

Winter 2009

## President's Message

'Twas the last Point Source issue before the end of the year and all through the SE Section, not a "Stimulus Fund" was stirring not even a Rural Development Loan, but what to my wandering eyes would appear but additional ARRA Grant Funds from the Feds to eliminate Combined Sewer Overflows, SSO's and upgrade Treatment Plants. Well maybe Santa will come through for us since we have all been so good this year!

Anyway, I hope this edition of the Point Source finds everyone in the Holiday Spirit with the stockings all hung and your shopping almost done. Even though these have been unique times with the worst recession since the Great Depression and that we are all trying to do more with less, we still have much to be thankful for being part of an industry that is so vital to our everyday lives...WATER!

We are all blessed with an abundance of water and the ability and resources to treat it, produce it, distribute it, and protect it. Our industry is an instrumental ingredient that helps make this a reality and each of us plays an important role...the operators, superintendents, regulators, equipment manufacturers, manufacturer representatives, funding agencies, and yes Virginia, even engineers!! So during this special season, let's count our blessings and take note that there are places in this big world of ours where water and lack of it is a serious issue. Thank you for what you do and Happy Holidays to all and to all a Good Night!!

P.S. Shopping List of Reminders:

February 11, 2010 – SE Section Meeting at Hanson Pipe and Berwick Manor, Columbus, OH (Details in this edition – Steve Elliott is putting together a great meeting)

Science Fairs – Dates and locations upcoming in March 2010 (We need people to volunteer to be judges – Contact any Executive Committee Member)

Awards – Be thinking of someone to nominate for a wide variety of categories

Get Active – Get on a Committee, attend our meetings, join the Young Professionals

Contact our Delegate – Please contact Mike Frommer (Mike\_Frommer@urscorp.com) for answers to all of the above and for shopping ideas!

**Greg Otey**  
**SEOWEA President**  
**And Santa's Helper**

## Upcoming Events

*Section Meetings –*

*February 11, 2010*

**SEOWEA  
Section Meeting  
Hanson Pipe and Precast  
and Berwick Manor Restaurant  
Columbus, Ohio**

*Please see the enclosed flyer  
for more information.*

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## Committee Updates

### *Collections Committee*

The Collections Committee completed the much anticipated **Best Practices Manual**. The manual is currently on sale for \$35.00. Contact Gary Hickman at (614) 645-3138 or [ghickman@columbus.gov](mailto:ghickman@columbus.gov) for additional information or to purchase.

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## Upcoming Meeting Information

February 11, 2010	Hanson Tour, Columbus, Ohio
March 25, 2010	SEOWEA/NEOWEA Joint Section Meeting at City of Dover WWTP
June 2010	OWEA Annual Conference (Columbus)

Further information available:

OWEA: <http://www.ohiowea.org> OTCO: <http://www.ohiowater.org>

OEPA: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/opcert.html>

### SE Section OWEA Section Meeting

February 11, 2010  
8:30 am to 3:30 pm

*Tour Location (8:30 – 11 am)*

Hanson Pipe and Precast  
1500 Haul Road  
Columbus, OH 43207

*Meeting Location (11 am – 3:30 pm)*

Berwick Manor Restaurant  
3250 Refugee Road  
Columbus, OH 43232

8:30 am - Hanson Pipe and Precast Tour Registration

9 am to 10 am - Hanson Pipe and Precast Tour #1

10 am to 11 am - Hanson Pipe and Precast Tour #2

11 am to 12 pm - Business Meeting Registration at Berwick Manor Restaurant

12 pm to 12:45 pm - Lunch at Berwick Manor Restaurant

12:45 pm to 1:15 pm - SE Section OWEA Business Meeting

1:15 pm to 3 pm - Pipeline Design and Construction by Donald Lepley, Senior Technical Resource Engineer, Hanson Pipe and Precast. (1.75 contact hours)

3 pm to 3:30 pm - Pipeline Specifications by Donald Lepley, Senior Technical Resource Engineer, Hanson Pipe and Precast; (0.5 contact hours)

3:30 pm - Meeting adjourned

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## OWEA Delegate Report

Michael A. Frommer, P.E., Southeast Delegate

I hope that this edition of the Point Source finds you well and looking forward to a safe end to 2009 and a prosperous beginning to 2010! Okay, I'll admit that probably sounds a little too optimistic given the current state of our nation's economy, but at least the weather has been mild and no snowfall yet. I know the duck and deer hunters are hoping for colder weather but everyone can't be happy. I would like to extend holiday wishes to everyone and hopes that the New Year finds you safe and sound. I still can't believe that we are rapidly finishing up 2009, and 2010 is just around the corner.

Hopefully this holiday season has brought you joy and happiness and you have totally forgotten about the dark and bleak days of preparing your budget for 2010. I didn't think it was possible that preparing a budget could be less fun than last year but I think most succeeded in "tightening the purse strings" even further for 2010. Its painful to say it, even more painful to write it and downright excruciating to type!

Some of you might remember, but I developed a top ten list of ways to increase your OWEA participation last year while working on a "shoe string" budget. I recently reviewed that list and felt that only seven (7) of them were really good and worth repeating. So here goes.....

Offer to be a technical presenter at a section meeting; technical presenters are not charged the registration fee and your employer will like the publicity.

If under 35, submit an article to the executive committee to compete for the YP annual conference stipend; yea, free registration to annual conference!

Identify OWEA meetings as your primary source of wastewater contact hours; I obtained enough hours from the 8 section meetings in 2006 and 2007 for my class 3 license renewal requirement of 24 hours.

Offer to host a section meeting. This is an easy way to get multiple people from your organization at a section meeting and have no travel costs.

Nominate your co-workers, clients, or government agencies for a section award; excellent way to recognize your peer professionals.

Better yet, nominate your BOSS for a section award; excellent way to get brownie points and you will be sure to get approval to attend more OWEA events.

If you regularly attend section meetings, volunteer to participate on a committee or the executive committee; simply put, this will take your membership to the next level for roughly the same cost. In my opinion, the benefits from OWEA participation are far too great to be a casualty of the slashing budget pen. On a serious note, our members and volunteers are the lifeblood of this organization and without both, our organization would not exist.

An additional goal of this report is to provide an update on some current activities of the OWEA State Executive Committee and its current activities and initiatives. For those of you that know me well, you know that I have a short attention span and frequently jump from topic to topic. This is the manner in which I am going to present this information, in a random, brief manner.

We too just approved our budget for 2010 within the last couple weeks and yes several budget items stayed the same or reduced. However, a couple significant member service initiatives were budgeted and include an electronic contact hour tracking system and additional office staff labor to increase member services.

The annual conference is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, Ohio. This conference is going to be the best ever since Cindy Jacobsen and I are the co-chairs!

OWEA website has seen major renovations over the last year, so please visit us at [www.owea.org](http://www.owea.org) and check us out. OWEA has an outstanding array of specialty conferences on tap for 2010 and they include the following:

Government Affairs – March 11, 2010  
Collection Systems – May 13, 2010  
Plant Operations and Lab Analyst – September 1-2, 2010  
Biosolids – December 9, 2010.

Get them on your calendar now as they are a fun-filled day of contact hours!

As always, if you need any additional information please feel free to contact me at 614-464-4500, ext. 7695 or by email at [mike\\_frommer@urscorp.com](mailto:mike_frommer@urscorp.com).

Collections Committee –SE Section Hands-on Workshop, Marietta October 29, 2009.

The OWEA Collections Committee held a Hands-on Workshop for the SE Section on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Over 33 participants including a small contingent from West Virginia attended the event located at the City of Marietta's Lookout Park Shelter House. Bob Hunn from Duke's Root Control and Adam Meisner from RootX gave presentations on Root Treatment; David York from Municipal & Contractor Sealing Products, Inc. (MCSP) gave a presentation on Manhole Rehabilitation; Steve Maller and Todd Ebetino of Drier & Maller, Inc., gave a presentation and demonstration on Chemical Grouting, and last but not least, John Miller, ITT Industries/ITT Flygt Corporation gave a presentation and hands on demonstration on Water/Wastewater Pump Station Maintenance. Lunch consisted of a buffet including barbequed chicken and pulled pork. The OWEA Collections Committee would like to thank the Presenters, as well as, Steve Elliott and his crew from the City of Marietta for hosting and making this event possible. If you would like to host the event next year please contact Gary Hickman at the City of Columbus, [ghickman@columbus.gov](mailto:ghickman@columbus.gov)

## Waste Matter



## SEOWEA membership Bulletin

The Southeast Section has been updating our mailing list based on membership and address changes.

***Please make sure your membership is current with the State OWEA to continue receiving Southeast Section mailings.***

Also, if you know of any section members that have not received *The Point Source* newsletter, please contact Gary Hickman or Jennifer Emerick (contact information below).

The Winter edition of *The Point Source* newsletter will be published in December. Contact Gary Hickman with any news or reports no later than November 15, 2009.

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