



NEWSLETTER

NH WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION



Jamie Stevens of Dover Takes Helm of NHWWA as New Chair

Outgoing Chair Chris Berg passed the gavel to incoming Chair Jamie Stevens at the NEWWA/NHWWA Joint Meeting in Bedford on January 16. Jamie has served as a Director on the NHWWA Board since 2020 and is eager to help guide the Association through 2025.

Jamie started his career with the City of Dover over 23 years ago. Currently, he is the Construction Project Manager. He oversees the construction, inspection and testing processes of City utilities. He



Outgoing Chair Chris Berg (l) and President/CEO Sam Carrier (r) welcome Jamie Stevens as Chair of NH Water Works Association at the NEWWA/NHWWA Joint Meeting in Bedford, NH, on January 16.

ensures contractors adhere to expectable installation processes of each utility, water, sanitary sewer, stormwater, roadways, and sidewalks, as well subsurface electrical and telecom.

Before holding his current position, Jamie performed the duties of Lead Operator for the City's water treatment and waste water pump stations. His achievements include NH drinking water distribution Grade 3, NH drinking water treatment Grade 2, NH sewer collections Grade 4, and Master Road Scholar and Safety Champion. He previously oversaw the city's 2.1 MGD demand that is supplied through 7 production wells, 4 drinking water treatment plants, two storage tanks and one booster station. In addition, Jamie also oversaw the maintenance and operations of the City's 23 sewer pump stations.

Jamie is a lifelong resident of Dover where he resides on a small family farm (Stevens Family Farm) with his wife Samantha, three children and black lab, Scout. They raise pigs, turkeys, chickens and egg laying hens. They also produce maple syrup. He has also served as president of a local girls' softball league for the past 11 years. Jamie's coaching has extended over 20 years from softball into football, lacrosse and baseball where he



enjoys his passion for coaching and mentoring the City's youth. Jamie is also a three-time recipient of the "Heylinger Award" for exceptional volunteerism in youth sports. When he finds some time free from work, farming or coaching, he enjoys going hunting and fishing.

2025 Operator Certification Scholarship



The NHWWA YP Operator Certification Scholarship is a two-year award worth up to \$2,000 towards an individual acquiring their certification of any NH treatment or distribution grade license.

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

Legislative Update - 2025 Session

As we geared up for this 2025 legislative session, we were really expecting a slow year. There were a couple of reasons for this thought, mainly because it's a budget year and historically these years have a low number of Legislative Service Requests (LSRs). The NHWWA Legislative Committee is following 18 LSRs. That's a large amount of legislation, but note that these are covering everything from housing, medical, roads and municipal. Everything under the sun gets submitted as an LSR first before becoming a bill. We sift through and follow any LSRs related to water.

If you are a part of our legislative advocacy community in NHWWA, you receive emails about all the bills we are following. If you are not a part of our legislative advocacy group, I recommend doing so as you will be ahead of the rest in knowing what is in our future for water legislation and staying up to date with the bills that our Legislation Committee follows.

- ◆ Municipal and Private membership: \$0.18 per service connection
- ◆ Small Community Water Systems: \$150.
- ◆ Support membership: \$300 per year (vendors, professional firms).

NHWWA has attended a lot of hearings this session. Hearings give us the opportunity to hear the prime sponsors explain their piece of legislation in detail, followed by a portion of time

where people can speak for or against the bill. I think it is important to know, too, that during this meeting process it's a numbers game. What most House and Senate committees look at is the number of people for and opposed to a bill. These numbers mainly come from associations like ours that submit on behalf of NHWWA representing all of you.

Here are two bills that we followed closely and have fortunately moved in the direction we were hoping.

One that we followed closely is **HB691**, text was submitted by prime sponsors House Reps. Peter Schmidt and Judy Aron, titled, *prohibiting the addition of fluoridation chemicals to public water systems*. This bill affects only twelve (12) water systems but affects a vast amount of NH's population. This bill, after its hearing, went straight to Executive Session, which is the meeting to determine whether the bill goes to the House floor or not. During this Executive Session, the committee voted to essentially kill this bill by voting Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL).

Another extremely important bill that we were following was **HB314**, text from prime sponsor Kelley Potenza, titled *prohibiting the use of federal, state, or local funds for lobbying activities*. If this title seems familiar, it's because this bill was put to rest on the floor last year as HB1479. NHWWA closely followed this bill and submitted letters to the committee showing our



opposition. This bill seems targeted to other associations. However, this bill casts such a broad net that all non-profits that support communities with "public funds" would no longer be able to lobby on their behalf. This bill was voted Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL) this session, but I am preparing for this to be back again next year.

What's so special about NH, is the large number of representatives in the House that could possibly change out every two years. Knowing this, we constantly try to build relationships with members of the NH House and Senate to ensure that, for anything water-related, we are the go-to association. We provide the science behind sound decision-making.

Thank you to all our members who support our efforts at the State House!

NH Water Works Association, Inc. Annual Meeting

March 13, 2025 from 8:30—9:00 AM, Virtual

The Association's Annual Meeting will include a summary report of 2024 and introduction to priorities for 2025, with time for discussion. Please join your colleagues for a high-level view of your Association and to share your ideas, questions and concerns for the coming year. Use the link below to join via Zoom. Passcode 620417.

[JOIN NHWWA ANNUAL MEETING](#)

Marco Philippon Receives NHWWA's Meritorious Achievement Award for 2024



Congratulations Marco Philippon, Superintendent of the Concord, NH, Water Treatment Plant, on receiving the 2024 NHWWA Meritorious Achievement Award!

Marco received two nominations for the 2024 award. His colleagues recognized all the ways he contributes to the drinking water community. In addition to keeping the water flowing at the Concord plant, Marco teaches the NHWWA C1A course for new water operators and provides continuing education training for very small water system operators through the Roundtables. He also contributes presentations to numerous seminars and trainings throughout the state.

His contribution to the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Advisory Commission was recognized. His colleague noted that "Marco has become a trusted resource and 'go to' person on the Commission bringing the perspective of public water systems and decades of experience to a 19-member body made up mostly of lay people from the NH Legislature and various state agencies."

Presenting the award was Sam Currier, President and CEO of NHWWA, during the NHWWA/NEWWA Joint Meeting in Bedford, NH, on January 16.

Lauren Moylan Honored with NHWWA Young Professional of the Year Award

Congratulations to Lauren Moylan on a well-deserved recognition: the Young Professional of the Year Award! She is a dedicated teacher, leader, and teammate who has made a tremendous impact in the water industry in just a few short years. From her background in education to her current role as Corporate Trainer at Pennichuck, Lauren has always been driven by a passion for helping others.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Lauren serves as a leader in the YP network, volunteers across multiple committees, and is a dedicated single mother who shows up for her family and colleagues every day. She is the perfect blend of professional expertise and personal integrity, and we couldn't be more grateful for her contributions.

Her growth, leadership, and commitment to excellence are an inspiration to us all, and we look forward to seeing all the incredible things she will continue to achieve in the years ahead!

NHWWA YP's past chair, Trish Kelliher (l) and NHWWA President and CEO Sam Currier (r) present Lauren Moylan with the 2024 NHWWA Young Professional of the Year Award at the NHWWA/NEWWA Joint Meeting in Bedford, NH, on January 16.



ATTENTION

Water Operators

NHDES is offering in-person exams on:

April 29, 2025

July 22, 2025

October 28, 2025

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NHWWA Calendar

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When	What	Where	TCHs
March 11, 2025	Small System Roundtable	Virtual	2.5
March 13, 2025	Small System Roundtable	Newfields	2.5
March 21, 27 & 28, 2025	Basic Water Works Math	Concord Treatment Plant	12
March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025	Grade 2 Distribution Exam Prep Course	Manchester Treatment Plant	30
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025	Grade 1A Small Water System Operator Introduction Course	NHDES, Concord	10
April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025	Grade 1 Exam Prep Course	NHDES, Concord	12
April 15, 2025	Spring Technical Symposium	Bank of NH Stage, Concord	5
April 29, 2025	In-person Water Operator Exams -Application deadline 3/30	NHDES	
May 20, 2025	Small System Roundtables	Virtual	2.5
May 22, 2025	Small System Roundtable	Littleton	2.5
June 5, 2025	Leadership Summit	Meredith	5
July, 10, 15, 17, 2025	Three 1-Day Exam Prep Refreshers -Sampling, Pumps, Math	Manchester Treatment Plant	5/each
July 22, 2025	In-person Water Operator Exams - Application Deadline 6/23	NHDES	
August 6, 2025	Construction Day	TBA	5
August 19, 2025	Small System Roundtable	Virtual	2.5
August 21, 2025	Small System Roundtable	Wolfeboro	2.5
Fall 2025	Basic Water Works Math	Concord Treatment Plant	12
Fall 2025	Grade 2 Treatment Exam Prep Course	Manchester Treatment Plant	30
Fall 2025	Grade 1A Small Water System Operator Introduction Course	NHDES, Concord	10
Fall 2025	Grade 1 Exam Prep Course	TBA	12
October 23, 2025	NH Drinking Water Expo & Trade Show	Concord, NH	5
October 28, 2025	In-person Water Operator Exams - Application Deadline 9/29	NHDES	
November 2025	Fall Technical Meeting	TBA	2-3
December 2025	Operator Training	Concord, NH	5

SAVE THE DATE



Virtual Webinar Series

Session Topics

Funding Updates | Asset Management | Drinking Water Funding Process | Project Success Stories | Lead Service Lines | PFAS | Build America Buy America Act | Wastewater Emerging Contaminants | Borrowing Basics | Sustainability

April 1-4
2025

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING WORKSHOP

Registration Information Coming Soon
DWSRF@des.nh.gov



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2025 NH Water Works Board of Directors

The NHWWA Board of Directors elected the following slate of officers and directors during the January 9, 2025 Board meeting. The terms run from January 1, 2025 though December 31, 2025.

OFFICERS

Chair - Jamie Stevens, City of Dover

Vice-Chair - Michael Metcalf, Underwood Engineers, Inc.

Treasurer - Robyn Descoteau, NH Energy Department

Secretary - Abby Thompson Fopiano, Edgewater Strategies

DIRECTORS

Chris Albert, CSA Environmental Consultants, LLC

Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce (Past Chair)

Erica Douglas, City of Lebanon

Sarah Jakositz (YP Chair), CDM Smith

Samuel Kenney, Weston & Sampson

Patricia Kelliher, Hazen and Sawyer

Brandon Kernen, NH Department of Environmental Services

Zeke Lapierre, City of Rochester

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Courtney Mitchell, Alton Water Works

Rene Pelletier, NH Department of Environmental Services

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NHWWA Young Professionals (YP) Committee Happenings



The NHWWA YPs have been hard at work planning some great events for 2025! Friendly reminder that NHWWA YP events are open to water professionals of all ages and career paths! We hope you can join us this year at one of our many technical or social events. For the most up-to-date information check out our social media pages! You can also find us <https://nhwwa.org/young-professionals/> We hope to see you soon!

Our first event was at the GOAT in Manchester for some networking and line dancing! Everyone who attended on Wednesday February 19th had a great time.

We hope you can also join us at the March 25th Concord Treat and Meet. We will be touring the Concord Water Treatment Plant at 3:00 PM to learn all about their 10 MGD surface water plant. This event is offering 1 TCH for drinking water operators! Afterward, join us for networking and great conversation at Concord Craft Brewing! This event is also free to attend but please [register](#) so we know you're coming!

Also, mark your calendars for our fourth annual [Spring Technical Symposium](#) on April 15 at the Bank of NH Stage in Concord, NH. Registration is open with more details coming soon!

We need your help! Our subcommittees are looking for passionate people to get involved to help support all the work we do.

- The Networking sub-committee organize and facilitate all our events and networking opportunities throughout the year to help create meaningful connections within the water community.
- The Communications sub-committee develops and coordinates all our social media content throughout the year to ensure that our many events and engagements are attended and keep everyone up-to-date.
- The Student Outreach sub-committee attend career fairs and events all over NH with the goal of attracting new members to the drinking water industry.

To connect with any of our sub-committees or board members don't hesitate to reach out on social media or email us at yp@nhwwa.org.

NHWWA YP Treasurer Nora Sinno got into the line dancing spirit with other YPs at The GOAT in Manchester during the February YP member event.



NH Drinking Water Festival Coming to Rochester on May 7

The annual Drinking Water Festival and Science Fair is presented each spring during Drinking Water Week. This year it is being held on May 7 at the Rochester Water Treatment Plant. We're excited to be back in the seacoast area!

About 300 students from local schools will learn about the importance of clean drinking water by participating in hands on water activities, educational displays & exhibits, and even an enviro-magic performance.

The state finals of the 4th grade water science fair are also held during the festival. Everyone gathers after lunch to hear the winners announced. The winners of the statewide water poetry contest are announced too. The poets are then invited to read their poems.

This is a volunteer event provided free to students. The NH Drinking Water Coalition (made up of NHDES, NHWWA, GSRWA, RCAP, NHWPCA and municipalities) plans the event and relies on donations to cover expenses. Those expenses include tent rentals, sanitation, food and awards. *We can't provide this day for the kids without your help!*

[Please consider sponsoring this great event!](#)



Thank you NHWWA Members!!

Thank you to all our members who have renewed for 2025! Your support is very important to us!

Not a member yet? Please consider joining us. Receive discounts on industry-leading educational classes and programs, access to current and critical technical and regulatory information, and be part of an organization that effectively advocates for and represents New Hampshire's public drinking water sector. [Join today!](#)

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