



WHEREAS, the Ohio Water Environment Association (OWEA) is a 501(c)(3) Organization and a Member Association (MA) of the Water Environment Federation (WEF); and

WHEREAS, the OWEA holds its own training through the State Committees and its Sections for the purpose of educating members in accordance with our mission statement; and

WHEREAS, OWEA charges fees for attendance to cover costs associated with each event and the organization. Affordable training is available through workshops at both the Section and State level to service a multitude of needs and budget, and that promotion of “outside organizations” has potential to discourage membership in the OWEA, which may be harmful to our organization; and

WHEREAS, OWEA seeks to work in harmony and partnership with other training providers and organizations for the common purpose of promoting knowledge of the water environment and fostering good will in our industry.

THEREFORE, OWEA has adopted the following policy:

POLICY

- I. While OWEA wishes to work in harmony with organizations that hold similar beliefs and practices, it is imperative that each OWEA Board, Committee, and Section officer promote the best interests of the OWEA first and foremost. This is required as a symbol of loyalty and allegiance to the fiduciary needs of our organization.
- II. Unless otherwise unavoidable, no person shall knowingly schedule OWEA training events in conflict with other training providers. Similarly, no person shall promote outside training which conflicts with scheduled training provided by the OWEA.
- III. As a general policy, OWEA shall not promote events or training sponsored by private individuals, companies, or laboratories. Requests for exception shall be presented to the President for consideration at an EC Board meeting and evaluated on a case by case basis.
- IV. OWEA encourages working with other organizations such as ORSANCO, US EPA, Ohio EPA, municipal governments, and other organizations in a mutually advantageous partnership to co-sponsor events and workshops, provided that they receive prior approval by the EC, normally at least 90 days in advance of the event.