



**Illinois Water Environment Association
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As delegates our responsibility is to serve the members and provide a conduit for the flow of information between WEF and the IWEA Board and membership. The HOD advises the WEF Board of Trustees on issues of strategic direction and public policy development. There are currently 119 delegates representing 75 member associations (MA) similar to the IWEA.

The Vision of the House is ‘...to be a collective and highly effective advocate of MA’s and trusted advisor to the Board of Trustees regarding policies, programs, and strategic direction to serve the best interest and need of WEF members and help make WEF essential to water professionals around the world.’

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1. As IWEA Board Member, participated on the following IWEA committees:
 - a. Nutrient Removal and Recovery: NRR Workshop held at Medinah Shriners
 - b. WEFMAX
 - c. Golf
 2. As a WEF Member am serving on the *Municipal Resource Recovery Design Committee*
 3. Mary and I both contributed articles to the *Clarifier*
 4. As a WEF Delegate:
 - a. Member House Nominating Committee through September of 2015
 - i. Reviewed Nominations/Applications for Speaker and Speaker Elect
 - ii. Reviewed Nominations for Standing Committees
 1. Steering



2. Budget
3. Outreach
4. WEFMAX
5. Nominating

iii. Participating on Workgroup: Utility of the Future

1. Survey completed by Lou Storino on behalf of IWEA

The Workgroup is working on defining the water resources utility of the future. Explaining and promoting that it will transform the way traditional wastewater utilities view themselves and manage their operations. Today, most traditional publicly owned treatment works have mastered their core wastewater treatment function and now are transforming and redefining themselves as resource recovery agencies and vital community enterprises.

“Today’s utilities are reclaiming and reusing water, extracting and finding commercial uses for nutrients and other products, becoming more efficient energy users and renewable energy producers, and using green infrastructure to manage storm water and to improve the quality of life,” said former, WEF executive director, Jeff Eger. “They are essential to thriving, sustainable communities.”

2. In the coming months, I will be sharing with the NRR Committee, and Energy Committee the products of the Workgroup and discussing how we can incorporate this information into our specialty conferences.