

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Let me start by announcing that the Board of Directors has unanimously approved that I continue to serve as MWPCA President for a second term. I extend my gratitude to the Board for putting their faith in me to lead the association for another year and to allow me an opportunity to continue the work I began in my first term.

We have had another great year of strongly attended quarterly meetings with extremely informative and relative content. We had another successful Golf Tournament (second annual) and another successful trade show at Wachusett Mountain.

We revitalized the Education Committee with Vinnie Melendez at the helm and, as a result, we have one successful Safety Training class under our belt with another planned for mid-fall.

Joe Witts has pushed forward the Government Affairs Committee and has made great strides this year by joint hosting our first Legislative Breakfast on Beacon Hill.

Our Decentralized Committee continues to work in harmony with DEP forging new guidelines and strategies to better serve the decentralized treatment plants and their operators.

Some of our primary goals for the future include strengthening our membership by expanding our offerings and incorporating all the segments of the Wastewater Field, including, Municipal, Industrial, Decentralized and Onsite. We need to continue to get the message out to the younger generations that this is a great field to be a part of. We also want to reach out to the men and women previously serving in the military that might be looking for a rewarding career but unaware of our rewarding profession. If you know a military person looking to change careers, bring him or her to a meeting to see what we do.

As always, we are looking for volunteers from the membership who wants to contribute to the association's efforts. There are several committees that do not have a chairperson and every committee could use support.

With the trade show approaching, we implore the membership to reach out to their vendors and ask them to participate in some way. Booths are still available. If they can't exhibit due to a conflict or budget constraints, they can still participate by sponsoring the coffee or donating a raffle item.

Finally, as I start my second term I would like to congratulate Eric Smith, Ray Willis, Mike Foisy and Dan Freitas on securing another three-year term to the Board.

I would also like to bid farewell to Jane Brooks, whom I had the pleasure of serving with for several years. Jane has decided not to run for a position on the Board this year. She has assured me that she will stay close to help us stay on track and continue on as newsletter editor.

These individuals have had a significant impact on my ability to perform as President, and I am thankful they will be here to help me through my second term.

As always, I am available by email and by mobile phone, anytime. I look forward to serving you as President for another year.

Enjoy the summer!

Mike Moreau, MWPCA President