

Reports to: Associates Council Chair

Responsibilities: Administer the Section Enhancer Program. Support the Section at ATCAVE and the annual meeting financially via the Enhancer Program. The Associates Committee nominates a representative as council Chair on the Section Board. To involve representatives of companies serving the water industry in the governance and activities of the Section. Provide responsible representation and involvement for associate members. Develop programs and activities for associate members and encourage their membership and participation in the Section. Provide policy input and develop responses and comments on matters affecting associate members. Maintain and develop avenues of communication with the Section Board, committees, officers, and staff to ensure positive, productive liaison between associate members' interests and the goals and objectives of the Section. Vet and administer the Kevin T. Walsh Scholarship and Associates Committee Scholarships.

The Associates Committee is wrapping up another successful season of support for the Section. The Associates Committee provides valuable representation to the Section via businesses, manufacturers, suppliers, consultants, contractors, and service providers. The members of the Associates Committee represent a broad-based array of companies and technologies.

Active members have seen the value of participation in the committee as we've had great levels of attendance at our meetings throughout the year. The committee members benefit from advanced communication on event planning and the expansion of our own professional networks. Anyone interested in doing more for the Section, but not sure where they can contribute, is encouraged to consider participation in the Associates Committee.

The Associates Committee established the following work items for this Session:

- An Annual Budget for event support throughout the season
- Enhancer Recognition and Call for Enhancers at the CWWA/CTAWWA Fall Conference
- Section Enhancers – Call for Membership Letter, Direct solicitation to our peers
- ATCAVE Support
- Scholarships Program - One of our primary missions is to steward the scholarship programs that are so vital to the growth in our industry, and we were able to continue that this past session. Below are the recipients of our scholarships, we are very proud of these individuals who will be embarking on their next phase in personal and professional growth. The Committee awarded \$9,000.00 in scholarship monies.
 - General Scholarship Awards
 - Lelia Giampe
 - Abigail Jacobs
 - Jason Mansfield
 - Maria Salemi
 - Delia Taridona
 - Kevin T. Walsh Scholarship Awards
 - Charles Boateng
 - Daniel Melanson
- Young Professionals Support
- Competition Committee Support

- Selection of the Annual Conference Guest Speaker
- Selection of the Annual Conference Gifts
- Host the Annual Conference Lunch and Hospitality
- Water Week Event Support
- Membership Summer Picnic Sponsorship
- Water for People Golf Sponsorship

In addition to those working items, our Goals for this session included:

- Growing the Section Enhancer Membership – We were able to secure 68 Enhancers this past year.
- Grow Associate Committee Participation – We welcomed several new active members to our committee and have benefited from a regular monthly hybrid meeting schedule.
- Succession Planning of the Leadership roles in the Committee – Happy to report that we have identified a Vice Chair and next Chair for the 2026-2027 Term.

Thank you to the members of the Associates Committee for a great year and for their continued support, dedication, and guidance to the Committee and Section. I would also like to thank our Section Enhancers for their generous contributions.