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#### THE MAKING AND BREAKING OF THE

## Alabama/Mississippi Joint Annual Conference





# **Strategic Plan** Development & Execution



clean water environment.

### CORE VALUES

- Education about water related issues is imperative.
- Clean water is vital ٠
- Professional integrity is of utmost importance.
- Innovation is essential.

## SHORT TERM GOALS

- Provide operator centered training
- Cother additional involvement from Remove and wait inductrial water professionals on a champion in this area to come
- Finalize written strategic plan strat. Plan should be a living
- Hold strategic meetings with other In motion! organizations focused on similar issues.
- Obtain ADEM participation at board meetings Grassiano.
- Develop financial strategy / plan for organization to meet growth goals
- Provide additional scholarship funds ٠
- Develop a communications / branding strategy
- Reevaluate compattee make-up
  - Increase sponsorship

Discussed agreement with vision and mission. Innovation was considered, but cultivation of ideas = innovation. Innovation feels like a cop out and common mission. Innovation is also a core value and not necessary in the mission.

- · Service to our industry and profession are important.
- Leadership in KAlabama's water issues is necessary.

water professionals is critical.

Discussed our progress with advocacy through our governmental affairs chair and AWWI. We have a seat at the3 able to discuss policy with some utilities. We should work to assist smaller utilities wh are not members of AWWI that are AWE members with advocacy. Transparency with all of Alabama's

#### MEDIUM / LONG TERM GOALS Encourage all committees to have (3)

- Recruit new leaders into AWEA members minimum.
- Engage the members of AWEA
- Develop strategic partnerships with Continue to improve relations with AWWA, AWPCA, and others other organizations
- Become "go-to" organization for operator certification
- Consider re-evaluating in 2017. Difficult goal when we do not and cannot actually certify. Consider removing this goal.
- Reach out to utility managers / directors Not with operators but by training operators and
- Increase membershipcating the value of WEF to superintendents and GMs
- Provide public outreach Start with improved communications.
- Provide assistance with college curriculum Visit colleges as directed.
- Develop an ADEM liason
- Conduct mid-year training conference
- Develop plan to employ full-time staff
- Gather additional involvement from Determine if Matt Dunn desires to be a champion in this endeavor. stormwater professionals

Mid year/Tech conferences: Objectives should be as follows: No exposition. Work with other organizations. Move around to reach alternative areas in our state. Make operator friendly sessions.



#### Water Environment Federation the water quality people®

- Our brand is education and service

# The original landscape of non-profit organizations in Alabama

















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## **Beginning collaboration between organizations**

- Start the conversation
- Develop a strategy

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- Draw in a new generation
- Promote leadership

# **DEVELOP TRUST**





# Execution of the (joint) plan

- Wait for appropriate timing
- Set the right people (on the bus)
- Confront resistance
- Balance organizations
- Determine major impediments
- Determine and outline critically important ideas/programs

- Communicate to disarm
- Do not fear organizational motives
- Maintain Strategic Plan initiatives
- Development began fall of 2016
- Conference began fall of 2018
- AWWA (AL/MS), MWEA and AWEA







## VIRGINIA IS FOR LOVERS WHINERS





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# **Guiding Principles: The Contract**

- Contract is foundation & legacy
- Terms for renewal and cancellation
- Voting methods and appointments
- Alternate leadership

- Party responsibilities
- Fiscal policies
- Schedule = Accountability





## **The Challenges of Collaboration**





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# How to achieve success:

- Start the conversation
- Develop a strategy
- Draw in new people
- Promote leadership
- Financial viability
- Long-term accountability

- Vision, mission, and clarity
- Strategic plan
- Strong leadership
- Clear contract
- Integrity & accountability
- Listen and compromise



