



MWQA Convention Will Focus on Chlorides

Chlorides, one of the hottest topics in the water conditioning industry in Minnesota, will be the focus of the annual MWQA convention on October 1-2. If the community your dealership serves has not been affected by chloride discharge limits, chances are it will be soon. You may remember MWQA was actively involved in getting legislation changed this past year, including changing the wording in a proposal that would call for removing softeners in municipalities that install lime hardness reduction plants. MWQA and its lobbyists were able to change the language to "upgrading, optimizing or replacing" softeners; optimizing softeners can reduce chloride discharge and salt use by up to 90 percent. Another bill that MWQA was actively involved in includes a grant to MPCA to optimize softeners in Minnesota. These two issues will have an impact on all water conditioning dealers in the state, and we are strongly urging all members to attend our meeting to learn more about what to expect in the next few years with regard to chloride discharge.

Among the speakers at this year's convention are:

Peter Cartwright, who will discuss Chloride Pollution Issues and Answers, including Water Softening Issues.

Brooke Asleson of MPCA, who will discuss the Agency's chloride discharge goals, environmental impacts of chloride, and partnerships with other groups.

Jeff Hellenbrand, who will discuss chloride reduction in communities, including hardness reduction levels achieved through community treatment.

Matt Wirth, who will present "Advancement in Applying Manganese Dioxide Catalyst using Polymer Substrate to Conserve Water." The learning concentrates on the geometric and density advantages of using a resin bead as the substrate for permanganate.

Mike Herman, who will present a two-hour Minnesota Plumbing Code class.

A representative of the **Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry** will also speak.

This year's event will also include an extended vendor fair during the day on Tuesday, and late afternoon during a reception. In addition, a golf outing has been arranged for Monday, September 30, in the afternoon. All registration forms are on the MWQA website.

If you haven't registered yet, forms are available [on our website](#). We've made it easier to register this year, with online, secure payment options. Online payment is available [here](#).

Plumbing Board: Deadline Approaching for Requests For Action On 2018 UPC

The Plumbing Board will hold a special meeting on August 29 at 9:30 a.m. at the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Minnesota Room, 443 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155.

Requests for Action (RFAs): Last call for RFAs. Thursday, August 22, is the last day to submit any new RFAs regarding the 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code for the Board's consideration. RFAs should address only NEW proposals. If you or someone else has previously made a substantively similar proposal, please do not submit an RFA. The Board will consider only new proposals at this time. The board will consider any new proposals received after it has completed its review of the committee's recommendations.

A link to the RFA form is available on this page: <https://www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils/plumbing-board>

View [Requests for Action](#) submitted to the board.

MWQA Offers Opportunities for Members

By Scott Schiesser, MWQA President

Our annual convention is just around the corner. Have you made plans to attend? This year's convention will have a new format around our vendor fair. You will have more time to spend with the vendors during midday and during the afternoon reception. We are also planning a golf outing on September 30, at the start of the convention. Enjoy this time catching up with colleagues and swapping great stories - you all have them!

Chloride is the new buzz word in Minnesota and our industry. We will have some great speakers on the subject and how it applies to our industry. MPCA will speak about what we are jointly working on with regards to educating the public. Making a positive impact on the environment is everyone's responsibility, and you will learn much more about this at our event.

The great Minnesota Get Together is also closing in on us quickly. MWQA and MPCA have a great exhibit at the State Fair's Eco Experience Building, this year designed around education about chlorides. We had a great group of volunteers working at the exhibit last year educating the public about water softeners, and what they can do to reduce chloride discharge. It's not a place to sell water softeners, but it is a place to show people how professional our industry is, and how committed we are to helping with this issue. Through regular maintenance, regular inspections, and making informed buying decisions everyone wins. I need more volunteers to work a short shift at the Fair this year, so please reach out to me for information on how to sign up to volunteer.

Tell a colleague that isn't a part of our great association, to become a member today and stay in tune with everything that is facing our industry TODAY!

Check License Status Prior to Convention

If you need credit to renew your water conditioning or plumbing license this year, plan to get it through the MWQA in October. You can check your [license status here](#).

All our classes are expected to offer credit for Minnesota plumbing and water conditioning licenses. Some will be approved for Wisconsin licenses also. We take care of submitting your credits online - all you need to do is register and show up for the class.



SAVE THE DATE!
MWQA Annual Convention
October 1 - 2, 2019
Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria, MN

New this year -
*** DAYTIME Vendor Fair***
- Continuing Education for
WC and Plumbing Licenses
- State License Exams
(Pending Approval by DOLI)

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The Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry requires that all persons holding Water Conditioning or Plumbing licenses must complete Continuing Education Credits (CEU) during each license cycle in order to renew their license. Check your license today on the DOLI website

<https://secure.doli.state.mn.us/lookup/licensing.aspx>

Credit will also be offered for WQA certifications and Wisconsin licenses.

Alexandria Will
Host MWQA
Convention
October 1-2

Golf Outing on
September 30

Many Ways To Volunteer Through MWQA

By Mike Herman, MWQA Past President

As I am writing this the MWQA convention is just about a month away. Have you signed up yet? Are you signed up for the convention? Are you signed up for the classes to gain your CEU's? Do you have others that you work with getting signed up? Take a look at the two-day agenda, as there are a lot of great informational seminars as well as seminars to complete all of your CEU requirements.

Prior to the MWQA convention I am going to ask all of you to consider becoming more involved with MWQA and our industry. There are always many things going on in our industry, in our communities and even legislation that can greatly impact our industry. MWQA is a group of volunteers who work hard at staying ahead of all the changes within the industry, community initiatives that could affect us in our profession as well as maintaining and growing relationships with various state government groups. All of these things take many hours as well as financial commitments from our volunteers. How can you help, you may ask yourself? Great question – don't wait, get involved! Join MWQA, participate in the monthly meetings, volunteer for a committee, donate to the membership and the legal fund. Just don't sit on the sideline and wait for someone else to run with it!

As a director on the Minnesota Plumbing Board representing the water conditioning industry, the Plumbing Board has been very busy over the past few months. The 2015 Minnesota Plumbing Code has been under review by the Ad Hoc Code Committee in an effort to update as well as bring it in line with the Uniform Plumbing Code. Over the past few months the committee has gone chapter by chapter, reviewing and making recommendations to the Plumbing Board. This review by the Plumbing Board is coming to an end and will open up recommendations for public review and comments. Want to know what is going on with regards to plumbing code? Come to the MWQA convention or attend the monthly MWQA meetings to stay in the loop and abreast of all the changes.

See you at the Convention! Join MWQA, ask your neighbors and friends in our industry to join MWQA. The larger our membership the more communities we can touch, the more we can continue to influence and provide input and solutions. Be the **Everyday Leader** and become involved in your local communities and educate them on what we can provide as a Water Conditioning Professional.

Be Involved!

For more information please contact one of your MWQA Board members, listed on our website at www.mwqa.com.

