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I begin by thanking Bill and Lori Moody for all of their time and effort in putting on our past conference. This past year has brought many challenges to the water industry and the nation altogether. Economic hardship, slowed development and declining sales have forced many water systems, manufacturers and consultant firms to take a closer look at streamlining budgets and reducing unnecessary cost. Nevertheless, the AL/MS section of AWWA remains strong as evident with an excellent turnout of membership, presenters and vendors at our annual conference.

Although the section maintains a strong conference, membership continues to experience many needs and challenges. For many years now, our membership count has hovered a little over a thousand members. We must challenge ourselves to grow in membership and offer extensions of our young professionals sector. Moreover, each member should get more involved with section activities, serve on section committees and participate in section educational opportunities.

During the upcoming year, the section will be busy with activities from updating bylaws, to clarifying rules concerning scholarships as well as extending membership to student chapters at local universities. These activities will not be successful without the involvement of our members—many of whom currently volunteer their time and effort to complete section objectives and serve as trustees, committee chairs, and in various other capacities.

It is easy to see that much work is ahead for us. I look forward to working on these challenges and extend thanks to the membership for allowing me to serve. Please utilize the committee chair list included in each edition of Pipeline to get involved. Feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions, or concerns that you may have. And as usual, we look forward to seeing you at our annual conference in Huntsville, Alabama in October 2010.

Sam McElroy
Chair, AL/MS AWWA
And like a good neighbor, AWWA is there.

OK, I stole the line from State Farm. But this is what membership in AWWA is all about: people helping people. AWWA is the authoritative resource for drinking water. Ask how we became this authority and the answer you’ll come up with is “our members.”

I’ve always believed that there are two elements necessary to get a job done: (1) willingness and (2) ability. These elements are the core values that I think AWWA members possess. As with any association AWWA concentrates the ability to solve problems for the waterworks industry, but the willingness that I’ve observed is a special characteristic that our members possess. AWWA is the conduit to share our solutions, and Pipeline is a tool that we don’t use enough. Starting right now, think of a problem you or your team has solved. Make a few notes to remind yourself to take action on this. Now write an article about the problem and solution and submit it to Pipeline. Let’s enhance our value to our members by sharing information in Pipeline.

I hope you enjoyed visiting with Mike Leonard, AWWA VP from Roswell, GA, if you were at the conference. Mike has been a long time friend of many of our section members and it was a pleasure and a privilege to have Mike and Betsy as our guests.

I have certainly enjoyed my tenure as Director and will continue to serve until my term ends at the AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition in Chicago in June, 2010. During our business meeting in October we elected Tom Walters to serve as director for the 2011-2013 term. Tom will do a great job representing our section. He is a perfect example of a member who possesses the elements of willingness and ability. To enhance the transition, Tom will be joining me as a guest at the winter Board of Directors meeting. He will learn about the issues before the board and start the process of researching and making the decisions necessary for constant improvement in the organization. I’ll be updating you in the next issue of Pipeline on actions taken at the winter board meeting.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a wonderful and prosperous new year.

Danny Hutcherson
Director, AL/MS  AWWA

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What a terrific conference Bill and Lori put on for us in Biloxi! I know each year we say “it’ll be difficult for us to top that one” but I have a feeling Sam & Malene McElroy will be lining us up for another mega-event in Huntsville in October 2010.

Isn’t it great being a member of this association? I don’t mean purely from a professional standpoint. It’s the people we meet and in some cases have literally “grown-up” with as good friends and acquaintances and as industry peers. We experience both good times and bad times and yes, we experience sadness when we learn of their passing. This year Blake Jeffcoat read resolutions for six of our fallen, one of which was my dear friend and mentor for nearly thirty years.

The legacy of their volunteerism and contribution to the integrity and growth of this section will stretch far into future years as will our memories of them. That is what drives this Section. Our members continually pick up the banner of their drinking water industry mentors who volunteered before them. The character of our members keeps the embers of this Section’s growth and stability glowing, through those good as well as bad times.

When you read the enclosed Minutes of the 2009 Annual Business Meeting you will also read Blake’s resolution and the names of those six. Please pause a moment with each name and many of you will immediately experience fond memories and, perhaps even acknowledge their contribution to your own career and life. Afterwards pick up that banner and help continue to drive this Section of the American Water Works Association.

Ken McCool
Section Manager, AL/MS AWWA
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Attendees were treated to good entertainment and great educational opportunities during the 62nd Annual AWWA Conference in Biloxi October 4-6. The Beau Rivage is a superb venue and the accommodations were very pleasant.

The conference started with the Water For People Golf Tournament. The tourney raised $20,000 with 46 golfers participating. It was a damp day but everyone enjoyed themselves. Results and photos from the tourney are page 16.

Sunday evening the attendees enjoyed a wine and cheese reception followed by dinner. Diners were entertained by Kier, a songwriter turned comedian-impresisonist. The group enjoyed themselves immensely.

Monday morning everyone got down to business as training started. The Exhibit Hall was packed with vendors and service providers. Big Oak Ranch founder and Alabama alumni & football player John Croyle spoke to the group about the importance of a good foundation.

Later in the day, after technical sessions and the Town Hall Meeting, the group adjourned to the pool area for ice cream and a Pipe Tapping Competition. This year Daphne Utilities’ Tappers challenged the Birmingham Waterworks team. They did very well and you will find photos and other information on page 27.

During the afternoon the Young Professionals conceded the volleyball game (which was to take place in the pool) to the “older” professionals. Something about not wanting to get wet … this should make next year’s match even more interesting. Dinner was on-your-own, but if you happened to hang around the casino area you were treated to a preview of the magic that was to come from Tuesday night’s entertainer, magician Joe Turner.

Tuesday yielded another batch of great technical sessions. The conference sponsors were recognized at a luncheon. Photos from both the technical sessions and the lunch are featured elsewhere in the Pipeline.

Tuesday night concluded the meeting with the awards banquet and Joe Turner’s magic show. The Fuller Award and a Lifetime Achievement Award were also presented.

Next year the 63rd conference will be hosted in Huntsville by Sam and Malene McElroy. The main venue will be the Von Braun Center with other accommodations in the Embassy Suites. The planning committee is working on several surprises. This should be a great meeting. And the technical sessions keep getting better and better. Make your plans to join us October 3-5 in Huntsville.
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The 2009 technical sessions offered a variety of training opportunities and topics. Thirty sessions gave Alabama operators a chance for 13.5 CEUs and Mississippi attendees could earn up to 13.5 CEUs with 6 hours approved as Regulatory updates.

Program chairs plan topics that are relevant to current industry needs. What topics would you like to see in 2010 in Huntsville?
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The 2009 Tournament Winners

1st - Allen Cox, Greg Horn, Mark Breslin, Chuck Nevis

2nd - Tommy Hallmark, John Lyons, Blair Morris, Ben Robertson

3rd - Sam Agnew, Mike Todd, Dana Agnew
What a motivational address by John Croyle! The presentation started with a video of the “Big Oak Ranch – A Christian Home for Children Needing a Chance”, which was started by Croyle in 1974. He mentioned that the club has raised 1,800 kids – with the oldest being 52 now.

While playing defensive end for Coach Bryant at The University of Alabama, John received words of wisdom from the legendary coach – “Be who you are.” (John only weighed 110 pounds and walked with his arms out to make himself look bigger than he was.) After giving up a promising career in the NFL, John started Big Oak Ranch and confessed, “I got the best job in the world because I have my priorities straight.” Moreover, John mentioned that one should know his priority, purpose, and passion. John questioned the audience, “Do you know your three P’s? I know my purpose for being on this earth and I am passionate about it – to help kids.”

John reminded everyone that if you don’t know your kids’ five best friends, you are too busy. Moreover he mentioned, “You should not be that busy. Don’t be remembered as the absentee father. Facts are that 52% of kids in America are being raised by grandparents. Don’t be remembered as that guy on TV who gives kids chances.”

John ended with an example. If you take 10 gallons of clear water that you could give to your kids and put one drop of sewage in it, would you still give it to your kid? John responded to his example, “No, I have got to give good, clean, living water. That’s what’s important.”
The meeting convened at 11:00 a.m. at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, MS.

Bill Moody, Section Chair, called the business meeting to order.

A motion was made by Danny Hutcherson and seconded by Jimmy Nelson to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last Section Business Meeting held in October 2008, and to approve said minutes. The motion was passed unanimously and the minutes can be requested from Ken McCool via e-mail and are also available in a back issue of PIPELINE.

The Chair asked for a report from the following officers and committee chairs:

Keith Lowery, Secretary-Treasurer, reported on the financial condition of the Section which showed a net gain of $28,334.76 on September 30th, 2009. The following is a summary on income, expenses and current investments as of that date:

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A motion was made by Danny Hutcherson and seconded by George Twiner to accept the financial report, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Danny Hutcherson, Director’s Report: Danny expressed it has been his honor and privilege to have served the Section as its Director since 2006 and that he will continue to represent the Section until June of next year when a new Director will take the reins. Serving at the National level has also given him a new perspective on AWWA. Membership efforts at that level are currently focusing on continued recruitment of utilities. The National Board of Directors’ efforts toward achieving 100% participation on the Affiliation Agreement between the Sections and National is beginning to become a reality and will further set the rule standards for Section operations. Danny also encouraged the group to turn to our assigned National Section Representative (Christopher McGinness) when the need arises. Our reps are in place to serve each Section and its unique needs. He also reminded those in attendance that they were about to elect the new Director and he promised to assist that individual with a smooth transition.

Sam McElroy, Audit, reported that the bylaws require an annual audit, and that an external audit was conducted of the Section’s 2009 financials by the CPA firm of Wilson Price Barranco Blankenship & Billingsley P.C. of Montgomery, AL. McElroy reported that the audit found all accounts to be in order.

Dennis Truax, Secretary-Treasurer of the Scholarship Board, reported the following:

The Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1974 with a gift of $1,135 dollars from a handful of section members. The money held by the Fund continued to accumulate over the years. The last contribution from the section was in 2007 in the amount of $1,670. With the contribution, this brought the total amount invested by the section to a total of about $66,000. In addition, the section had elected to pay scholarships from its general funds so as to allow investments to accumulate towards a level of being a self-sustaining endowment.

Per the charter of the Scholarship Fund, one award each can be made to an undergraduate student at...
Auburn University (AU), University of Alabama (AL), and Mississippi State University (MSU). A fourth award could be made to one graduate student from the three schools combined. The first awards of scholarships began in 1982 and continued uninterrupted until 2008. Since that time, 110 scholarships have been awarded. Of these, 27 were to graduate students; 12 from AU, eight from AL, and seven from MSU.

In 2005, the Board was informed that the section would no longer pay scholarships and that awards should be taken from investments. Since that time, $22,000 has been awarded. In 2007 the funds had accrued to a point where the totaled value of the investments was over $120,000 as a result of the $66,000 in contributions plus returns on investments less scholarship payments. The Scholarship Board of Trustees elected to define $100,000 as the equity amount in the fund. This means that it intends to never take funds from the investments if the total value of all investments is ever below this level. Ironically, subsequent reduction in the equity value of the investment resulting from the recent economic downturn caused this to occur at the end of 2008. It was confirmed that the section would not pay scholarships and therefore no awards were made for 2009.

As of 30 September 2009, the value of the investments stood at about $102,400. About 45% of the investments were in US government securities and 55% were in equities. Returns on the investments have averaged about 15% for the past nine months with the greatest return of about 27% for most of the equities against a 3% return on the government securities over the first three quarters of 2009.

At this time, there are no decisions about awarding scholarships during 2010, but we are rapidly approaching the time when we will start soliciting applications, so the committee will need to make some decision soon. (See “Other Business” at the end of these minutes.)

Denson Robinson for Bob Giglio, Fuller Award, reported that the Fuller Award would be presented at the Banquet on Tuesday night.

Harry Gong, Program Chair, offered the following report:

This year’s program contained 30 sessions that are centered around topics based on Planning and Construction. Topics covering Regulatory Updates, Project Planning, Emergency Planning & Safety, Construction & Maintenance, Financial Planning, Case Studies, Operations & Management, and Environmental Issues are being given.

Alabama operators can receive up to a total of 13.5 CEH hours. Mississippi operators can receive up to a total of 13.5 CEU hours with up to 6 hours being approved as Regulatory. The Regulatory sessions are highlighted in the program. In addition, an ethics session on Environmental Ethics has been included in the program for Professional Engineers.

Door prizes that include electronics, small appliances, tools, and Beatles CDs are being awarded in each session. After the final sessions are completed on Tuesday, session tickets will be pooled from all attendees that attended the final sessions to pull for the grand prize, a 24-inch Vizio 1080p HD TV.

This year during the ice cream social, a tapping competition between Birmingham Water Works and Daphne Utilities will be held as well as our first “Meter Madness” competition. Attendees are encouraged to come out to cheer on the competitors during the competition on the Beau Rivage’s Pool Deck.

David Stejskal, MAC, thanked all of this year’s sponsors for their support of the Section and this conference. All will be recognized at the awards luncheon Tuesday.

Amy McLeod, Registration, Total attendance was 494 including 105 spouses and 66 vendors.

Sam Agnew, Exhibits, reported a full exhibit hall at 65 booths and plenty of vendors and manufacturer reps were sadly turned away. As hoped, most vendors were
quite pleased with the time allotted for attendees to visit including the strolling lunch and meet & greet. Many thanks to the Beau management as well as George Fern, the exhibit company.

Deb Hudson, PIPELINE Magazine, expressed thanks to the sponsors and advertisers. The publication has caught the attention of several state and federal agencies and is a great way to share information in the industry. She is concerned about losing advertisers if the economy doesn’t improve, but there were two new advertisers in the last issue.

Financially the magazine is paying for itself (confirmed by Keith Lowery’s head shake). In 2009 a 10% discount advertising package was offered to advertisers that pay for a year’s placement in advance (we currently publish three magazines a year). Several advertisers took advantage of the opportunity.

There will be no increase in ad rates in 2010 and information on ad rates, specifications, and placement deadlines will mail to advertisers with the post-conference issue packages in late fall.

By December a new online payment system should be in place using the 1-2-3-Sign-up technology currently used for conference registrations. Amy McLeod, Keith Lowery and Deb Hudson are working on completion of this task.

Hugh Smith, Water for People Golf Tournament, expressed his thanks to all the golfers and sponsors participating in this year’s WFP Golf Tournament.

Blake Jeffcoat, Resolutions, asked the members present to stand, and then read the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ray Heffner, Ike Pitman, William Yahn, Aubrey Vick, Gilbert R. Craft and James W. Fly were faithful and dedicated life members of the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association; and

WHEREAS, they contributed by their loyalty and service to the Association; and

WHEREAS, they were respected and loved by friends in the Association; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association wish to recognize the loss of these valued and trusted friends.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association meeting on this 5th day of October, 2009 in Biloxi, Mississippi do hereby express their sorrow and regret over the loss of such trusted and devoted friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and that individual copies be sent to the families by our Secretary-Treasurer.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the resolution and the motion passed unanimously.

Hercy Golson, Young Professionals, reported on the activities of the YP Committee.

Tim Rogers, Safety, reported no information had been sent from National as of the Conference date.

Hugh Smith for Kyle Massey (AL) & Sheila Williams (MS) Education, reported the following for each of their respective States:

Originally 7 seminars were scheduled throughout both States – Cleveland, Natchez, Meridian, Huntsville, Muscle Shoals, Montgomery, and Mobile (Spanish Fort).

The Muscle Shoals and Mobile Seminars were cancelled due to a lack of interest. In the future, Kyle recommends that Alabama Education Chairs concentrate their efforts in Huntsville, Montgomery, and Birmingham.

Presenters for the Alabama Seminars included representatives from TVA, Alabama Power, Alabama Office of Water Resources, ADEM, Malcolm Pirnie Inc., Birmingham Water Works Board and the EPA. Presentation topics ranged from Water Loss Control, Non-Revenue Water Management, Water Conserva-
tion, EPA’s WaterSense Program, Water Efficiency through Power Efficiency, and Water Reuse.

For Mississippi, special thanks should be given to Adams County W/A, City of Meridian, and Bolivar County Extension Service for use of their facilities. Also, I would like to thank the technical speakers: Mr. John McMillan, Hach; Mr. Ralph Hayes, Layne Drilling; Mr. Greg Caraway, Mr. Harry Lockhart, and Ms. Lee Fancher from MS Dept. of Health Division of Water Supply; and Mr. Steve Luckett of Luckett Pump and Well.

Bill Wall, Entertainment, hoped everyone had enjoyed the entertainment so far featuring Davis & Sax Sunday evening (Meet & Greet) and Kier Irmiter, Minstrel/Comedian (Sunday evening buffet) and announced the upcoming entertainment as luncheon speaker John Croyle, Tuesday night Meet & Greet musician Chris Gill, and Magician Joe Turner for Banquet night.

Hunter Arnold, Time & Place, reported efforts at finding a location in Mississippi other than the Gulf Coast for the 2011 Conference did not yield a suitable location that could accommodate the Section’s or our exhibitor’s needs. Along the Coast, several locations were checked out, but given the familiarity and ease with which we work with the management, the reasonably large exhibit area and the overall popularity of our membership with the facility, the T&P Committee is recommending the Beau Rivage, Biloxi for the next Mississippi conference location with the dates of October 2 through 4, 2011. A motion was made by Jimmy Nelson to accept the Committee’s recommendation and seconded by George Twiner. All votes were “Aye”.

Tom Walters, Nominations, submitted the following nominations as AL/MS Section officers for 2009/2010.

- Chair – Sam McElroy
- Past Chair – Bill Moody
- Vice Chair – Hunter Arnold
- Trustee-at-Large (AL) – Jim Watterson
- Trustee-at-Large (MS) – Hugh Smith
- Secretary-Treasurer (3-year term to expire December 31, 2012) – Amy McLeod
- Director (3-year term to expire June 2013) – Tom Walters

After a motion from the floor was made to close the nominations, a second was made. Thereafter, upon a voice vote, all proposed nominees were unanimously elected.

Ken McCool, Section Manager/Membership, reminded attendees of his availability throughout the conference and throughout each year to assist with any problems which might arise. He also encouraged the group to learn more about AWWA benefits at the varying membership classifications and get out there and recruit. Nationally, as well as within our Section, there also needs to be a strong effort at recruiting Utility members. The Section currently ranks 23rd in membership size and consistently maintains a moderate retention rate. Ken also proudly announced he was this year’s recipient of the national Zenno Gorder Award for his recruiting efforts. The award is issued to Section staff achieving the highest number of new members in one year. The award was presented to Ken through Director Hutcherson at AWWA’s ACE in San Diego, California.

Other Business, Blake Jeffcoat spoke to the group regarding the Scholarship Fund and lack of continued funding from the Section. After much discussion, motion rewording and clarification, the group voted to support the Scholarship fund in both 2010 and 2011 for $2000.00 per scholarship for up to four recipients each year. Incoming Chairman Sam McElroy is also to appoint a panel of three to discuss scholarships and the Section’s future role in funding.

Adjourn; There being no further business and upon a motion by George Godwin and second by Ken McCool, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. by Chair Bill Moody.
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This year’s George Warren Fuller Award recipient was Glen Thomas. He is considered a laid-back, quiet & thoughtful man... good listener who rarely speaks unless he has something worthwhile to say. He was raised in Mississippi and has strong, traditional family roots within his beloved hills that can be traced to pre-antebellum times. His hometown gained incorporation as a city just about the same time he began tending to its needs as the Mayor’s Administrative Assistant.

As the new city began to expand and improve, he oversaw multiple improvements to its water and sewer system which ultimately doubled in capacity and distribution size while tripling its customer base.

As exemplified by his membership, volunteerism and office-holding with this Section of AWWA, our Fuller Awardee is dedicated to an inherent work ethic and is devoted to his family and church. His wife considers him her ‘Rock of Gibraltar’. After all, he even bought her a hunting rifle so she could accompany him!

Joining AWWA over 25 years ago, our awardee quickly joined the ranks of leadership, serving as your Section Chair thirteen years later, as the Section’s Small System Chair for two years and numerous other areas as beckoned by the Section. He is always there when asked.

He is active civically at home, is a volunteer for the local Cancer Society and served his country for 20 years in the Army National Guard’s Medical Brigade. His Mayor has described him as “a man whose honesty is beyond reproach”. Considering retirement within two years, his position can be filled, but “his knowledge, service and friendship will never be duplicated”.

His wife of 33 years, Deb and all of his wonderful family and friends are very proud of this quiet gentleman, soldier, volunteer, hunter, coach and water works professional.

Ken McCool was also awarded a Lifetime Achievement award during the Tuesday night banquet. Other awards going to section members not in attendance include Lifetime Achievement recognition to James Atkins, Pontotoc; William McCallum (GW Jones, Inc), Huntsville; David Pope (Madison County Engineering), Huntsville; Mike Van, Birmingham; and Michal Yoke, Anniston. Gold Water Drop award recipients for 2009 are Joe Donahue, Philip McGrath and John Stadtlander, all of Birmingham.
Spouse Program Bingo!

You really wouldn’t think there would be much need to plan entertainment for spouse attendees in a city as rich in history and as colorful in entertainment and activities as Biloxi, Mississippi, but the planned activities give the spouses a great opportunity to form new friendships and visit with buddies not often seen. The spouse program had 105 participants.

Spousal attendees were given plenty of free time to experience the pleasures of the spa or local shopping each day of the conference. On Monday the group gathered in the Beau Rivage’s Coast Restaurant for a quick cooking lesson by one of the Resort’s premiere chefs. The demonstration was accompanied by a tasty lunch, and door prizes were given away after the meal.

On Tuesday the grand AWWA conference tradition of “Bingo” was continued. The room was lively as the spousal attendees enjoyed mimosas with a light brunch. There were prizes galore and one lucky lady even won some extra cash. We are not sure if it was “donated” to the casino or made it to some other worthy cause!

Applause to First Lady Lori Moody and her committee for the wonderful activities for the spouses at the Beau Rivage. Everyone looks forward to seeing what new experiences Malene McElroy and her committee come up with for the 2010 conference in Huntsville.
The 2009 Conference saw the return of the Pipe Tapping Competition to the Annual Conference after a 19-year hiatus. The last competition was held at the 1990 conference in Huntsville, Alabama, between the Birmingham Water Works Board, Decatur Utilities, and the Mobile Area Water and Sewer Service. Birmingham has continued to have a team and represent the Alabama-Mississippi Section well over the last 19 years winning National and World Championships.

This year’s competition was between the Birmingham Water Works Board and the Daphne Utilities Board-DUB Tappers. This competition was the first for the DUB Tappers. Both teams put up superb efforts finishing with raw times under 2 minutes. Birmingham won the competition, but the DUB Tappers were close on their heels.

Because we are a two-state Section, both teams are eligible to represent the Section at the AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition in 2010. Members of the Birmingham Water Works Board Tapping Team are Jerry Storey, Donnie Bittles, Todd Stewart, and Ralph Abbott. Members of DUB-Tappers are Larry Jackson, Carliss Johnson, Irvin Rudolph, Willie Timmons, and Frederick Williams. DUB-Tappers alternates are Nick Johnson and Malcolm Barge.
**Technical & Educational Council**

is responsible for many AWWA activities involving the design, construction, operation, and management of water utilities; water quality research and science; and providing training opportunities to our membership.

**TEC includes over 1,100 active volunteer members comprising eight divisions:**
- Distribution & Plant Operations
- Engineering & Construction
- Management
- Small Systems
- Water Conservation
- Water Science & Research
- Water Resources
- Water Quality & Technology

and 61 division committees

**TEC provides leadership to AWWA through:**
- Development of technical direction for AWWA Conference organization and technical program development
- AWWA Manuals of Practice
- AWWA Policy Statements
- Technical White Papers
- Member Recognition
- Tapping Contest
- Top Ops Competition
- Meter Madness
- Management Forums
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**TEC committees provide sustainable financial support to AWWA through:**
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- TEC members work with other councils and AWWA staff to continually improve products and services.

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- New educational opportunities and cost-effective methods of delivery
- Technical program for ACE, the “World’s Water Event”
- Funding for projects that have a positive impact on the organization

**TEC disseminates knowledge to the membership by organizing conferences, workshops and symposia:**
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- Distribution Systems Symposium & Exposition
- Customer Service Conference & Exposition
- Information Management & Technology Conference & Exposition
- Water Quality Technology Conference & Exposition (WQTC)
- Water Security Congress
- Utility Management Conference
- Membrane Technology Conference & Exposition
- Sustainable Water Sources Conference & Exposition
- Inorganics Workshop
- Research Symposium
- Water Conservation Workshop
- Water Resources Symposium
- International Symposium on Waterborne Pathogens
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Only 2% of the 5,000+ charities rated by Charity Navigator have achieved the remarkable feat of earning this award for seven or more consecutive years. With this exceptional designation, based on 2008 fiscal performance, Water For People again demonstrates to supporters that the organization is transparent, accountable, and trustworthy.

“Charity Navigator provides an important service to donors looking for independent verification of a charity’s fiscal effectiveness. We are pleased to be recognized for our careful stewardship of donor dollars,” says Ned Breslin, CEO of Water For People. “We look forward to continued recognition not only for our fiscal responsibility but also for the transformative field results we achieve in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.”

One of the key metrics used in Charity Navigator’s rating process is the functional allocation of resources, as measured by the percentage of revenues used for program expenses as opposed to administrative and fundraising expenses. As measured by this standard, Water For People has always achieved the highest rankings.

Charity Navigator plans to expand the ratings system beyond one based purely on financial factors into one that also measures accountability and outcomes. According to a recent public blog written by Charity Navigator president & CEO Ken Berger, “The most critical dimension in evaluating a nonprofit has to do with achieving meaningful results.”

Breslin supports Charity Navigator’s new direction.

“Meaningful results in the water and sanitation sector can only be measured by whether water is flowing, toilets are being used, and people are paying for their services long after we have finished our work in a particular village. Water For People is well placed to maintain its high standing because we value and invest in programmatic monitoring, allowing us to understand how donor dollars are impacting people’s lives. We are committed to providing lasting water and sanitation services in the most effective and sustainable manner,” he explains. “We believe that our focus on programmatic outcomes verified by annual monitoring visits, along with our financial strength and accountability translates into the highest level of service for the people we support around the world and our donors.”

About Water For People

Founded in 1991, Water For People is a Denver-based private, nonprofit international humanitarian organization that supports the development of sustainable safe drinking water resources and improved sanitation facilities in developing countries. The nongovernmental organization is distinguished by its focus on local private-sector development, interorganizational collaboration, social entrepreneurship, and the engagement of stakeholders, which combine together to achieve sustainability. The organization has active water, sanitation, and hygiene education programs in 10 countries in Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Water For People is a charity of choice of the American water and wastewater community. For more information, visit www.waterforpeople.org.
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