

MEETING Minutes

November 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM

BF&S Office, 500 E 96TH Street #500, Indianapolis, IN 46240

1. Attendees

Karen Saavedra - American Structurepoint*
 Troy Casey - American Pump Repair*
 Emily Tenaglia - Strand Associates
 John Burgelin - Donahue & Associates
 Kameryn Wright - BF&S
 Dann Barrett - United Consulting
 Douglas Van Hoy - Source Technologies
 Joe Nagy - Citizens Energy Group
 Andrea Langille - BF&S
 Alex Sharpe - Thieneman
 Mark Chmeliwskyj - BF&S
 Steve Smart - County Materials (*Attended Virtually*)
 Anastasia Rosenow - Marion Utilities (*Attended Virtually*)

*Denotes Committee Co-Chair

2. CSC Subcommittee Reports

A. Collection Systems Certification Exam (Jeff)

- There were no additional comments on the spring results. Further details on these results are included in the October 2025 IWEA CSC Meeting Minutes. These can be requested from Emily Tenaglia if desired.

B. Digester Magazine- viewable online! [The Digester - Indiana WEA | Wastewater Education](#)

- Q4 – due Nov 28th , to be released in January 2025. Alex S. will take the lead on this.

C. Specialty Conference (Jim/Joe B.)

- 2026 Discussion

1. The conference will be held in Kokomo at Merrell Bros. This is a free venue, so it will save costs, and the conference will be a joint event again.
2. It was noted that there is a site visit today at 2 p.m. Troy Casey will attend.
3. The date for the specialty conference has not yet been set. A call for abstracts will come through following IWEA's meeting today and this call will lock in the conference date.

- D. Construction Observation/Inspector's Course (Steve/Scott)
 - February 24-26, 2026 @ Bowen's Indianapolis Office
 - Steve noted that nearly all speakers had confirmed and he would follow up with the outlier.
 - Volunteers will be needed to assist in grading the exams. Volunteers will not need to register for the course in order to assist in grading. Grading times will be approximately between 12 - 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided for volunteers.
 - Manual updates regarding asphalt and concrete pavement were discussed. Steve discussed engaging John Susong to write concrete pipe sections.
- E. Wastewater Challenge (Kameryn), May 18th & 19th, 2026
 - Will start coordinating early 2026. This will be a 2-day event and will take place at the South Bend WWTP.
 - Kameryn participated in a site walk and this went well. He noted that he will need at least one volunteer to help in coordinating events for our committee.
 - 1. There was a general discussion on events, funding and awards.
 - a. Events may be tailored toward I/I and the CSC will be responsible for one hands-on event and one hand-written event.
 - b. Utilizing vendor sponsorships and partnerships to cover challenge-related costs and equipment were discussed.
 - c. Manhole covers are no longer available for awards and a new award will need to be designed/ordered for the four respective CSC awards.
 - There was additional discussion on WEFTEC's Operations Challenge and incorporating similar challenges or event types into the Wastewater Challenge.
- F. IWEA Annual Conference 2026, August 26-28 at Indianapolis Convention Center.
 - There were no updates on this item.

3. Open Discussion

Please reach out to Karen if interested in hosting or presenting for next year's CSC meetings.

Next Meetings

December - No meeting, Happy Holidays!

January 9 - American Structurepoint Office (Presentation TBD)

February 13 - Location and Presentation TBD