Nebraska Water Environment Association

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NWEA 2013 FACT SHEET

- **About NWEA**

The Nebraska Water Environment Association (NWEA) was founded in 1952 as the Nebraska Sewage and Industrial Wastes Association. The Association began with 46 members. An annual meeting called the Great Plains Sewage Works Design Conference was scheduled for the first time in 1956 and continues today as the Great Plains Waste Management Conference.

- **Membership**
  - 271 WEF members
  - 370 Association members (NWOD) Nebraska Wastewater Operators Division
    - All 370 are also trial "EPWO" WEF members

- **Budget**
  - Annual $75,000 to $100,000
  - Reserves approximately $140,000

- **Association Publications**
  - Quarterly member publication "The Effluent Line"
  - Laboratory Practices Manual for Wastewater Treatment
  - Bi-Annual Membership Directory

- **Conferences**
  - Snowball Conference – A wastewater operator conference held each year in January. Co-sponsored with the Nebraska League of Municipalities. Attendance 250-300
  - Great Plains Waste Management Conference – A wastewater, solid waste, and public works design and management conference held each year in March. Co-sponsors include Nebraska Cornhusker Chapter – SWANA, Iowa WEA, and Nebraska APWA. As the lead organization, NWEA plans and coordinates the program and events schedule. Attendance 250-300
  - Heartland Operators Conference – A wastewater operator conference held each year in July. Sponsored by the Nebraska Wastewater Operators Division (NWOD). More recently coordinated with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) for wastewater operator certification testing. Attendance 200-225
  - Joint Annual Conference – A general membership conference with a wide range of presentation topics for a professionally diverse membership. Co-sponsored with the Nebraska Section of AWWA and Nebraska Chapter of APWA. Attendance 250-300

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- **Committee Activities**
  - 20 Committees
  - Public Education – Participation in the Stockholm Junior Water Prize, Children's Ground Water Festivals, Science Fairs, have created a wastewater treatment CD to present at Groundwater Festivals.
  - Safety – Reviews programs and inspects treatment facility applicants for NWEA and WEF safety awards.
  - Scott Wilbur Award Committee – Reviews programs and inspects treatment facility applicants for outstanding operation, maintenance, and effluent quality. The "Scott Wilbur Award" is presented at the awards banquet during the Annual Conference.
  - Scholarship Committee – Reviews scholarship applications and grants scholarship funding at the awards banquet during the Annual Conference. To date the program has over $30,000 in cash and pledges. Over the past 5 years more than $10,000 in scholarships was given to 20 students.
  - NWOD Advisory/Training – Created and presents the "Bruce Bates Award" for outstanding wastewater operator excellence and leadership.
  - Governmental Affairs – 4-State workshops with WEF, EPA Region 7, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri member associations and State Environmental Agencies.
  - Training Committee–Kicked-off in 2011 as a NWEA/WEF "Operator Initiative" and NWEA created this committee in 2012 to provide wastewater certification training and wastewater CEUs to Operators.

- **Association Sponsored Events**
  - Heartland golf outing and cookout sponsored by the Nebraska Wastewater Operators Division of the NWEA.
  - Scholarship golf outing and banquet, proceeds and contributions to the scholarship fund.
  - Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers (5S) luncheon and member election.
  - Young Professionals Texas Hold-em Tournament during Annual Conference raised $1,000 for Engineers without Borders.

- **Nebraska Operator Training Program**
  - Program Goals
    - Provide easily obtainable CEU's to Nebraska WWTP Operators
    - Financially and resource (volunteer) sustainable
    - Educate WEF on what works and what doesn't regarding frontline operator relations and training
    - Implementable federation wide
    - Operator MA members become EWEF members
  - Major Program Components
    - Resource Committee: Operators statewide as available technical resources
    - E-Memberships: Available to operators of collection and wastewater systems
    - Regional Training Events: Localized training opportunities for frontline operators statewide