sales folks, accountants, attorneys, well drillers, pump installers, designers and

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# 2020 Legislative Preview

by Marco Philippon  
NHWWA Legislative Committee

The 2020 NH State Legislative Session will run from January 8 to June 30. In anticipation of the start of the session, legislators and senators have

submitted LSRs (Legislative Service Requests). This early version of a bill usually consists of only a short description. Many, but not all of the LSRs, will become bills. Currently we are tracking 14 LSRs.

### House LSRs

- 2005 relative to labeling of bottled water
- 2007 relative to laboratory testing
- 2065 urging Congress to grant states broader authority to set higher environmental standards than those established in federal law
- 2075 requiring periodic water tests on rental property
- 2119 abolishing fluoride in water
- 2404 relative to PFA's testing program for pregnant women
- 2538 requiring radon testing for all public schools in NH
- 2542 relative to large groundwater withdrawals from replacement wells
- 2543 addressing impacts to other water users from new sources of water from community water systems

### Senate LSRs

- 2723 relative to certain costs of the public utility commission
- 2756 establishing the coastal program administered by the department of environmental services
- 2769 relative to parking restrictions at public access to public waters
- 2804 relative to testing for lead in water in schools and day care facilities
- 2809 relative to municipal water pollution control

The NHWWA Legislative Committee will continue to monitor the LSRs as they become bills.

Membership bills will be going out soon. If you aren't already, please consider becoming a Legislative Member. You will receive regular updates on bills' status throughout the legislative session. The cost is \$0.15 per service connection for Utility Members and \$275 for Supporting Members.

For more information contact Sue Kowalski at [info@nhwwa.org](mailto:info@nhwwa.org).

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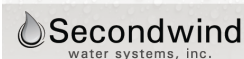
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## New Board Voted in at Annual Meeting

The New Hampshire Water Works Association membership elected the following Directors at the Annual Meeting on November 7, 2019.

### NHWWA Board of Directors

November 1, 2019—October 31, 2020

#### OFFICERS

**President:** Carl McMorran, Aquarion Water Company (2014)

**Vice-President:** Chris Countie, Pennichuck Water (2016)

**Treasurer:** Sarah Demos, Manchester Water Works (2018)

#### DIRECTORS

Rene Pelletier, NH Department of Environmental Services (1991)

Robyn Descoteau, NH Public Utilities Commission (2017)

Chris Albert, Jones & Beach Engineers, Inc. (2018)

Chris Vaughn, Secondwind Water Systems, Inc. (2018)

Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce (2018)

Jason Gagnon, North Conway Water Precinct (2018)

#### VACANCY

Charles Roberts, Concord Water Department, Ex-Officio (2014)

## NHWWA Calendar of Events

When	What	Where
December 12, 2019	Operator Training	NHDES, Concord
January 8 - March 11, 2020	Water Operator Basics Course 10 consecutive Wednesdays	Concord Treatment Plant
January 16, 2020	NEWWA/NHWWA Joint Meeting	Nashua Country Club
March 5, 10, 12, 17, 2020	Water Works Operator Certification Exam Preparatory Course	Concord Treatment Plant
March 27, April 3 & 10, 2020	Basic Water Works Math	Concord Treatment Plant
April 16, 2020	Spring Technical Meeting	TBD
July 29, 2020	Construction Day 2020	TBD
October 22, 2020	NH Drinking Water Expo & Trade Show	Concord

More trainings are in the works. Events will be posted on our website at [www.nhwwa.org](http://www.nhwwa.org) and email notices will go out via Constant Contact.

## 2019 NH Drinking Water Expo & Trade Show - It's a Wrap!

Thank you to our exhibitors, sponsors, presenters and volunteers who made the 2019 NH Drinking Water Expo & Trade Show a great success!

Over 800 TCH's were awarded to the folks who attended the seventeen seminars. The most popular topic, with the highest number of attendees, was the Consumer Confidence Report, followed closely by the sanitary survey and the PFAS presentations.

During lunch, several people joined the YP Committee in the Capital Room to learn more about this new vibrant group.

**Mark your calendars**, the 2020 Show will be held on Thursday, October 22 at the Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH.



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New Hampshire Water Works  
Young Professionals Committee

## NHWWA Young Professionals Committee is Up and Running!

Over 50 young water works professionals have joined the YP Committee and a number have participated in the group's fall activities.

The YP Committee joined in the Source to Sea River Clean-up in Keene (photo at right), the Rockfest 5K & Half Marathon on the Seacoast, the Manchester Water Works 5 Miler, and manned the Career Booth at the NH Drinking Water Expo & Trade Show. A joint networking event with New England Water Works Association was held in November and the Committee is busy planning events for 2020.

If you are interested in joining the YP Committee you can sign up by visiting our website at <https://www.nhwwa.org/young-professionals/> Any questions, you can contact Patricia Kelliher, NHWWA YP Committee Chair at [pkelliher@hazenandsawyer.com](mailto:pkelliher@hazenandsawyer.com). You can also follow the YP Committee on Facebook at NHWWA YP.





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## Member News

**Gene Schragger, P.G.** with Epping Well and Pump Co., Inc. recently completed a groundwater development project in Agbara, Nigeria for Suntory a Japanese Beverage company. This project was featured in the Winter 2018 issue of our newsletter. Work was performed between 2016 to 2019. An evaluation was made of the existing well field, which consisted of 6 wells installed in a confined alluvium deposit. Due to loss capacity and poor construction of the existing groundwater sources, a new well utilizing a pre-packed gravel design was installed and successfully evaluated at over 500 gpm with proper development.

Congratulations to **David Polcari** of CDM Smith for being honored with the 2019 George Warren Fuller Award at the New England Water Works Association's Annual Meeting in September. The George Warren Fuller Award is the most prestigious of all NEWWA awards and is presented annually to a member or members for their distinguished service in the water supply field in commemoration of the sound engineering skill, the brilliant diplomatic talent, and the constructive leadership that characterized the life of George Warren Fuller - one of America's most eminent engineers.

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installers of wastewater disposal systems, regulators, water commissioners, legislators, heavy equipment operators, and on and on, too many to list here. (Sorry if I missed anyone, and the listing is not necessarily in any order of importance).

What got me started on this topic is, and I know this may sound a bit macabre, but it was reading the obituaries in the local newspaper. In the past couple of weeks, I read about three local people, a regulator, an engineer, and a legislator who spent part or all of their careers helping to

protect public drinking water here in NH. First, thanks to these dedicated folks and so so many more no longer with us, but who have made a lasting impression. Your work here is done but not forgotten. May you rest in peace.

We in the public drinking water business are charged with this awesome responsibility of providing safe and ample drinking water, but what's of equal and maybe more importance is that we lay the groundwork (literally in many cases) for how safe and reliable our drinking water systems and industry will be for many years to come.



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## A Great Night for Baseball

NHWWA members had a beautiful summer evening on July 26 to enjoy the game, the ballpark food and visit with other members. The evening was capped off with an impressive fireworks display.

The NHWWA Young Professional Committee is taking over planning for the annual summer outing. Keep an eye out for news about the 2020 event.

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Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree in a related field plus 4 years of progressively responsible experience including at least 2 years in a supervisory capacity or any equivalent combination of education and experience. A job description is available at the office at 988 Union Avenue Laconia or by e-mail request to [spate@laconianh.gov](mailto:spate@laconianh.gov). Salary range is \$78,041.60 to \$100,672.00 and commensurate with experience.

A completed application is required and is available at the office or at <https://www.laconianh.gov/DocumentCenter/View/187/Employment-Application-PDF>. Applications and resumes will be accepted at the office, Attn: Employment, 988 Union Avenue, Laconia, New Hampshire 03246, Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (603) 524-0901 or to the above e-mail address. **EOE/ADA**

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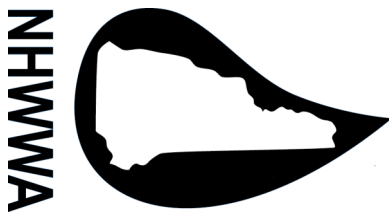


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