

Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2026 at 11:00 AM
Strand 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 (*Attended Virtually*)
- F. Jake Kuhnmuensch - SAK (*Attended Virtually*)
- G. Emily Wehmeyer - Donohue & Associates (*Attended Virtually*)
- H. Jeff McKean - Donohue & Associates (*Attended Virtually*)
- I. Joe Bartos - HWC Engineering (*Attended Virtually*)
- J. Jay Anderson - Gary Sanitary District (*Attended Virtually*)
- K. John Burgelin - Donohue & Associates (*Attended Virtually*)

**Denotes Committee Co-Chair*

2. CSC Subcommittee Reports

- A. IWEA Annual Conference 2026, August 26–28, Indianapolis Convention Center
 - Recap discussion
 - 1. Dylan gave feedback on moderating and said it went well. He mentioned that the “Know Before You Go” e-mail sent out prior to the conference was not clear and he thought some attendees had not received this e-mail.
 - 2. There was discussion on the potential to combine the IWEA Annual Conference and AWWA Annual Conference into one event.
 - 3. Joe and Jake both noted that they thought the conference went well, but provided feedback that the vendors did not experience much interaction with conference attendees. Jay offered a suggestion of potentially offering a bingo card in future years to increase interactions between vendors and attendees.
 - 4. Emily W. mentioned that there will be a survey going out following the conference and encouraged the committee to provide feedback in addition to sending it out to additional attendees for their feedback.
 - Annual Conference Update
 - 1. The 2027 IWEA Annual Conference dates have been set for August 18-20, 2027.

B. Collection Systems Certification Exam (Jeff)

- 2026 dates
 1. Fall – October 27, 2026, at the IWEA office
 - a. Applications are due September 29.
 2. Volunteer Replacement
 - a. Jay confirmed he is still planning to take over the position for the Fall 2026 round of application review and coordination, training with Jeff.

C. Construction Observation Course (Scott/Steve)

- Karen provided an update that February 9-11 have been narrowed down for dates and the space has been reserved with Bowen.

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

E. Technical Conference (Troy/Joe B.)

- Troy and Joe provided an update that they are working to set dates that do not conflict with other conferences so they can lock in a venue.

3. Digester Magazine

A. 2026 due dates

- ~~Q1 – Feb 20~~
- ~~Q2 – May 8~~
- ~~Q3 – Sept. 4~~ – Karen sent this article in for the committee.
- Q4 – Nov. 27

4. Open Discussion

A. 2027 Collection System and Stormwater Specialty Conference coming to Indianapolis May 19-21, 2027 at the JW Marriott

- The Collection Systems Committee typically contributes to identifying the Opening General Session speaker and organizing the Social Event (typically the first night).

B. Jay noted he is planning to write two articles for the digester: the first for discussing emergency preparedness and the second is to discuss the importance of engineers in these situations. For the first, he is requesting input from anyone with experience in this area.

5. Next Meetings

October 9 (weather permitting) – Wilhelm Noblesville Lift Station

November 13 - TBD

December – no meeting