



MWQA Convention Set For October 24-25

MWQA's annual convention and trade show has been scheduled for October 24-25, 2018. After reviewing other venues in the state, a decision was made to hold the event at the Holiday Inn in Lakeville again this year. With attendance at the annual event climbing, we expect to move to a larger venue, perhaps in 2019.

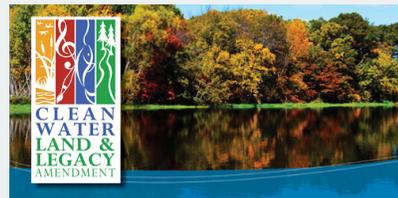
Among the issues we will discuss at the event are chloride discharge, revisions to water conditioning and plumbing licenses, community hardness reduction, and more. If there is a topic you would like to see addressed at our event, please let us know so we can secure speakers for educational credit.

One change we are expecting to make at this year's event is hosting a longer vendor fair and reception instead of the usual sit-down dinner. This will give the vendors more exposure time, while giving those who want to stop by after work more time to visit the exhibits and network with others in the industry.

Watch for registration forms and more information to come this summer!

MPCA Setting Drinking Water Priority List for 2019

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is accepting applications for their 2019 Project Priority List for public wastewater, stormwater and drinking water improvement projects. These projects would utilize Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds and are part of the Governor's Water Initiative. The 2019 list will be published in late summer 2018. The current 2018 project list includes many communities that are upgrading to treat phosphorous, chlorides, or looking at implementing lime softening in their water treatment systems.



If you are interested in viewing the 2018 project list, click on the photo above. Note any projects in your area that are on the list, and monitor the progress. Some communities have informed residents to disconnect softeners once updates have been made to the community's water treatment plant. MWQA can assist you if you encounter these issues.



Scott Schiesser Elected New MWQA Board President

Plumbing Board to Review Code

Scott Schiesser, Director of Sales & Marketing for Driessen Water, was elected President of the MWQA Board at the February 2018 meeting. Passing the gavel was Mike Herman, who had served two terms as MWQA president. Mike was presented with a plaque, shown above receiving the plaque from former MWQA president Mike McGowan, for his countless hours of service to MWQA.



The Minnesota Plumbing



Board is reviewing some language changes to the Plumbing Code, and will present them at their April 17 meeting. The revisions clarify requirements to become a water conditioning contractor and a master plumber, outline requirements for registration of an unlicensed water conditioning worker, and specify continuing education credit topics that can apply toward license renewals.

[Review the proposed revisions here.](#)

MWQA is Well Represented at WQA National Convention

Several Minnesota WQA representatives were honored at the national Water Quality Association convention recently in Denver. Lori Jansen received the Ray Cross Award at the opening session. Although Lori has worked for MWQA for 26 years, it was her first time at the national show. The Ray Cross Award is, in part, for “unwavering commitment that has made a notable difference in the water treatment industry.”



Mike McGowan received the Regents Award for his work in Minnesota. Mike is a two-time MWQA President, continuing Director and served on the Minnesota Plumbing Board. Mike also serves on the WQA Board of Directors.

Bret Tangley was recognized by the Board of Directors as he retired from long service on both the WQA Board of Directors and Board of Governors. Bret is past president of the national WQA and is on the MWQA Board of Directors.

Also serving on the WQA Board are Jeff Hill and Mike Herman. Pictured above are Jeff Hill, WQA Executive Director Pauli Undesser, Mike McGowan, Lori Jansen and Bret Tangley.

