

Meeting Agenda
August 14, 2026 at 11:00 AM
Bowen office and Microsoft Teams

1. Attendees

- A. Karen Saavedra - American Structurepoint*
- B. Troy Casey - American Pump Repair*
- C. Emily Tenaglia - Strand Associates
- D. Douglas Van Hoy - Source Technologies
- E. Dylan Buechler - CMT
- F. Dann Barrett - United Consulting
- G. Noah Roberts - HOBAS
- H. Derek Davidson - F.A. Wilhelm
- I. Ian Bohren - Bowen Engineering
- J. Jay Anderson - Gary Sanitary District (*Attended Virtually*)
- K. Scott Dompke - ME Simpson (*Attended Virtually*)
- L. Alex Sharpe - Thieneman (*Attended Virtually*)
- M. Jeff McKean - Donohue & Associates (*Attended Virtually*)
- N. Joe Bartos - HWC Engineering (*Attended Virtually*)
- O. Pono Hanson - Brown and Caldwell (*Attended Virtually*)

**Denotes Committee Co-Chair*

2. CSC Subcommittee Reports

- A. IWEA Annual Conference 2026, August 26–28, Indianapolis Convention Center
 - Collection Systems Day is Thursday, August 27.
 - Volunteer slots are full for the Collection Systems track, but additional scanners may be beneficial to be on standby. Training for moderators and scanners will be on 8/18 and 8/20. Volunteers to download the app in advance.
 - 1. Morning – John B. (room captain), Dylan (moderator), Karen, Jay, and Prince (scanning). Volunteers should arrive by 7:45 a.m. for the morning session.
 - 2. Afternoon – John B. (room captain), Joe B. (moderator), Jay, Prince, and Khin (scanning). Volunteers should arrive by 12:45 p.m. for the afternoon session.
 - 3. Karen noted that it may be beneficial to book your parking spot in advance. There are apps available for parking in Indianapolis such as ParkWhiz.
 - A table with a flyer and sign-up form will be outside our room; feel free to stop by! Emily will create a sign-up sheet for people interested in joining the committee.
 - Water Fest is Thursday from 5:00–7:30 p.m. Scott noted that the event was a good time in 2025, and participation was encouraged.

B. Collection Systems Certification Exam (Jeff)

- 2026 dates
 1. Fall – October 27, 2026, at the IWEA office
 - a. Applications are due September 29.
 - b. Jeff and Karen will coordinate with Alliance to confirm they have signup for review class.
 2. Volunteer Replacement
 - a. Jay Anderson is taking over the position for the Fall 2026 round of application review and coordination, training with Jeff.

C. Construction Observation Course (Scott/Steve)

- A date has not yet been set for 2027. The IN AWWA Conference will take place February 16–19, 2027, so the group discussed holding the course the week before or after the AWWA conference. Scott will follow up with Ian and Bowen to determine which hosting dates work for them.

D. Wastewater Challenge (Kameryn) - There were no updates.

E. Specialty Conference (Troy/Joe B.)

- Troy and Joe reached out to Tyler Hammerle. They also discussed contacting those who participated last time to see whether they would be interested again. Locations in south-central Indiana, such as Bloomington or Columbus, are being considered. Karen also suggested considering Fishers.

F. Digester Magazine

- 2026 due dates
 - ~~1. Q1 – Feb 20~~
 - ~~2. Q2 – May 8~~
 3. Q3 – Sept. 4 – Highlight summer tours (obtain a photo from Ian if there are any of just attendees), the IWEA conference (moderators should take a photo), and the Wastewater Challenge. Karen will write a summary.
 4. Q4 – Nov. 27 – Highlight what is upcoming in 2027.

3. Open Discussion

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- Scott mentioned that he is working with Kimley-Horn on how to evaluate data center projects when they are submitted. He also discussed the idea of a one-day workshop to help key stakeholders review data center applications in their areas. He is seeking

presenters. AWWA, IWEA, Alliance, and AIM are all potential sponsors or joint sponsors. Scott will discuss the idea with IWEA board members and send the outline to Karen.

B. Open committee positions

- Certification exam (take over for Jeff)
 1. Jay is going to work with Jeff to cover application reviews this fall.
- Awards Subcommittee
- Secretary Position for Collection Systems Committee

C. Jay suggested featuring an article on emergency preparedness in the Digester. Karen noted that he could call in and have IWEA help with writing it. Karen will follow up with Jay.

4. Next Meetings

September 11 – Meeting and lunch-and-learn at the Strand office in Columbus, IN

October 9 (weather permitting) – Wilhelm Noblesville Lift Station

November 13 - TBD

December – no meeting