



## Residuals and Biosolids Community - RBC *New Member Welcome Packet*

### Welcome to the WEF Residuals and Biosolids Community!

Attached is a list of documents that will help you become more familiar with our community, structure, key contacts, and other information that will help you assimilate and engage with our incredible team.

#### WELCOME PACKET CONTENTS:

- *Communication Channels and Information Sources*
- *RBC Events Timeline*
- *Community Organization Chart*
- *WEF Member Benefits Flyer*

Check out our [WEF RBC page](#) for contact information and a detailed description of our focus groups. Please review the list of focus groups below and consider which area you would have interest in participating. This will allow us to integrate you quickly into the activities within the overall community.

#### RBC Focus Groups:

- Greenhouse Gas Focus Group
- Bioenergy Technology Focus Group
- Biosolids Products Use & Communication Focus Group
- Solids Separation Focus Group
- Specialty Conference Focus Group
- Association of Biosolids and Byproducts Associations (ABBA) Focus Group
- Young Professionals Focus Group
- National Biosolids Partnership (NBP) Focus Group

If you would like more detail on any of the above focus groups, please let us know.

# RBC Communication Channels

## Information Sources and Communication Channels for WEF Residuals and Biosolids Community (RBC)

Communication/Information Source	When to Use:	About
<a href="http://www.wef.org">WEF.org Website</a>	Information Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Main WEF website for information on events, webcasts, etc.</li> <li><b>Factsheets Page</b> (under Publications Tab), including technical reports, Leading Edge Updates, Operator Essentials and More.</li> <li><a href="https://www.accesswater.org/home">https://www.accesswater.org/home</a> <b>Residuals and Biosolids Community Page</b> (Under Membership Tab, which includes links to WEFUnity and other Community Pages) highlights the RBC resources and events.</li> <li><a href="https://www.wef.org/membership--community/communities/communities/residuals-and-biosolids-community/">https://www.wef.org/membership--community/communities/communities/residuals-and-biosolids-community/</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">LinkedIn: Biosolids Resource Recovery</a>	Information & Networking Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Showcase LinkedIn page designed to spotlight biosolids related news, events, programs, and resources around the globe.</li> <li>This central platform aims to engage industry professionals and encourage collaboration within the biosolids community.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Access Water</a>	Information Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access Water is a more focused knowledge platform. It is a searchable database with over 20,000 items including Proceedings, Fact Sheets, Books, Technical Reports, Magazine Articles, etc.</li> <li>Access to all content is available on a subscription basis, but there is some free and member-only content available (like factsheets and technical reports).</li> </ul>

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<p><a href="#">WEFUnity</a></p>	<p><b>Internal Community Communication</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A virtual workspace and communication channel for WEF members. Let RBC Manager (Victoria) know if you are missing access or would like to join a group.</li> <li>• Community announcements, agendas, minutes, and files are posted here.</li> <li>• Can post questions (residuals and biosolids related) to the entire community for discussion.</li> <li>• Postings on WEFUnity, within the community sections, go out to the entire community membership.</li> <li>• You can adjust your WEFUnity settings so that you receive alerts in “real-time”, daily digest (1 email a day), plain text, or no emails. Be sure that WEFUnity emails are not going to your “junk” folder.</li> <li>• Direct messages can be sent to other RBC members.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Email</a></p>	<p><b>Focus Groups and Direct Member Communication</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus Group communications are often carried out via direct email and focus group chairs and vice-chairs typically have members contact information.</li> <li>• Email is appropriate when asking other members specific questions. If you do not have the email of another member, you can also send them a direct message on WEFUnity.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Virtual Meetings</a></p>	<p><b>Community and Focus Group Meetings</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community meetings are typically carried out by teleconference, e.g. Skype or Microsoft Teams, on a bi-monthly basis (announced via WEFUnity).</li> <li>• Focus Group meetings are carried out as needed by Chairs/Vice Chairs.</li> </ul>

## Community Leadership:

- **RBC Chair:** Karri Ving (2021-2023), [KVing@sfwater.org](mailto:KVing@sfwater.org)
- **RBC Vice Chair:** Dru Whitlock (2021-2023), [Dru.Whitlock@stantec.com](mailto:Dru.Whitlock@stantec.com)
- **RBC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair:** Natalie Sierra (2021-2023), [Nsierra@brwncald.com](mailto:Nsierra@brwncald.com)

## WEF Staff:

- **Director, Sustainable Biosolids Programs:** Maile Lono-Batura, [MLono-batura@wef.org](mailto:MLono-batura@wef.org)
- **Manager, Water Science & Engineering Center (WS&EC):** Victoria Weitekamp, [vweitekamp@wef.org](mailto:vweitekamp@wef.org)

*Focus Group members and liaison personnel and contact information are available from Leadership*

## Transition Timing for RBC Community and Focus Group Leadership

Community or Focus Group	Transition After Conference	Transition Year
Residuals and Biosolids	WEFTEC	Odd Years
Bioenergy	WEFTEC	Odd Years
Greenhouse Gas	WEFTEC	Vice Chair selected in 2021 with future transitions in Even Years
Biosolids Products Use & Communications	WEFTEC	Even Years
Solids Separation	Specialty Conference	Even Years
Specialty Conference Program	Specialty Conference	Odd Years
Young Professionals	WEFTEC	Annually Each Year
ABBA	Has its own governance and is not subject to these leadership-selection provisions	

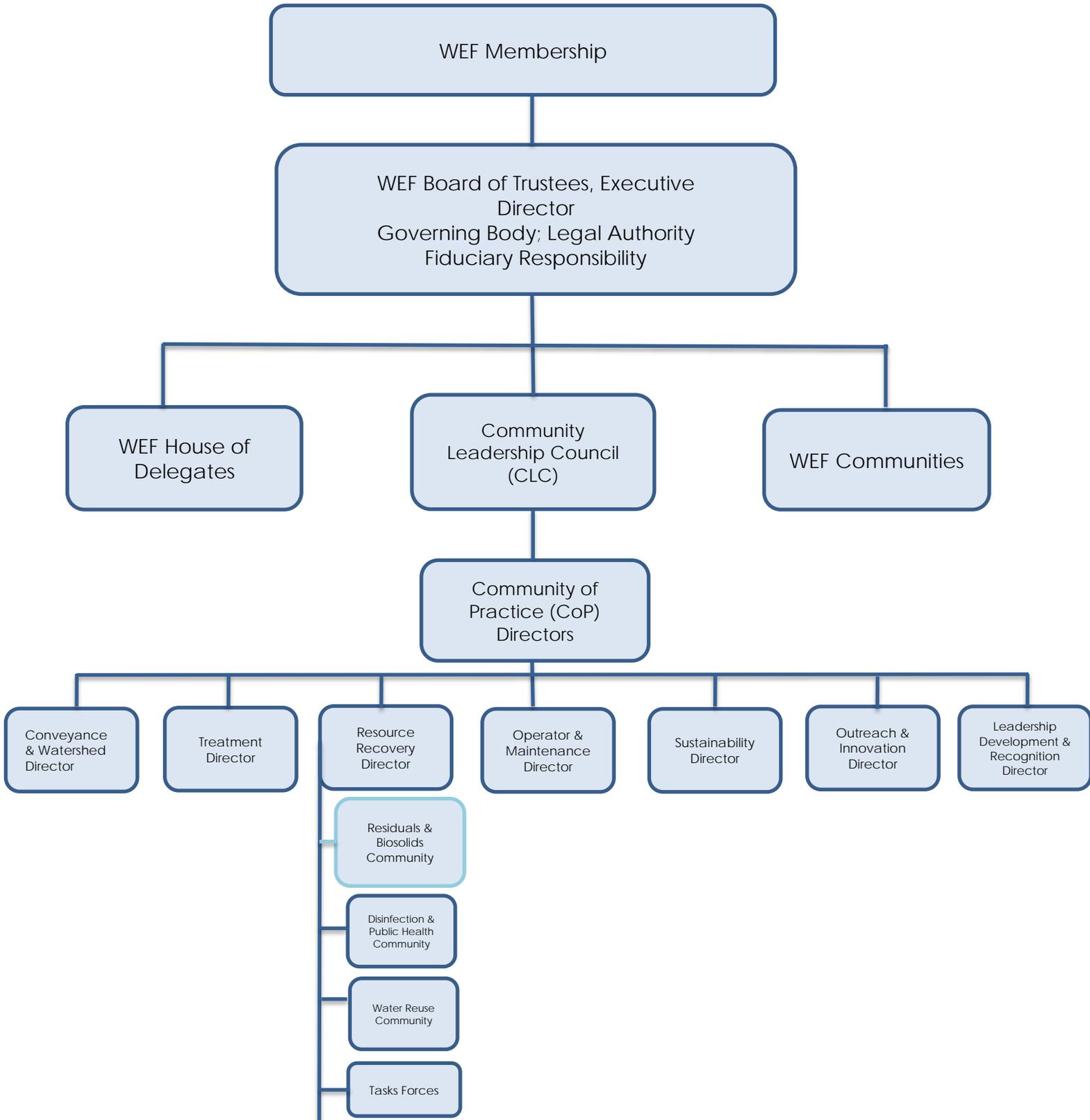
### Annual RBC Events and Planning Calendar

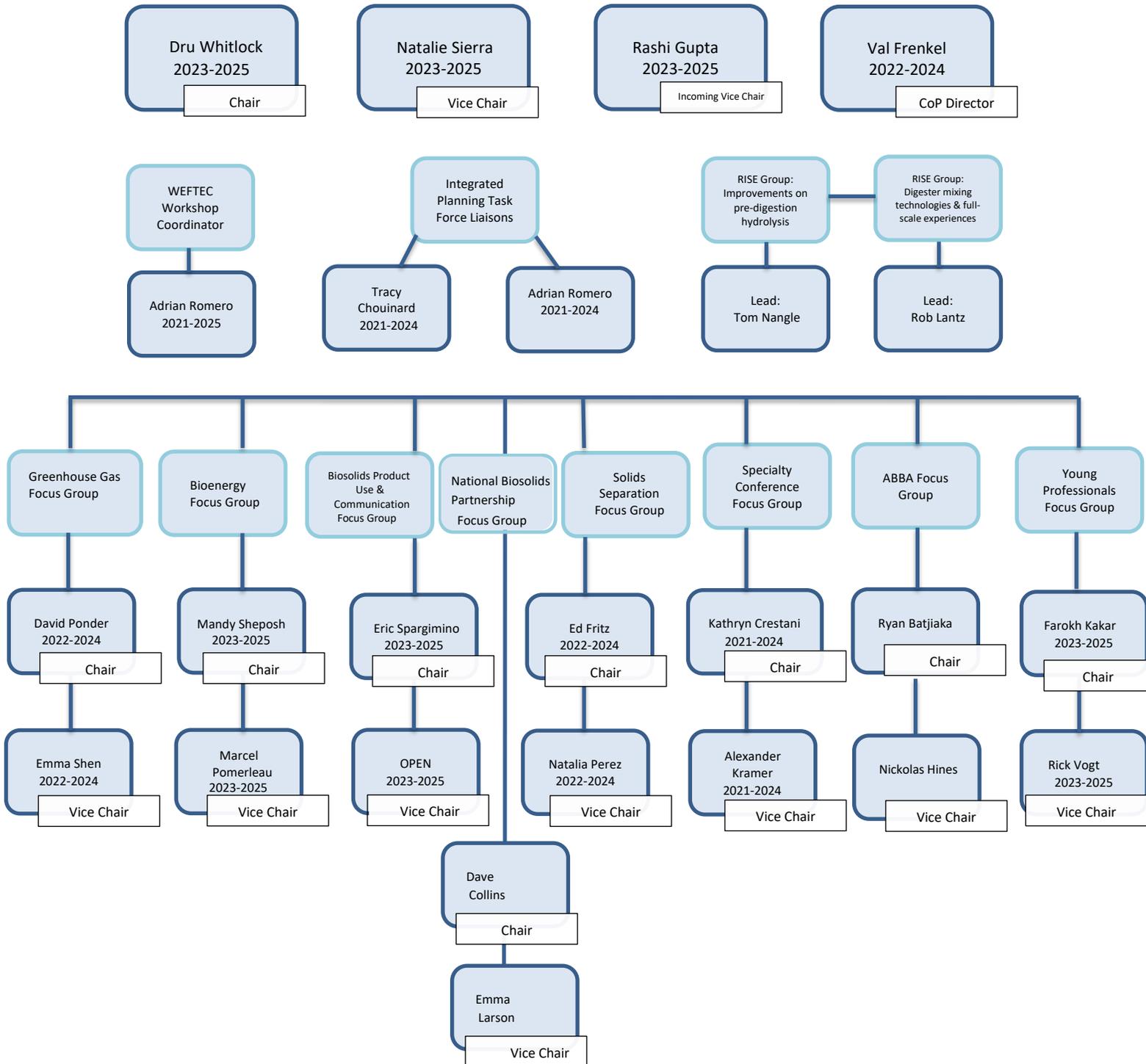
Event Name	Time	Description
RBC MA Open House	January	Engage with leadership across MA network & align efforts that support biosolids initiatives across the water resource recovery sector
WEF Awards Nominations Period Begins	January	Award recipients are individuals & organizations that contribute to the sustainability of water resources & make a profound impact on the future of the world's water. Recipients will be announced in late summer & recognized during a ceremony at WEFTEC.
WEF Awards Nominations Due	April	
RBC Webinar	March	Yearly webinar hosted by an RBC focus group. Topics vary per year.
Residuals & Biosolids Specialty Conference	May	Conference will share new technologies, successful innovations, and current best practices to allow industry professionals to achieve long-term success designing and managing biosolids programs.
WEFTEC Workshop Pre-Proposals Submission Period Begins	June of next year	Workshops are held on Saturday and Sunday at WEFTEC and cover subjects in depth, using different teaching methods than podium presentations. Hands-on, highly interactive, in-depth workshops are preferred.
WEFTEC Workshop Pre-Proposals Submissions Due	August of next year	
Residuals & Biosolids Specialty Conference Abstract Submission Period Begins	September of next year	Participants are invited to share creative approaches in biosolids and residuals management with focus on proving flexibility, increasing resiliency, technology advances, & new product marketing approaches.
Residuals & Biosolids Specialty Conference Abstract Submission Due	November of next year	
WEFTEC	October	At WEFTEC, the full breadth of the water sector comes together, in one place, for you to explore, learn, network, grow professionally, and strengthen your connection to the water community.

### Annual RBC Events and Planning Calendar continued

<b>Residuals &amp; Biosolids Specialty Conference Abstracts Review Period Begins</b>	November of next year	The program committee is a group of volunteers who will participate in the abstract review process.
<b>Residuals &amp; Biosolids Specialty Conference Abstracts Review Due</b>	December of next year	
<b>WEFTEC Call for Abstracts due</b>	December of next year	WEF and the WEFTEC Program Committee seek technical program content in the form of abstracts and topical session proposals for WEFTEC

*WEF Governance Structure*





### WEF Staff Support

- **Director, Sustainable Biosolids Programs:** Maile Lono-Batura, [Mlono-batura@wef.org](mailto:Mlono-batura@wef.org)
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# unlock the power of we

The **Water Environment Federation (WEF)**...we are the water quality people.

As a **global water sector leader**, our mission is to **connect** water professionals; **enrich** the expertise of water professionals; increase the awareness of the **impact** and value of water; and provide a platform for water sector innovation.

**get connected, engaged and make the most of WEF membership!**

## advance your career

Tap into the leading career network for the water community, WEF's Job Bank, where dozens of new jobs are posted each month.

## sharpen your professional skills

Stay informed about the latest innovations, trends, and proven solutions through WEF's publications and educational programs, including: WEFTEC®, WEF Specialty Conferences, and free WEF webcasts (earn CEUs and PDHs). WEF members receive exclusive discounts on our educational programs and products.

## network and build relationships

Within WEF and local Member Associations (MAs), members work to help each other develop and grow professionally, while building valuable relationships with industry partners and prospects. Joint WEF/local MA membership ensures your access to professional resources at global and regional levels.

## impact the future

WEF's communities are a driving force behind the organization's work. Community participation is a great opportunity to get involved, make a difference in the organization and contribute to our work within the sector.

**increase awareness and recognition in your industry** Each year, WEF recognizes individuals making outstanding contributions to the water environment profession with awards, fellowships and other distinguished honors. WEF members also gain access to speaking and publishing opportunities.



For more information about WEF membership benefits, please visit us at [www.wef.org](http://www.wef.org) or call 1.800.666.0206 (1.571.830.1545 globally).

