



# New Conference Attendee Orientation

MWEA – DE&I Committee  
17<sup>th</sup> Joint Annual Meeting 2022





# Agenda

- Background
- Goals and Objectives
- Conference Presentation

# BACKGROUND

- During MWEA's 2021 annual 5S meeting, the idea of a new conference attendee orientation was born
- Our newly formed DE&I committee felt this was a great opportunity to engage new attendees and promote stewardship
- Program planning began for the March 2022 Joint Annual Meeting engaging both MWEA and AWWA
- A successful new conference attendee orientation was implemented!

## JOINT ANNUAL MEETING

March 27 – 30, 2022  
Tan-Tar-A/Margaritaville Lake Resort  
Osage Beach, Missouri



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# Goals & Objectives

- Establish Conference Ambassadors for both MWEA and AWWA
- Provide two introduction sessions to new conference attendees at the annual conference
- Implement Orientation



# Conference Presentation

# MWEA

- President – Rebecca Coyle



- President-Elect – Amanda Johnson



- Website for Current Officers  
<https://mwea.org/board.php>

- Our Mission

- Dedicated to protecting and improving Missouri's water environment. The Missouri Water Environment is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of water quality and water resources, and the relationship of these resources to the total environment. The Association advances the information, increases public understanding and promotes sound policy. MWEA strives to be Missouri's premier organization for water resources.
- Diversity & Inclusion Statement <https://mwea.org/about.php>



# MO-AWWA

- Chair – Mike Klender



- Chair-Elect – Jenny Doyle



- Website for Current Officers
  - <https://awwa-mo.org/about/board.html>
- Mission
  - The Missouri Section of the American Water Works Association (MO-AWWA) is dedicated to the promotion of public health and welfare by assuring drinking water of unquestionable quality and sufficient quantity. AWWA, as a leader for the public drinking water profession, works to advance the technology, science, and governmental policies relative to the public drinking water profession's role in stewardship of water resources. The Section takes an active role in working with regulatory and legislative bodies to advocate public policy consistent with achieving these goals.
  - Strategic Plan - <https://awwa-mo.org/about/about-mo-awwa.html>



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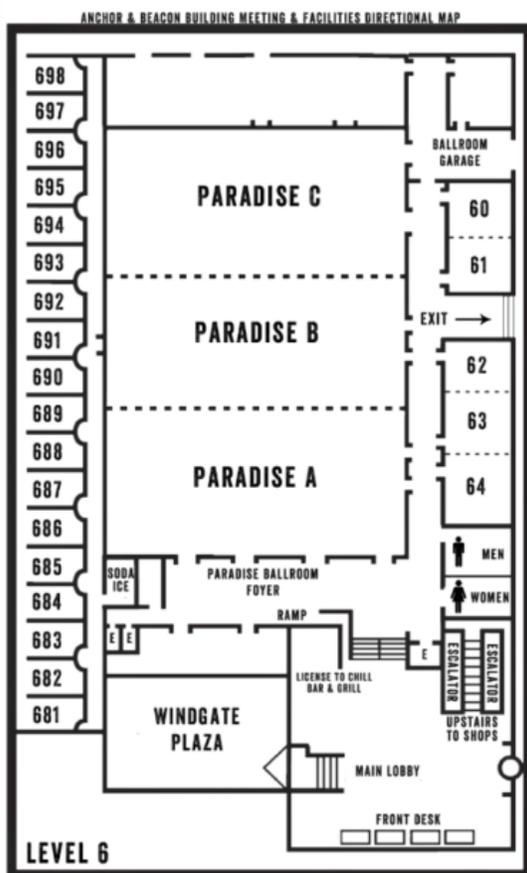
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# Conference Resources

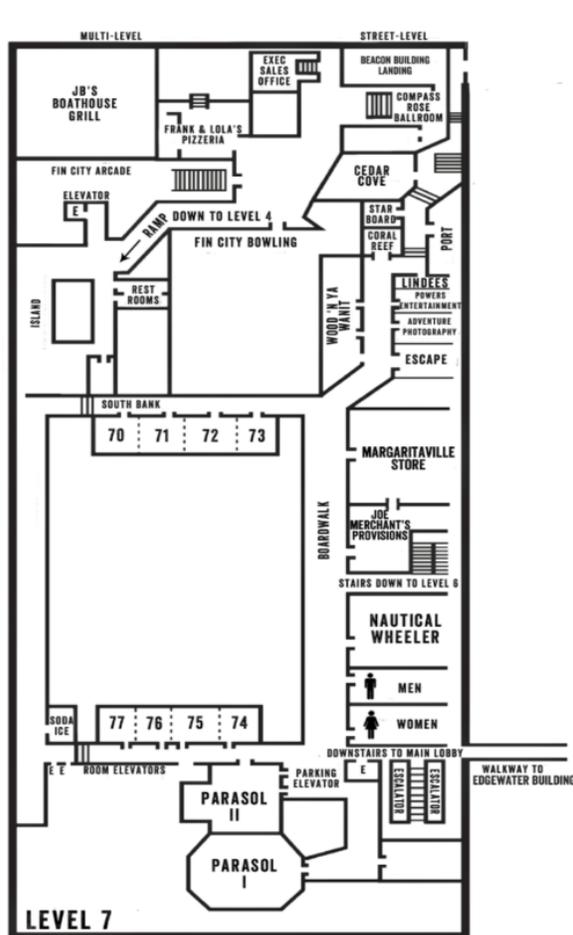
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- Conference booklet
  - One page map
- Conference App (Cvent)
- Look Around
  - Golden shovel
  - DEI Pins
  - Committee Ribbons
- Registration desk
- Ask your Conference Ambassador!





Beacon Building Meeting Rooms



# Hotel/Facility Map

# What's WFP?

- “Charity of Choice”
- Water for Everyone, Everywhere
- Currently active in 9 countries where the focus truly is to reach everyone and develop sustainable infrastructure, so the communities are not reliant on NGOs in the future.
- All fundraising efforts during JAM are for WFP.



water for people  
EVERYONE • FOREVER



Get Involved!!

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED AT THE CONFERENCE

- Sunday Golf and Workshops
- Sunday Young Professional (YP) and Plant Operator (PO) social in Parasol rooms.
- Monday Keynote speaker at Breakfast and hear from national leaders.
- Exhibitor Hall
- Monday WFP Social
- Tuesday Banquet and Entertainment
- WFP Silent Auctions



## HOW TO GET INVOLVED AFTER THE CONFERENCE

- Join MWEA / MO-AWWA
- Read the newsletter (online or mailed if you're a member)
  - Write an article!
- Join a committee
- Follow us on social media
- Attend events
  - Fall Technical Conference (MWEA)
  - Plant Tours
  - Workshops
- Nominate someone for an award

Check out our websites!

[mwea.org](http://mwea.org)

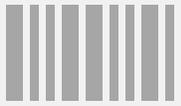
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PDH credits – use scanners



CEU / Operator credit – sign form  
at registration desk



Meal tickets – use scanners

How to get  
credit for your  
Continuing  
Education

# Staying Involved- Something for Everyone

## MWEA Committees

- Audit
- Biosolids Management
- Collection System
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Education
- Government Affairs
- Historian
- Industrial Wastewater
- Laboratory Practices
- Local Arrangements
- Newsletter
- Nominating
- Plant Managers
- Plant Operators
- Program
- Public Relations
- Registration
- Safety, Security & Occupational Health
- Small Flows
- SSSSS
- Stormwater & Watershed Management
- Student Activities
- Tellers
- Water for People
- Website
- Young Professionals

## Mo-AWWA Committees

- Annual Conference Management
- Audit
- Awards
- Budget
- Bylaws & Procedures
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Drinking Water Week
- Education
- Exhibits
- Fuller Award
- J. Robert Popalisky Scholarship
- Landmarks
- Magazine
- Manufacturers / Associates Council
- Membership Engagement
- Nominating
- Nominations (Association)
- Philanthropy
- Public Information
- Registration
- Research
- Retired Members
- Safety / Emergency Planning
- Site Selection
- Small Systems
- Strategic Planning
- Student Activities
- Sustainability Initiatives Coordination
- Technical Program
- Water Industry Coordination Council
- Water Utility Council
- Webmaster
- Young Professionals

Tag Us on  
Social  
Media!!  
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# Conference Ambassador Introductions

Where do you work?

What do you do?

How long have you been involved with MWEA/Mo-AWWA?

What roles have you held within MWEA/Mo-AWWA?

What do you love about the organizations or how has it enhanced your career?

Find your  
Conference  
Ambassador!



# Ice Breakers and Conference Questions

What is your favorite hobby?

Favorite sporting team

College Alma Mater

How long have you been in the industry?

What is your goal for attending the conference?

What presentations are you going to attend?

What committees are you interested in?