



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

Lou Kollias – Chair April 24, 2017

It was a very productive year for the Government Affairs Committee. There were 127 people that attended the Annual Government Affairs Seminar on January 20, 2017 at the Chicago Marriott Southwest in Burr Ridge, Illinois. Our Keynote Speaker was Tom Kunetz, Vice President of the Water Environment Federation and Assistant Director of Engineering for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC). He gave a very informative presentation on how to form successful partnerships to achieve a greater impact in improving our water environment. The presentation was not only interesting but very entertaining also.

The other presentations featured a variety of topics. The first presentation of the morning was by Matt Wooten from Northern Kentucky SD 1. His innovative presentation was using data driven stormwater management for evaluating stream integrity. The second presentation was by Margaret Schneemann of the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant who discussed the cost of water, wastewater, and stormwater and how to establish proper rates for each. The afternoon session started with an interesting presentation by Yvonne Leffler of MWRDGC, who discussed phosphorus reduction at the Stickney WRP and corresponding construction of a phosphorus recovery facility. The last presentation was by Mike Waldron and Mike Ott from Strand Associates on all facets of the CMOM requirements and how to develop a successful plan. All presentations were well received by the attendees and are available on the IWEA website.

Two articles were submitted for the Clarifier.

I wish to thank the members of the committee for all of their work over the past year. Thanks to Laurie Frieders, Bob Johnson, Deb Ness, and Jay Patel.