

## ***MWQA Works With State to Establish Education Requirements for Water Conditioning Industry***



The Minnesota Water Quality Association was recently asked to participate in establishing continuing education requirements for water conditioning contractors and installers.

This month, the State Plumbing Board was asked to establish continuing education requirements for those who hold Plumbing and Water Conditioning licenses. The Plumbing Board asked MWQA President Mike McGowan to recommend how many hours the water conditioning industry should complete to maintain a license. At the August 19 MWQA Board meeting, the MWQA Board recommended that four hours per license cycle be required (the license cycle is now 2 years). Two of those hours would focus on the State Plumbing Code and two hours would focus on industry/technical topics.

The MWQA's recommendation was approved at the August 23 Plumbing Board meeting. This requirement will go into effect in October 2012.

This is a great time to be a member of MWQA! The Association is becoming more visible to those at the state level who make decisions affecting the water conditioning industry. Next on the agenda is getting approval for technical education materials and developing a class to help license-holders better understand and abide by the State Plumbing Code. We can use the input of our members, and would ask that all MWQA members take a moment to send their comments or suggestions to us.

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