



CWWA President's Corner

I am honored to serve as CWWA's new president. At the Joint Connecticut Section AWWA and Connecticut Water Works Association's Annual Meeting on May 21-23, at Woodstock, Vermont, I thanked Larry Bingaman of Aquarion Water Company for his leadership this past year. I would like to reflect on the accomplishments that were completed under his leadership. Larry worked tirelessly on the Water Planning Council, water utility land issues, legislative priorities and the strategic plan, but I think Larry's legacy will be that of hiring an Executive Director under his watch. Larry spearheaded the effort to hire an Executive Director soon after he took over as president a year ago. He realized that the Association was at a crossroads and he and the Board mapped a course for its continued success. Larry's dedication took the idea of an Executive Director from a strategic plan goal to a reality. It was a large undertaking and a great accomplishment. The hiring of Betsy Gara as our Executive Director was a historic milestone for the CWWA. Betsy was a great find and a fast learner. She quickly made an impact on the organization with her knowledge of legislative strategies and has taken some of the load off of the volunteers.

Let's not forget our volunteers, especially the hard work and dedication of our legislative co-chairs Bob Young of Manchester Water & Sewer, Cindy Fazendeiro of Connecticut Water Company and Legislative Secretary Carlene Kulisch of Regional Water Authority. A special thanks goes out to Bob who has stepped down after six years as co-chair. I would like to commend him for his hard work and dedication to the CWWA.

An Executive Director offers greater continuity to the organization, and that combined with the implementation of the Strategic Plan will prepare the CWWA for the challenges of the future. The new Board of Directors with the assistance of the Executive Director will continue to work on the implementation of the Strategic Plan. The Plan has been divided into three main goal categories and three Board subcommittees have been working on developing plans to reach their goals. The subcommittees are:

Organizational – Strengthen the organizational elements and the continuity of CWWA.

Legislative and Regulatory – Increase CWWA's effectiveness by taking a leadership role in advancing legislative and regulatory initiatives.

Internal and External Communications – Increase CWWA's credibility with, and recognition by, its internal and external audiences.

Progress has been made by the subcommittees on developing plans to reach the strategic plan goals.

As President, I look forward to working with the Board and Executive Director to continue our efforts to strengthen CWWA by increasing membership and encouraging all members to become actively involved in developing and implementing CWWA's legislative and regulatory agenda; to improve communications and enhance the value of membership through improved

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Jim McInerney Receives Outstanding Service Award

Congratulations are extended to Jim McInerney, former CEO of Aquarion Water Company, who is this year's recipient of the Outstanding Service to AWWA award. Marley Price, President of AWWA, presented the award at the opening session of the national conference in Anaheim, California.




Jim McInerney (right) receives the Outstanding Service to AWWA Award from Marley Price

Jim McInerney retired as Chairman of the Board of Bridgeport Hydraulic Company in 2001, a career that spanned more than 30 years at BHC, now Aquarion. He has served as Chair of CT Section AWWA, President of CWWA, Chairman of the Water Utility Council, Trustee of the Research Foundation, Facilitator of the Arnot Ogden Medical Center – an AWWA Outreach Project, and Facilitator at the Water Matters Rally held at the

U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC. He is a George Warren Fuller Award winner and was the recipient of the NEWWA Leadership Award.

The citation presented to Jim read, "in recognition and thanks for embracing AWWA activities throughout his professional career. His wisdom, leadership and personal skills enriched the lives of all who were blessed to work along side him. His contributions exemplified the AWWA professional spirit."

"We have been so blessed to have Jim McInerney in Connecticut and as a vital member of the Connecticut section," said Don Carver, immediate past chair of the Connecticut section, who submitted the award application on behalf of the section. "He has made so many contributions to the section as a volunteer and to the national organization and is truly a deserving recipient of this award." 

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From the CT Section AWWA Chair . . .

A new season begins with the writing of this article and *Summer* is here. At least that's what the calendar says. Now someone needs to let Mother Nature know.

As we greet a new season I'd like to welcome everyone to your "new" newsletter, *AWWA/CWWA News*. Thanks to the fine efforts put forth by Adrienne Vaughan, Matt Nozzolio and the Public Information Committee, and Don Carver and Marcey Munoz in developing this important means of communications. The board feels the change in the newsletter will better serve the needs of our membership in the future.

Welcome back to those who attended the Section's Annual Meeting in Woodstock, VT. It was a great conference and special thanks to Kevin Barber and Pam Monahan for their hard work in coordinating the conference and to Program Chair Ed Dillman and the Program Committee for putting together a fine technical program. As usual the Section Enhancers and other sponsors generously supported the meeting needs and social functions of the Conference.

Congratulations to our Section Award winners: Len Assard who received the George Warren Fuller Award, Len DeJong, winner of the WFP Kenneth J. Miller Founder's Award and J. Robert "Bobby D" D'Onofrio of EPPCO, who received the NEWWA's Leadership Award. Also, one of our own, Jim McInerney, was awarded the prestigious, national award for Outstanding Service to AWWA. These people all represent the highest level of professionalism and dedication to the Section and we are proud to have them recognized.

As we begin a new year within the Section I want to express my personal thanks to Don Carver (a.k.a. "Elwood") for the time and effort he expended as chairperson last year. His commitment and steady leadership leaves the Section in great shape.

Recently, the Section's Strategic Plan was updated to reflect our current direction and goals. Heavy emphasis was placed on the action items identified to help attain and maintain our goals. One outstanding issue identified was the need to maintain or increase the level of actively participating members. With volunteerism being the lifeblood of the organization it is critical that we are able to support committee initiatives through our members. When you review the plan you will see many opportunities for you or someone in your organization to provide that support.

In closing, I look forward to serving as chair and working with this year's board and committee chairs. Please feel free to contact me or other board members with questions or comments on Section activities.

Dan Lesnieski
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RWA Tappers

The team known as the Elm City Tappers from Regional Water Authority, winners of the Connecticut State Tapping Champs at 2003 ATCAVE, went where no other Connecticut team has gone before. They're Number #2 in the entire nation!



With the goal of bringing in the best time among the top eighteen teams in the United States, the team of Angelo Giannotta, Jose Torres, Mark Steeves, Vinny Landino and Charlie Coleman had a final tap time of 1:22.46. The winners, Northwest Oregon Men's Team, had a time of 1:21.15.

Noel Grant, Director of Customer Service at Regional Water Authority, was on hand to represent RWA at the awards ceremony.

The Connecticut delegation gleefully lost their voices in the attempt to cheer the team on.

MDC's Women's Team, Under Pressure, also competed in the women's national event.

Congratulations to both teams for representing Connecticut Section! 💧

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Len Assard Receives the Fuller Award for Distinguished Service



Len Assard, winner of the 2003 George Warren Fuller Award

Len Assard, Manager of Engineering Services at Heitkamp, Inc., has been named as the recipient of the prestigious 2003 George Warren Fuller Award by the Connecticut Section of the American Water Works Association. Mr. Assard received the award from Terry Rolan, national AWWA vice president, at the Section's annual meeting in Woodstock, Vermont in May, and joined the other 43 section recipients at the national AWWA conference in Anaheim in June for the formal awards presentation.

Presented to an individual from each state, the Fuller Award recognizes the individual's distinguished service to the water supply field in commemoration of the sound engineering skill . . . the brilliant diplomatic talent . . . and the constructive leadership that characterized the life of George Warren Fuller, a leader in the water industry.

"We are delighted to have someone of Len's caliber receive this award. Len's one of those quiet, reliable supporters, who rarely seeks recognition or acknowledgment, but can always be counted on to help out. He's a dedicated, hard worker, who truly has the best interest of the Section and its members at heart," said Dan Lesnieski of Connecticut Water Company, current chair of Connecticut Section AWWA. 💧

Annual Meeting Wrap-Up



Bob Young, left, outgoing CWWA Legislative Co-Chair shown with Cindy Fazendeiro and Carlene Kullisch, incoming Legislative Co-Chairs, Maureen Westbrook, former CWWA Legislative Co-Chair and Larry Bingaman, outgoing CWWA President

The 32nd Annual Joint Conference with CT Section AWWA and CWWA took place at Woodstock, VT. Both organizations welcomed new slates of officers for the following year.

The CT Section Associates Committee sponsored the kick-off speaker, Mentalist Gerry McCambridge, who had

the audience spellbound with his special abilities. Many a conversation throughout the remainder of the conference had people shaking their head with "How'd he do that?"

Some of the session highlights included a national update by conference guest, A. Terry Rolan, AWWA Vice President; CWWA Update provided by Betsy Gara, CWWA Executive Director; Water Quality Regulations update from John Herlihy. David Silverstone, President of Regional Water Authority and Maureen Westbrook, Vice President of Connecticut Water Company presented an insight into the Water Planning Council and visions of the future.

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services; to develop alliances and partnerships with groups with common interests and to review and update the constitution and bylaws of the CWWA to codify practices and prepare the organization for the future.

Before closing I would like to thank all of the volunteers that have made the CWWA successful this past year and ask for your continued support as we move forward. I would also like to thank all those involved in organizing and coordinating the joint annual conference/meeting in Woodstock for all of their hard work, and I would like to congratulate all of the award winners.

Sincerely,
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The CWWA's 2003-2004

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2003 Legislative Report

By Elizabeth Gara, Executive Director, CWWA

Before the legislature adjourned on June 4, CWWA was successful in winning passage of one of its top legislative priorities and killing dozens of bills that would have imposed costly requirements on water companies and their customers.

The legislature unanimously approved HB-6551, which exempts certain back-up wells and emergency interconnections from the diversion permitting process and takes steps to streamline the general permit process. HB-6551 will help ensure that water companies can adequately respond to public water supply needs during emergencies. CWWA worked closely with the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in negotiating the bill and will continue to work with them to develop streamlined general permits for activities such as water intake modifications.

HB-6551 also requires the Water Planning Council to report to the legislature by 2/1/04 on a water allocation plan, funding for water planning and the feasibility of merging water functions of DEP and the state Department of Public Health (DPH).

Unfortunately, the legislature adjourned before taking up HB-6654, which sought to protect security-related water company information such as vulnerability assessments, risk management plans and portions of the water supply plans from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. CWWA was successful in getting the Senate to pass the bill as an amendment, but not in time for the House to take final action on it.

A water conservation bill that requires automatic lawn sprinklers installed by businesses or state agencies after 10/1/03 to be equipped with rain sensors was adopted this session. HB-5059 also authorizes municipalities to adopt ordinances requiring automatic lawn sprinklers to have rain sensor devices or switches.

CWWA was successful in defeating several costly measures, including:

SB-990 – Would have imposed stringent requirements on utilities that must excavate roads to make needed repairs, such as requiring five-year bonds to be posted before performing any excavation work.

HB-6681 – Would have imposed permanent conservation easements on water company lands that are abandoned or acquired during a merger and would have required the net proceeds from the sale of Class III lands to be returned to ratepayers rather than be used to improve the infrastructure or purchase new land.

HB-6029 – Would have sidestepped the WUCC process to force the takeover of a water system by allowing East Hampton to choose an alternative water supplier.

HB-6041 – Would have imposed a mandatory \$100,000 fine for water discharge permitting violations, regardless of whether the violation was minor.

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Aquarion Company Announces Senior Management Changes

Charles "Chuck" V. Firlotte has been appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Aquarion Company, Bridgeport, CT, succeeding Richard K. Schmidt who has elected to retire concurrent with the management change, company officials announced on June 30. Schmidt will continue as a non-executive director of Kelda Group plc of Bradford, England, Aquarion's parent company.

Additionally, Firlotte will become President and CEO of Aquarion Water Company and its subsidiaries succeeding Janet M. Hansen, who has been appointed Chairman of Aquarion Water Company. The management changes are effective September 1, 2003.

Firlotte will assume the operating responsibilities for Aquarion and its water company subsidiaries. In addition to her chairman duties, Hansen will continue to serve as executive vice president of Aquarion Company, the water utility's parent.

Aquarion Company, through its Aquarion Water Company subsidiary, is one of the ten largest investor-owned water utilities in the U.S., serving approximately 211,000 homes and businesses, or approximately 677,000 people in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and New Hampshire.

Kelda, through its Yorkshire Water subsidiary, provides water and wastewater services to 4.5 million people in the United Kingdom, operating some 130 water and 640 wastewater facilities. Kelda is also a significant contracted services provider. 💧

Connecticut Section Award Winners



Bob D'Onofrio, left, receives the NEWWA Leadership Award from Ray Raposa.

Four Connecticut section members received awards at the 32nd Annual Joint Conference in Vermont.

Len Assard of Heitkamp, Inc. was the recipient of the Fuller Award, which was presented by National AWWA Vice President, Terry Rolan. Len also received recognition at the Fuller Awards Breakfast at the recent national conference in Anaheim, California.

Len DeJong of Aquarion Services Company, received the Kenneth Miller Award from Water for People. Len also received national recognition in California at the Miller Awards breakfast.

Bob D'Onofrio of EPPCO/Ferguson was presented the NEWWA Leadership Award by NEWWA Executive Director Ray Raposa. Bob was honored for his many years of service to AWWA especially with ATCAVE and the tapping contests.

Gary Huntley of the Regional Water Authority was awarded the *Opflow* Publications Award in Anaheim for his article, co-authored with Dave Pinskey and Peter Grabowski of Tighe and Bond, 'Operations Optimazation: Don't Take Filter Performance for Granted' which appeared in the 12/01 issue of *Opflow*.

Member Services Coordinator Pam Monahan received a plaque from outgoing chair Don Carver for her service to Connecticut Section. 💧

Membership Committee – Picnic and Baseball Outing

The Lobsters are back! And the Yankees/Boston Red Sox rivalry still goes on! CT Section AWWA Membership Committee has two upcoming events for the summer months.

The Summer Clambake will take place at Clark Memorial Field in Old Saybrook on Thursday, August 21st from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each and traditional clambake fare, including lobsters and steamers, will be provided by Dave Grant Caterers. Members and non-members are welcome!

The New York Yankees/Red Sox baseball game will take place on Saturday, September 6th at Yankee Stadium. The bus will leave the RWA parking lot in New Haven at 9:00 AM. This event has grown in popularity over the past few years, and there has been a substantial waiting list every year.

The cost is \$50.00 per person and includes the bus ride and ticket. Forms for both events will be in the mail in mid July. 💧



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HB-6398 – Would have imposed onerous conditions on utility mergers.

HB-6239 – Would have prohibited water companies from charging municipalities for water and hydrants used for firefighting purposes.


CWWA also lobbied against amendments that would have overturned the decision in the Shepaug case by allowing courts to find that diversions that retain the minimum stream flow standards are unreasonable impairments of such waterways.

The legislature adopted other bills affecting water companies, including:

HB-5059 – Requires investor-owned water companies to repair all service connection pipes from the water main to the curb stop regardless of when the connection was installed. CWWA killed efforts to extend the bill's requirements to municipal water companies, which would have proved costly. The bill was also amended on the floor to exempt the Town of Groton and potentially other towns that meet certain criteria from the definition of a water company.

SB-1046 – Creates an invasive plants council to educate, publish a list of invasive and potentially invasive plants and recommend ways to control and abate invasive plants.

SB-840 – delays the phase-out of MTBE from gasoline until 1/1/04 unless New York delays its phase-out.

The legislature is expected to convene in special session in late June to adopt a budget and tax package. 

Water For People Golf Classic

The 9th Annual Water For People Golf Classic and Outing is planned for Tuesday, September 9 at the Tunxis Plantation in Farmington, CT. If you have not received a copy of the registration form, contact Robert Tedeschi at rtedeschi@maguiregroup.com



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Haested Methods Launches WaterGEMS® 2.0 for ArcGIS™ and Academic Online Discussion Group

Haestad Methods, a leading developer of geospatial water resources management software, announced in June it had released WaterGEMS® version 2.0 for ArcGIS™.

Fully integrated with ESRI's ArcGIS 8.3 geodatabase technology, version 2.0 builds on WaterGEMS' distinction of being the first ArcGIS-based software solution for efficiently modeling, managing, and safeguarding water distribution infrastructure.

Haestad Methods also announced the launch of an academic online discussion group called Utalk™ that promises to offer professors and students a forum to discuss water resources issues. This free forum can be found at <http://www.haestad.com/forums>. The company envisions it as being a place for the academic community to ask questions, raise issues, and receive feedback on education, teaching methods and technology as well as research-related topics in hydraulics and hydrology.

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Water for People Committee Seeks Help from Schools

Miles Messenger, past Co-Chair of the Connecticut Section is recruiting more schools to join the fund raising efforts for *Water For People*. Miles has said that he will "travel anywhere in the state" to talk to school-children about *Water For People*.


In the past five years, three schools have raised more than \$4,000 for the cause. Ann Antolini Middle School of New Hartford, CT has donated more than \$3,000 in five years, becoming the number one school in the nation in raising funds for *Water For People*.

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Connecticut Section Officers for 2003-2004

At the annual conference at Woodstock, Vermont, the following officers were elected for 2003-2004.

Chair	Dan Lesnieski	Connecticut Water Company
Vice Chair	Marcey Munoz	The Metropolitan District
Past Chair	Don Carver	Waterbury Water Department
National Director	Len DeJong	Aquarion Services Company
Secretary	Kathy Fortin	Norwalk Second Taxing District Water Dept.
Treasurer	Kevin Barber	Norwalk Second Taxing District Water Dept.
Trustee	Jean Zanella-Dyer	Aquarion Water Company of CT
Trustee	Dave Kuzminski	Portland Water
Trustee at Large	Tom West	Southington Water Department
Trustee at Large	Tom Chaplik	Regional Water Authority
Administrative & Policy Council Chair	Susan McLaughlin	The Metropolitan District
Associates Council Chair	Len Assard	Heitkamp, Inc.
Education & Public Affairs Council Chair	Andrea Maldonado	Regional Water Authority
Technical & Standards Council Chair	Pat Kearney	Manchester Water Dept.
Water Utility Council Chair	John Herlihy	Aquarion Water Company of CT

Annual Meeting Wrap-Up (continued)

Other sessions included: *Water ISAC – Drinking Water and Wastewater Security Information Center* provided by David Paris, of Manchester, New Hampshire; *The Lake Whitney Story* provided by Peter Gaewski of RWA and Dave Pinsky of Tighe & Bond; *E Coli Contamination of a Public Water Supply* update by Kevin Walsh of Connecticut Water Company. Bruce Adams of Weston & Sampson spoke about Easy-to-Use Tools to Analyze and Set Water Rates; Joyce Kippan of the Ipswich Water Treatment Plant spoke about the plan to create an award-winning partnership for a safe water utility, and Ben Overdal reported on his Water for People excursion to Guatemala.

One of the highlights of the conference was a report on terrorism given by very knowledgeable Lt. Lew Rowe of the Connecticut State Police.

The conference ended with Len DeJong running the annual "Water for People Smarts Game" with CT Section AWWA regaining champion status from CWWA.

The annual golf outing took place under the guidance of Pete Pezanko, as well as a hotly contested bocci game run by Mark Anderson.

Next year's joint conference is scheduled for May 26-28 at the Wequasset Inn Resort and Golf Club in Chatham, Cape Cod. 💧

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