

Letter From **The CTAWWA Chair**



As I sit and write this, we all have been working hard to dig ourselves out of and recover from an unusually early snowstorm. Again for the second time in a few short months our member utilities have been tested to the limits. During Tropical Storm Irene, CtWARN was activated and played an important part of keeping members updated

by passing along information received from the east coast and national WARN coordinators as well as DPH, EPA and FEMA. A job well-done goes out to all for your dedication, time and commitment in making sure service to customers was maintained under extremely difficult conditions.

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As previously mentioned in the summer issue of InFlow-Line, one of the Section Board goals is to continue to grow and prosper, by looking to the younger staff of our workforce to carry the torch, and reach out to local high schools. I am proud to say we are on track.

On August 12, 2011 the Water Boot Camp held its second graduation at Regional Water Authority’s Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant, in Hamden. It was a delight and honor to be part of the ceremony. To see the huge smiles on the students’ faces when they each had the opportunity to tell their story of what they learned and what they accomplished during the camp was priceless. I would like to thank Seb Agostino and Dave Kuzminski for again leading the course, and Tom Barger and Regional Water Authority for their support in hosting this year’s Boot Camp, as well as EPA for funding the project. As another part of the Boot Camp supported by EPA, internships have been awarded to a student from each of the first two camps. A special thanks to both Aquarion Water Co.

and Regional Water Authority for their commitment in ensuring a positive message is handed down to the future of the water industry.

Also, at the recent Fall Joint meeting of CWWA & CTAWWA, the Section invited several “Young Professionals” to attend. In doing so, commitments were received, from their respective companies to allow the time required to get involved with the different committees of the Section.

Save the date! The 40th Annual Joint CTAWWA & CWWA Conference is currently being planned for May 23-25, 2012 at the Chatham Bars Inn, Chatham, Massachusetts. It will be four years since the conference was held on Cape Cod, and the Section was able to negotiate costs below that of 2008. This is a great opportunity for members to network and be updated on current and future legislative issue surrounding the industry, as well as being able to receive “Contact Training Hours” for technical and management classes being offered.

Sincerely,
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