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NH Represented at National Water Week Fly-in, Washington DC

NHWWA President and CEO Sam Currier joined other NH water and wastewater representatives for the AWWA Fly-in in April. [Read about their meetings with our Federal delegation.](#)



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2026 Legislative Session Wrap-up

Find out what bills passed and which ones died during this year's NH legislative session. [Read the article here.](#)



Welcome Sophie Ricard as the New Office Manager!

Sophie Ricard joins NHWWA as an employee after being involved with the association as a YP Committee officer and as a training presenter. Most recently, Sophie was the Environmental Compliance Manager at the City of Concord NH's drinking water plant. Sophie had been with the City of Concord since 2017 and was sorry to leave but happy to remain in the drinking water industry. The part-time flexible schedule of the NHWWA office manager position appealed to Sophie at this point in her life, providing her a better work/family balance. Sophie hopes to spend more time with her husband and two kids.

Sophie holds a Grade IV Water Treatment License and is the Vice-Chair of the NHWWA Young Professional Committee. She is a co-founder of the committee and was the first recipient of the NHWWA Young Professional of the Year Award in 2022. She looks forward to remaining active with the YP Committee.

Her experience and knowledge of the industry will be a great asset to NH Water Works. We are thrilled to have Sophie as the new Office Manager at NHWWA!





2027 Water Managers School Registration Now Open!

Learn more about this biennial nine-month training for supervisors and staff working in, or advancing to supervisory positions. Also, read a testimonial from a member of the 2025 class (pictured above). [More here.](#)



Construction Day - June 10, 2026

We visited two locations during Construction Day this year, first at Pennichuck in Nashua and then in Derry. [Read more about the work being done at these sites.](#)





A Record Number of Students Learn about Water at Festival in Manchester

The spirit of curiosity and discovery was alive as 486 students gathered for the [New Hampshire Drinking Water Festival, State Science Fair and Poetry Contest](#) on May 6, 2026. The event, held in celebration of National Drinking Water Week, gave students a chance to connect, learn, and deepen their appreciation for one of our most vital resources. [Read the full article here.](#)



Congratulations to Jason Randall and his team at [Plymouth Village Water and Sewer District](#) on winning the best tasting water contest at the NH Drinking Water Festival in May!



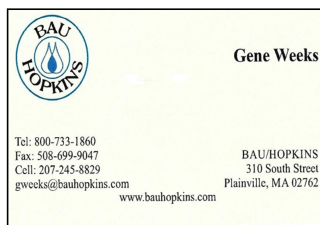
Happy Retirement to Sue Kowalski!

Sue Kowalski retires at the end of July, after 15 years with NH Water Works. Sue came on board under Steve Del Deo and helped ease the transition as he retired a few years later. The Board is appreciative of Sue's stand-in management during two stretches when the association was without an executive director. She was able to "keep the wheels on the bus", having things run smoothly until new directors were hired.

Sue's daily tasks as Office Manager included managing registrations, updating the website, bookkeeping, publications and managing events. Sue and her replacement, Sophie Ricard, worked together for several weeks to help Sophie learn the ropes.

Sue looks forward to spending more time enjoying things she loves: spending time with family, exploring nature, tackling her "to read" book list, and traveling to National Parks.

"I will miss the incredible people I have met over the years," Sue commented, "I have said this many times, the people in water works are the nicest people!"



NHWWA Young Professional Committee Summer 2026 Happenings

[Check out The NHWWA YP Committee news here.](#)



Fisher Cats Outing - Another Great Night at the Ballpark!

On Wednesday, July 22, 2026, fifty-nine water works professionals from across New Hampshire came together to network, reconnect, and enjoy our Annual Fisher Cats Outing. [Read more here.](#)

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