

Education & Program Committee Annual Report

In September 2016, the Education and Program Committees merged to bring the Section their collective best in both educational opportunities and technical programs. The goal of this team is to provide the Connecticut Section of the American Water Works Association (CTAWWA) members with a range of hot topic courses, and accompanying training contact hours (TCH) credits, so that water system operators can retain their licenses by attending these programs. Courses focused on regulatory issues as well as source, treatment, and distribution related topics such as storage tanks and pump design and performance.

The Education & Program Committee also worked collaboratively with the New England Water Works Association (NEWWA) to deliver technical courses for the spring and fall, with NEWWA conducting a minimum of 10 courses throughout a given year. The committee also worked with the Department of Public Health (DPH) to obtain the necessary contact hour approvals for the various technical programs that are offered.

The Education & Program Committee's activities during the course of the past year included the following:

- Conducted semi-annual meetings for planning and coordinating the spring and fall classes for contact hours and professional development in both distribution and treatment.
- Coordinated with the NEWWA for course offerings for the CTAWWA to provide members with a variety of courses.
- Discussed and developed courses offered by CTAWWA members and obtain contact hour approval from the DPH.
- Conducted meetings with the NEWWA to coordinate course offerings and further develop the partnership with the CTAWWA.
- Solicited and reviewed submitted abstracts, developed the Technical Program for ATCAVE, the Joint Annual Conference, and the Water Quality & Treatment Symposium.
- Moderated the technical events listed above.
- Conducted DPH operator certification reviews.
- Continued to encourage and support other committees with the CTAWWA to develop and present course offerings related to their areas of expertise.
- Continued to encourage and solicit the development of technical articles to be submitted to Inflow-Line for publication consideration.
- Participated in the Committee Showcase event held in April.
- Continued to recruit new members to the committee. Committee had a net increase of two members for a total of 14 members.



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