



*2018 Utility Leadership Conference & 48th Annual Meeting
Management & Governance for a
Sustainable Clean Water Future*

*July 23 - 26, 2018
Boston Marriott Copley Place
Boston, MA*

Δ – Board of Directors Committees

All meetings on the 4th Floor unless otherwise listed.

(Agenda as of July 20, 2018)

Monday, July 23

Afternoon

1:00 – 4:30 Registration
Registration Desk B

2:30 – 4:00 Joint Legal Affairs & Climate and Resiliency Committee
Salon E (open to non-committee members)
The joint meeting will focus on a recent report issued by the Conservation Law Foundation regarding potential areas of liability arising from climate change, as well as recent litigation alleging similar claims. Discussion will center on potential impacts on and responses from the water sector.

Evening

5:30 – 6:30 Registration
*Atrium Foyer,
3rd Floor*

5:30 – 6:00 First Time Attendee and New Member Meet & Greet
Atrium, 3rd Floor NACWA invites all first-time conference attendees and new members for cocktails and collaboration with staff, leadership and utility peers. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn more about the association and make valuable connections!

6:00 – 7:00 Welcoming Reception
Atrium, 3rd Floor

Tuesday, July 24

Morning

7:00 – 9:00 Executive Committee Δ
Falmouth

8:30 – 12:00 Registration
Registration Desk B

9:00 – 10:00 Spouse & Guest Lounge
*New Hampshire,
5th Floor*

9:00 – 10:15 Facility and Collection Systems Committee
Salon E
(open to non-committee members)
The Facility & Collection Systems Committee will first focus on EPA's development of a rule to address blending of peak wet weather flows from separate sewer systems, with a discussion of what the Association's position should be as it engages with the Agency. The Committee will also discuss developments related to EPA's actions on enforcement versus compliance assistance and potential opportunities for additional flexibility for utilities.

10:30 – 11:45 Water Quality Committee
Salon E
(open to non-committee members)
The Water Quality Committee meeting will feature a discussion with key EPA Headquarters staff on the issues surrounding the approval of water quality variances, including the obstacles clean water utilities encounter when working with state and EPA officials. Meeting participants will have a chance to raise their top water quality-related challenges during the Member Roundtable and updates on several late-breaking issues will be provided.

Afternoon

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch on your Own

1:15 – 4:00 Registration
Registration Desk B

1:30 – 4:00 Legislative & Regulatory Policy Committee Meeting and Issue Update
Salon E
(open to non-committee members)
The Policy Committee meeting will feature two discussions on water workforce issues and the intersection between the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act. Updates on the latest legislative and regulatory issues will be provided and the leaders of NACWA's Standing Committees not meeting in Boston will share their top policy challenges for discussion and input.

1:30 – 3:30 Small and Midsize Utility Technology and Management Workshop (*Utilities Only*)
Provincetown
Join your fellow small and midsize utilities for a discussion of your current technology and management needs and how the water sector can best provide the resources you require. The experts at Isle will be leading this interactive

session to seek your input on what your utility needs and how best to share information with you and among your peers.

4:00 – 5:00
St. Botolph, 2nd Floor One-2-One Networking Event
We hope you'll take advantage of this unique opportunity to connect with your clean water colleagues. Time has been set aside to facilitate connection among clean water agencies themselves – and between agencies and the private sector community that serves them. Interested in a 15-minute One-2-One connection on specific plans, programs, or practices? Invitation opportunities will be available as the conference approaches.

Evening
6:00 – 7:30
Salons A-D Awards Ceremony & Reception
Join us for a celebratory evening honoring exceptional NACWA utilities, facilities, and individuals for their efforts in management, compliance, and advocacy. The evening will begin with a festive Awards Ceremony and a not-to-be-missed multimedia presentation featuring our first-time *Platinum Peak Performance* award winning facilities. Following the Ceremony, join your colleagues in celebrating the evening's honorees at an Awards Reception.

7:30 – 9:30
Towne Stove & Spirits
900 Boylston St. Women's Water Network Dinner
Women water sector leaders attending the conference are invited to join our conference keynote, body language expert Janine Driver – a.k.a. The Lyin' Tamer – for a relaxed and informative evening of conversation and connection.

Wednesday, July 25

Morning

8:30 – 12:00
Registration Desk B Registration

9:00 – 10:00
New Hampshire,
5th Floor Spouse & Guest Lounge

9:00 – 12:00
Salon E **PLENARY SESSION I**
Opening Remarks
Mark Sanchez
NACWA President
Executive Director
Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority
Albuquerque, NM

Welcoming Remarks
The Honorable Martin Walsh
Mayor
City of Boston
Boston, MA

Leadership Keynote Address

The Cooperation Paradigm: How to Talk Like a Hostage Negotiator to Get the Best Result in a Difficult Situation

Janine Driver's keynote address will explore the gravity and importance of the words we choose during difficult or tense situations. She'll share her insights as a former ATF Investigator, NY Times Best-Selling author and renowned body language & communications expert to guide attendees through a practical exercise in understanding and putting to use the Cooperation Paradigm – leaving them ready to look at the world in a new way.

Janine spent over 16 years as a federal law enforcement officer within the Department of Justice and now shares her cunning people-reading skills with thousands who work in the field of executive leadership, law enforcement, finance, law, human resources and sales; as well as the ATF, FBI, CIA, and DIA.

Janine Driver, “The Lyin’ Tamer”

Chief Executive Officer
Body Language Institute
Washington, DC

10:15-10:30

NETWORKING BREAK

Roundtable Discussion

International Perspectives on Governance

As the US explores models for utility governance that can better position the current, highly-fragmented water sector for the future, models from around the globe provide helpful insights and lessons learned. Perspectives from Portugal, Australia and other international efforts will set the stage for a conversation around solutions that could work domestically.

Featured Presentation

Carlos Pova

Aide to the Director of Clients
AdRA-Aguas da Regiao de Aveiro, SA
Aveiro, Portugal

Facilitator

Howard Neukrug

Professor of Practice, University of Pennsylvania
Director, The Water Center at Penn
Senior Advisor, Global Water Leaders Group
Philadelphia, PA

Roundtable Participants

Carlos Pova

AdRA-Aguas da Regiao de Aveiro, SA

Stuart Wilson

Deputy Executive Director
Water Services Association of Australia
Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

David McDonald

Professor, Global Development Studies
Queen's University
Kingston, Ontario, Canada

11:45 – 12:00 *Annual Association Business Meeting*
Report of the President
Report of the Treasurer
Election of Directors
Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Closing Remarks

Mark Sanchez
NACWA President

Afternoon

12:15 – 2:30 Board of Directors Meeting
Salon A-D

2:30 – 4:00 Registration
Registration Desk B

2:45 – 5:00 **PLENARY SESSION II**
Salon E

Opening Remarks

Terry Leeds
NACWA Officer
Director
KC Water
Kansas City, MO

Roundtable Discussion

Reflecting on the Future of the US Water Sector

Peer-to-peer networks and other assistance models may provide some relief for those water utilities not able to keep pace with compliance and investment needs, but broader change – including public-led regionalization efforts and involvement of the private sector – will also be needed. Utility leaders from across the US will share their perspectives on the current state of the water sector and how efforts to address governance concerns may play out.

Featured Presentation

Janet Coppinger
Administrator
Lake County Special Districts
Lakeport, CA

Facilitator

Mike Hope

Principal and Managing Director
Greeley and Hansen, LLC
Philadelphia, PA

Participants

D. Michael Mucha

Chair, NACWA Climate & Resiliency Committee
Chief Engineer & Director
Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District
Madison, WI

David Stanton

President, Utility Operations and Federal Services
Suez
Paramus, NJ

Bill Teichmiller

Chief Executive Officer
EJ Water Cooperative, Inc.
Dieterich, IL

Janet Coppinger

Lake County Special Districts

Innovation and Technology Dialogue

Enabling Innovation in the Clean Water Community

Innovation and the adoption of new technologies will become increasingly important as regulatory requirements mount and infrastructure needs grow. Never has it been more important for utility leaders and technology providers to collaborate on solutions for tomorrow. Following brief opening remarks, utility and technology representatives will have a unique opportunity to mingle in a reception-style setting.

Facilitator

Chris Hornback

Deputy Chief Executive Officer
NACWA
Washington, DC

Opening Perspectives

Debra Coy

Partner
XPV Water Partners
Clarksville, MD

George Hawkins
Executive in Residence
XPV Water Partners
Washington, DC

Innovators

Mahesh Lunani
Founder and Chief Executive Officer
Aquasight
Troy, MI

Todd Sturtz
National Manager
Deragger, Inc.
Vancouver, WA

James Horton
Vice President – Process Group
Aqua Aerobic Systems, Inc.
Loves Park, IL

Gregory Quist
President/Chief Executive Officer
SmartCover Systems
Escondido, CA

Ed Quilty
Chief Executive Officer
Aquatic Informatics
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Evening

6:00 – 7:30 Reception

Skywalk Observatory Join us at the Skywalk Observatory for great cocktails, delectable hors d'oeuvres, and some of the best views of New England, 50 stories above ground. The exhibits featured
50th Floor,
Prudential Center at this sky-high hotspot will be open for your viewing pleasure - including the *Dream*
800 Boylston St. *of Freedom Exhibit* showcasing the role that immigration has shaped the city of Boston. Also, a docent will be available to provide intriguing facts about Beantown.

Thursday, July 26

Morning

7:30 – 9:00 Awards Committee Δ

Champion's Restaurant,
2nd Floor

8:30 – 10:00 Registration

Registration Desk B

9:00 – 12:00
Salon E

PLENARY SESSION III

Opening Remarks

John Sullivan

NACWA Officer

Chief Engineer

Boston Water & Sewer Commission

Boston, MA

Panel Discussion

Practices and Business Models for an Economically Viable Future

Recent discussions around the need for infrastructure investment have included the potential for private sector investment and engagement to help stretch any federal funds made available. Utility leaders, meanwhile, have already been employing an “all of the above” approach to stretching their limited resources through new business models, alternative delivery and new policies and practices to help address the growing affordability challenge. Perspectives from around the country will provide a current snapshot of the latest initiatives in these areas.

Moderator/Panelist

William Stannard

Chairman of the Board

Raftelis

Kansas City, MO

Panelists

Hala Titus

Vice President

CDM Smith

Concord, CA

Norman Anderson

Vice President, Construction, Design-Build and P3

AECOM

Jacksonville, FL

Roundtable Discussion

Toward Sustainable Governance

Practical lessons from recent governance initiatives around the country highlight the range of issues facing policy makers in the US. From the pros and cons of consolidation to the obstacles to regionalization to the question of ‘what happens when voluntary efforts fail’, roundtable participants will discuss potential paths forward for the US water sector.

Facilitator

Eric Rothstein

Principal
Galardi Rothstein Group
Chicago, IL

Roundtable Participants

James Parrott

NACWA Board Member
Executive Director
Louisville & Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District
Louisville, KY

Andrew Sawyers

Director, Office of Wastewater Management
Office of Water
US Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, DC

Nathan Ohle

Executive Director
Rural Community Assistance Partnership, Inc.
Washington, DC

Cheryl Norton

President
Missouri American Water
St. Louis, MO

Stephen Estes-Smargiassi

Director, Planning and Sustainability
Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
Boston, MA

Closing Remarks

Mark Sanchez

NACWA President

Afternoon

12:15 – 5:00

Boston Harbor Cruise and Deer Island Treatment Plant Tour

Please note that this tour is at capacity however you may add your name to the Wait List at Registration.

Enjoy lunch during a tour of Boston Harbor aboard the *Majestic* on your way to the Deer Island Treatment Plant. This one-of-a-kind facility tour will be the perfect way to cap off your stay in Boston.