

Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM
Hybrid
Microsoft Teams and RQAW, Fishers, IN

1. Introductions/Welcome

A. Attendees:

- Angie Bidlack, Westlake Pipe & Fittings
- Karen Saavedra, American Structurepoint*
- Bret Doub, CHA Consulting*
- Whitney Widenbenner, RQAW
- Steve Smart, County Materials
- Jim Garvey, Powers Engineering
- Kameryn Wright, Butler, Fairman & Seufert
- Gaurav Lamichhane, Stantech
- Joe Romanyk, County Materials
- Joe Bartos, Arcadis
- Ernie Castle, Aqua Indiana
- Emily Wehmeyer, Donohue
- Jeff McKean, Donohue
- Andrew Morris, E-Tank
- Emily Summers, Strand
- Scott Domke, ME Simpson
- Troy Casey, United Consulting
- Jeremy Nitka, Arcadis
- Hannah Collins, Black & Veatch

*Delineates Committee Co-Chair

2. CSC Subcommittee Reports

A. Construction Observation/Inspector's Course (Steve/Scott) – February 4-6, 2025 at Bowen's office in Indianapolis

- Manual updates: Steve talking to Rob at IDEM about updates (Action Item)
- Steve reached out to presenters on 10/28 – all but two confirmed: IDEM and Construction.
- Reviewing test for adherence to slide content (Action Item: Scott)
- Trying to get head counts up: Steve has coordinated with cities and consultants.

1. We'll have fliers to share as it gets closer to the date.

2. Suitable for both design staff and construction inspectors.
- Will need help grading starting at lunch time on February 6. Will coordinate with volunteers in the future.
 - Tentative schedule:
 1. Tuesday, February 4, 8:00am to 10am - contract documentation and legal requirements – Jason/Tyler
 2. 10am – noon and 1pm to 5pm: Pipe systems – Scott/Steve
 3. Wednesday-February 5 - 8:00 am to 10am IDEM Requirements- Randy/Bob
 4. 10 am to noon - Safety- Jean
 5. 1pm to 5 pm –Evaluation/ Rehab/ Lining systems - Eric
 6. Thursday-February 6 - 8am to 10 pm- Roadway Construction - John
 7. 10am to noon- Pumps/Lift Stations - Jorey
 8. 1pm – 4pm- Test
- B. Collection Systems Certification Exam (Jeff)
- Similar to operator certifications, but for collections
 - Trying to improve pass rate – partnering with Alliance to offer a review class
 - October results: 50% pass rate across all levels
 1. Action item: Need to correlate pass rate to those who did the review classes for October classes.
 - In the spring, Alliance course attendee pass rate was 87%; total test pass/fail was 50%.
- C. Digester Magazine- viewable online! [The Indiana Digester Fall 2024](#)
- Q4 – due Dec. 6th, to be released in January 2025
 - Possibly highlight our event calendar for next year. Other ideas on projects, etc. we’re also open to.
- D. Specialty Conference (Jim/Joe B.)
- 2025: Booked for March 19th
 - a. NW Indiana has been selected - Purdue University Northwest Great Hall, Westville, IN
 - i. Does not conflict with Alliance or AWWA; same week as road school
 - b. Partnering with CORE to do a single conference – calling it the IWEA Technical Conference. No generals, no socials, etc.
 - c. Will still have vendors on a smaller scale
 - d. One day – 2 tracks

- e. Next planning call is Dec. 6, next focus is vendor and sponsor solicitation. IWEA will send and then ask for personal follow-ups.
- f. Will be announced Nov 14
- g. Content: want to generate/solicit abstracts from those that weren't selected for Annual Conference or those that presented at previous specialty Conference. Abstract deadline Dec. 20th.
 - i. 50 min presentation time is preferred.
- h. January will be abstract review; may need additional volunteers.

E. Wastewater Challenge (Tony), May 2025

- Will start coordinating early 2025, will need two challenges for teams, including a grading part
- Kameryn volunteering to help
- Call yet this year on planning
- Marion WWTP
- Tony has SOP to train; Emily Summers also has access

F. IWEA Annual Conference 2025, Save the date, August 20-22 Indianapolis Convention Center

3. Open Discussion

4. Presentation and Lunch

Next Meetings

Dec – No meeting- Happy Holidays and New Year!

Jan 10 - American Structurepoint Inc.; Pono Hanson from Brown & Caldwell presenting on a pipe repair case study.

Feb 14- TBD

Mar 14 – (likely virtual due to specialty conf)