

MEMBER ASSOCIATION FAST FACT SHEET 2021-22



➤ **Mission Statement**

The Chesapeake Water Environment Association (CWEA) is dedicated to improving water quality and protecting the water environment in Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. The Association strives to do this through public education, the exchange of technical and scientific information among water quality professionals, the training of wastewater and water treatment plant operators, and by offering technical expertise and advice to the law-making and regulatory processes.

➤ **Membership**

- CWEA is a Member Association of the Water Environment Federation (WEF)
- CWEA has approximately 750 members
- CWEA includes Delaware, District of Columbia and Maryland
- All CWEA members are also Water Environment Federation members



➤ **Budget**

- Our annual budget exceeds \$ 195,000.00

➤ **Structure**

- 30 standing committees, including technical and business-related committees, and several joint committees with the Chesapeake Section of the American Water Works Association, Inc. (CSAWWA)
- Conducts annual Tri-Association Conference and Short Course with the Water and Waste Operators Association of MD, DE & DC (WWOA) and CSAWWA
- Leadership structure consists of a 13 officer Executive Board, which includes two (2) WEF Delegates
- 501(c)(3) non-profit status granted in 2013
- Joint CWEA/WWOA magazine, known as the "Ecoletter" published quarterly
- Website: www.chesapeakewea.org

➤ **Key Facts/Programs**

- Water Environment Federation (WEF) 2015 Member Association Achievement Award
- Numerous technical seminars throughout the year, including
 - Collection Systems Committee seminars, spring and fall
 - Hosted WEF 2014 Collection Systems Specialty Conference, Baltimore, MD, March 11 – 14, 2014
 - Stormwater Committee seminars, spring and fall
 - Plant Operations & Maintenance Committee seminar
 - Joint Water Reuse Committee seminar
 - Joint Spring Meeting
 - Asset Management Committee seminars, spring and fall
 - Monthly Webinar Series
 - Annual Ed Norton Open Golf tournament sponsored by the Collection Systems Committee
 - CWEA has partnered with the Federal Water Quality Association to award a scholarship to a local high school student
- Annual Tri-Association Conference & Annual Short Course
 - Both conducted jointly with WWOA and CSAWWA
 - Provide accredited training for operator certification
- Partnered with Pennsylvania Water Environment Association (PWEA) in a joint member reception at WEFTEC annually since 2013
- Hosted WEF 2015 Residuals and Biosolids Conference with Federal Water Quality Association (FWQA), Washington, DC, June 6-10, 2015
- Award winning mentoring program, YH2O, in partnership with the City of Baltimore and the Mayor's Office of Employment Development.

➤ **Breakdown Of Membership**

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| • Students: 21 | • Professionals: 515 | • Corporate: 2 |
| • Young Professionals: 38 | • Lifetime: 37 | • Honorary: 4 |
| • Professional Wastewater Operator: 79 | • Executive: 12 | • Retired: 15 |
| • Academic: 6 | • SJWP: 3 | |

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Gian started his public service career at the District Department of the Environment serving as its first Chief of Compliance and Enforcement for Lead and Healthy Housing, and where he wrote the regulations that went into effect in the district for this environmental hazard. In 2012, he joined DC Water to establish their new Asset Management Program and, in 2019, he was tapped to launch DC Water's Lead Pipe Replacement Assistance Program (LPRAP). Gian recognizes the importance of "association work" for a variety of reasons, including career development, so he quickly joined CWEA when starting at DC Water. As a matter of course he previously served as President of an earlier industry trade group, the national Lead and Environmental Hazards Association (LEHA) in 2005/2006, so wanting to work with CWEA was natural. He commenced his service by chairing the newly established Asset Management Committee and then moving into the role of Maryland Trustee, while also joining the Tri-Con Planning Committee in 2015. He became Tri-Con Chair in 2016 and again in 2019, while also going into the CWEA succession to President in 2021/2022.

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