



## MWQA Convention Is October 24-25

*Register Now to Get Your License Renewal Credits*

MWQA's annual convention is a prime opportunity to get your credits toward your license renewal before the mad rush hits in December. The event, scheduled for October 24-25, will allow you to attend either day to get all 4 credits needed to renew your Water Conditioning license through the Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry. If you have a plumbing license, credits can be applied toward that license as well. We also have secured approval from the Wisconsin Department of Professional Services and many classes will offer credit toward Wisconsin licenses. WQA credit will be offered, as well!

Minnesota license renewal reminders do not get mailed by the state for at least another month, so take a moment to check your license now so you're not scrambling to get credit at the last minute. Check the status of your license by looking it up [on the DOLI website](#). If you have questions about how many credits are still required, contact Lori Jansen at MWQA.

The annual convention will feature seminars on a variety of topics:

- \* Drinking Water Contaminants
- \* POE Treatment With Membranes
- \* Minnesota Plumbing Code
- \* Non-Community Small Systems Plan Approval
- \* Upflow Brining Advantages
- \* Maximizing Chloride Reduction in Water Softening Systems

You can take a state license exam the morning of October 24, then stick around for a few seminars and vendor fair. The vendor fair on Wednesday will feature an informal reception rather than a sit-down banquet. It's a great opportunity to mingle with others in the industry.

WQA will be on hand to give updates on issues affecting Minnesota, and the nation, and has also approved a certification testing session on Thursday afternoon.

Registration forms are available on the MWQA website [here](#).

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## *MWQA Joins MPCA At State Fair Booth*

***By Scott Schiesser, MWQA President***

MWQA and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency joined together to design and man a State Fair exhibit this year, which addressed the chloride issue in Minnesota. The exhibit

was designed to educate consumers on the importance of having their water treatment system optimized. Part of the exhibit included a discount coupon for having an MWQA member inspect the consumer's water treatment equipment to ensure the settings are correct.

We also designed a brochure on how to save salt and water which was distributed along with the coupon for a discounted inspection fee. Everything was branded jointly with the MWQA and the MPCA logos for added credibility. The topic was well received by the dozens and dozens of people that stopped by to learn more about their softeners. People were interested to learn more about how a softener works, and why they even need one. Visitors were amazed at the negative impact hard water has in many aspects of work and private lives, and why a softener is an essential appliance for homes and businesses.

The inspection coupon was well received. Many visitors were very interested to learn that having a trained service technician inspect their softener settings could easily save salt and water, along with saving money.

We are in the early stages of designing a traveling exhibit that will go on the road to demonstrate the importance of having softeners regularly inspected and maintained by a trained water treatment professional. The exhibit will promote the MWQA and MPCA relationship and will be used at fairs and other community events around the state.

If you're not a member of MWQA yet, join today and start enjoying the benefits of our great association.

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## Keep Up To Date on Issues By Attending Convention

*By Mike Herman, Past President*

MWQA members – it is almost upon us! The MWQA annual convention/meeting is just around the corner. This is a great venue for all involved in our industry to gain any required CEU's for maintaining current licenses, You can even take your license test at this event. Prior registration is required to participate in testing.

Even today there are still questions on what it takes to have the proper licenses and certificates to meet state code and requirements. Want to learn more? Attend code sessions at the MWQA convention and meet with folks that have worked through these issues in the past.

Want to learn more of what is happening with regards to legislation, proposed rules and discussions at the State Plumbing Board? Come to the MWQA convention opening session and listen to the latest and greatest and see what your MWQA Board Members are working on in supporting our industry.

The MWQA is here to serve members working in our industry, and Board members volunteer their time on numerous committees, activities, events and interaction with other organizations in keeping abreast of changes and making sure our voice is heard. Want to be a part of that? Volunteer to become a Board member (we have two

open positions for dealers and three for associates) or offer to be a part of one of the MWQA Committees. Contact an MWQA Board Member for more information.

Looking forward to seeing each of you at this event. Sign up today!

## License Exam Session Scheduled for Convention

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry has offered to hold a state license exam session at the MWQA convention site again this year.

Testing will be held on Wednesday, October 24, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Lakeville. ***There are still a few seats available for this session.*** You may take any exam you wish to take. Registration information for this special session is on the DOLI website at this link:

<https://secure.doli.state.mn.us/license/initialapp.aspx>

