

Southern Indiana Operators Association, Inc. Meeting on February 20, 2019



Please join us in Columbus, Indiana!

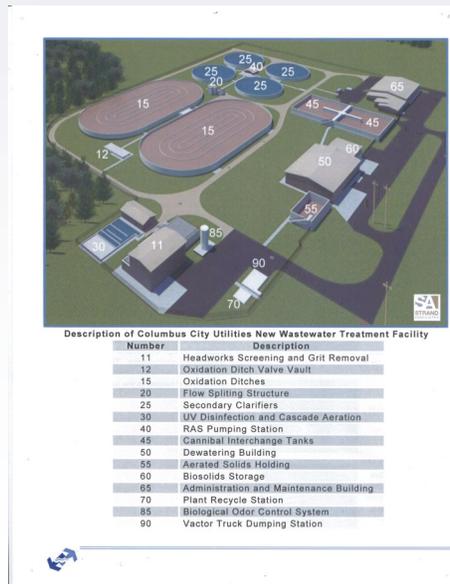
Our host for our February meeting will be the Columbus WWTP, Superintendent, Randy Duckworth.

Plant tours will be held from 10:00am—12:00N.

Lunch will be served at 12N with meeting/program to follow.

Program will be presented by Ashley Getz of Strand Associates on the topic of Phosphorus Removal Techniques.

The tour and the program have been submitted to IDEM for approval of 2 Technical contact hours. (1 for tour, 1 for program)



RESERVATIONS!

Please make reservations prior to Monday, February 11, 2019. Call Shelly Higdon, SIOA Secretary/Treasurer at 317-392-5131 or email @ sioaofficer@gmail.com. You may also mail in your reservation or payment to Shelly Higdon, Shelbyville WRRF, 775 W. Boggstown Road, Shelbyville, IN 46176.

ALL RESERVATIONS ARE CONSIDERED CONFIRMATIONS AND MUST BE PAID!

\$10.00 / Members

\$20.00 / Non-members

Includes lunch and up to 2 contact hours.

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2019 Membership Dues

- We have an open email to anyone wanting to receive them. The change would include a lower cost of attending meetings/seminars if you are a 'member'. This is similar to what other organizations do.
- The membership dues will still cover a 'calendar year' Jan. to Dec. of that year.



There are many other opportunities to apply for Awards through IWEA.

Check their website soon, deadlines are FAST approaching!

SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Safety Awards of Merit may be given to municipal facilities for Class I, II, III, IV, and industrial facilities. This program is designed to give recognition to all plants which grade high in merit points to such an extent that a plant may sustain a minimum of lost-time accidents and with a good point record could still be eligible for a safety award. Safety experience of each plant will be compiled by the committee and recommendations for awards shall be based on merit points and by accident experience of each plant recorded by the plant superintendent on the year-end safety report.

To be eligible for this award, a plant must complete the Safety Inspection Form and receive an inspection from a safety committee member.

Award Applications must be submitted no later than February 22, 2019, for consideration of awards. Applications received after February 22, 2019, may potentially not be considered for either safety award. Once your application has been received, the committee will forward the self-audit form for review so you will know what to expect during the audit process. Burke Award applicants will also receive an additional request form to gather additional information prior to the audit process. Facilities applying for either award must be accessible for the auditor within a reasonable time frame and be able to accommodate the schedule of the volunteer.

Applications for 2019 are open. If you have any questions please contact [Kylee Daily](#). REGISTER TODAY! [Click here!](#)

LABORATORY EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

The Laboratory Excellence Award is given in the form of a plaque to be awarded for outstanding achievement in the implementation of laboratory technique and administration. The awards may be given to municipal facilities for each classification (I, II, III, IV [a] < 10 MGD and IV [b] > 10 MGD).

Candidates for the award shall be determined by the Laboratory Committee and is based upon a graded evaluation of their criteria. Candidates must complete the Laboratory Excellence Award Application and be inspected by a member of the Laboratory committee to be eligible for the Laboratory Excellence Award. To receive an excellence award, the laboratory must score 85% or higher in each category as well as an overall score of 90% or higher.

Annually, a member of the Laboratory Committee will travel to labs around the State to conduct thorough lab audits. These audits are similar to the audits performed by IDEM inspectors except these audits are conducted only in labs who voluntary participate. The audits serve as an excellent tool for hands-on consulting in your actual laboratory.

The IWEA laboratory committee is accepting applications for the Laboratory Excellence Award. To submit an application to receive your lab audit, please complete the form below. **You must complete the form no later than February 22nd. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out!**

Annual Banquet Recap

The SIOA held it's Annual Banquet in Osgood, IN at The Saint Florian. Hosted by Tony Wood, Osgood Wastewater Plant Superintendent, we had a "magical" time watching Travis Easterling amaze us with his magical talent! Dinner was catered by the Osgood Grub Company and did not disappoint with fried chicken, roast, sides, salad and desserts.

Awards were given for 2018

Class II Plant of the Year— South Henry RWD



Class IV Plant of the Year

Columbus WWTP



Professional of the year

Patricia Haler, South Henry RSD



Joe Taylor Spirit Award

Michele Higdon, Shelbyville



Congratulations

2019 Schedule

January—No meeting

February 20—Columbus

March 20—

April 17—

May 15—

June 19—

July 17—Annual Picnic

August—

September 11—Golf Outing in North Vernon

October 16—

November 20—

December 4—Annual Banquet in

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Address/Directions to the Plant & Meeting:

Plant Address: Columbus WWTP, 3465 Jonesville Rd., Columbus, IN

This will be the location of the Monthly Meeting and Lunch!

Letter from your editor

I just wanted to say a few words about what it means to have received this award. I was 'speechless' to say the least when my name was announced at the Annual Banquet. Anyone who knew Joe Taylor, knew he had a lot of spirit and was a lot of fun to be around. I truly miss him. He was a colleague, friend and adopted father at times. We rode to many SIOA meetings together and talked about everything under the sun. Laughed A LOT! Believe it or not, I even received some good advice from him also. Here in recent years, we would be talking and all of a sudden Joe would be in the passenger seat fast asleep. I'm sure I couldn't have been that boring...ha-ha.

Joe loved to be a joker, flirter, attention getter! If he had an opinion on certain things at a meeting, you heard him out!. He was very active as our IWEA Representative and I do believe they missed his voice when he had served his time. He certainly made an impression on everyone he met and pretty sure no one ever forgot meeting him.

I had mentioned that I thought we should do something at the Annual Banquet to honor Joe. I was told it was taken care of! I will never have as much spirit as Joe Taylor, but his spirit does live on. I am very honored to have received the First Ever Joe Taylor Spirit Award and he will always remain in my heart.

Love you Joe!

Thank you Southern Indiana Operators Association!

Shelly Higdon

