



Outline

- What is WEAO?
- What are the Benefits?
- How do I Join WEAO?



What is WEAO?

- Not for Profit organization
- Member Association of WEF
- 1300+ Members
- Board of Directors and several committees
- Executive Administrator and Executive Director
- Annual conference 800 – 1000 attendees
- Our designated charity is Water for People



Vision

WEAO will be the pre-eminent organization of *technical* and *professional* individuals dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of Ontario's water environment.



Mission Statement

- Deliver high quality service to our members
- Promote and advance the water environment industry
- Provide a forum to interact for educational, business, social and professional advancement
- Provide society the benefits of understanding and promoting sound public policy relating to the water environment
- Promote partnerships with other related organizations



Partial List of Committees

- Asset Management
- Wastewater Collection
- Wastewater Treatment Technologies
- Public Education
- Residuals and Biosolids
- Environmental Health, Safety & Security
- Communications
- Conference
- Government Affairs
- New Professionals



Our Accomplishments

- WEF recognized video on “Biosolids”
- Successful “INFLUENTS” magazine
- Assisted in formation of the Ontario Coalition on Sustainable Infrastructure
- Informative technical seminars
- Active student and New Professional group
- Recognized by provincial ministries as the wastewater parallel to OWWA



What Are The Benefits?

A scholarship program

- Increased active chapters at colleges and universities

A diversified and increasing membership

- Provides better value to some distinct groups (OPCEA, PWO) for networking



What Are The Benefits?

Active New Professional and Student Chapter groups

- Reach students at the high school level, public school, and college/universities
- Seminars and tours for CEUs and learning opportunities

Raising Profile

- Association becoming known within government ministries, other associations, etc.



What Are The Benefits?

Satisfaction!

- Opportunities to volunteer and make things happen
- Be in the front lines on providing comment to government on issues related to your industry
- Ongoing learning, networking and professional growth
- Opportunities to act as mentors to the youth that will replace us



How do I Join WEAO?

- Make the decision (**WEAO** only or a **WEF + WEAO** membership?)
- Register on-line (www.weao.org) or see someone today from WEAO for more information



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