

## WEF Member Association Young Professional Leaders (MAYPL) Workshop

### *Turning the Ship Around: MA Leaders Steering Challenges into Successes*

March 23rd, 2026 | Charlotte, NC

#### Activity Packet

#### Workshop Agenda

- 08:00 – 08:15: Breakfast & Mini Icebreaker
- 08:15 – 08:30: Opening Remarks | MA YP Leader Roles & Responsibilities
  - Speaker:
    - ◆ Lauren Schmidt, MAYPL Workshop Chair, WEAU Treasurer / Past YP Chair
- 08:30 – 09:00: MA Challenge Spotlights
  - 08:30 – 08:40: Central States Water Environment Association (CSWEA)
    - Speaker:
      - ◆ Joe Lapastora, MSDC Co-Chair / Illinois State Section Vice Chair
  - 08:40 – 08:50: Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association (RMWEA)
    - Speakers:
      - ◆ Madeleine Harris, RMWEA Past SYPC Chair / Trustee
      - ◆ Makenzie Chesak, RMSAWWA Past SYPC Chair
  - 08:50 – 09:00: Kansas Water Environment Association (KWEA)
    - Speakers:
      - ◆ Jaimie Payne, KWEA SYP Chair
      - ◆ Mike Piller, KWEA SYP Committee Member
- 09:00 – 09:45: MA Challenge Brainstorm
- 09:45 – 10:45: MA Challenge Solutions
- 10:45 – 11:00: Group Discussion & Sharing Time
- 11:00 – 11:15: Closing Remarks, Survey, & Group Photo