



Water Environment Association of Ontario – Overview

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Presentation Overview

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- WEAO Committees
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WEAO Defined

- WEAO is the Water Environment Association of Ontario;
- WEAO is 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 for water environment professionals to interact for educational, business, social and professional advancement;

Mission Statement (cont'd)

- Benefit society by enhancing public understanding and promoting sound public policy relating to the water environment;
- Promote partnerships with other related organizations.

WEAO Background

- Not for profit organization;
- Member Association of WEF;
- 1300+ members in Ontario;
- Board of Directors and 14 technical and administrative committees (all active volunteers);
- Student Chapters;
- Annual conference 800 – 1000 attendees;
- Our designated charity is Water for People.



Committees

- Asset Management (joint with OWWA)
- Climate Change (joint with OWWA)
- Communications
- Conference
- Environmental, Health, Safety & Security
- Government Affairs
- New Professionals
- Operations Challenge
- Promotion & Events Planning
- Professional Wastewater Operators
- Public Education
- Residuals and Biosolids
- Wastewater Collection Systems
- Wastewater Treatment Technologies

Some of Our Accomplishments

- Technology transfer;
- WEF recognized video on “Biosolids” and a second on the way!;
- Successful “INFLUENTS” magazine (more articles than we can handle!);
- Joint Committees with OWWA;
- Co-founder of the Ontario Coalition on Sustainable Infrastructure (OCSI) www.on-csi.ca

Working with Provincial Ministries

- Peer reviewer, e.g., Design Guidelines for Sewage Works;
- Project Management of “Optimization Guidance Manual for Sewage Works” and “Assessing the Fate and Significance of Microconstituents and Pathogens in Sewage Biosolids”;
- Review and comment on federal *Fisheries Act* proposed regulations;
- PWO work on recruitment, training and certification
- MOE Wastewater Practitioners Group;
- WEAO can provide the technical expertise required to enhance new policy and legislation as it is developed.

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