



Benefits of Membership

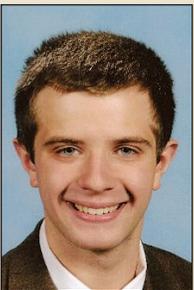
- Networking
- Career opportunities
- Continuing education
- Business opportunities
- Certification/Recertification
- Training
- Best industry practices
- Professional growth
- Leadership experience
- Expanding knowledge, experience, relationships

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**Pam Elardo, PE, Deputy Commissioner
NYC Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Wastewater Treatment**

NYWEA has been a tremendous help in providing me a smooth transition to my new role in NYC. I moved to New York one and a half years ago from Seattle/King County, and because of NYWEA I have been able to meet local industry experts, peers in DEP, and others from all over the state. In addition, NYWEA has been a great platform for me to share my knowledge gained from 30+ years' experience in the environmental/wastewater industry. Overall, NYWEA makes me feel welcome and at home as we move forward together on common challenges, shared visions, innovative approaches, and best practices for our industry.



Michael Hirschberger, EIT, Project Engineer, Gannett Fleming

NYWEA has played an integral role for me both as a college student and currently as a recently graduated project engineer. I first joined NYWEA as a member of the Cooper Union student chapter in New York City. During this time I had the opportunity to attend several networking events and lectures, giving me the chance to meet practicing engineers, university students and professors, and government officials, as well as learn about new technologies and innovations in the industry. These experiences provided a real-world perspective that acted as an important supplement to my academic studies. I am currently a member of the Young Professionals Committee of the Long Island chapter, where I plan to build upon my experiences as a student. My experiences in NYWEA have been invaluable in making the transition from student to full-time engineer and I look forward to actively participating in NYWEA in the years ahead.



Alexander Lopez, DEP NYC

NYWEA has been a key component of my early career. I've always found its educational and social events to be both informational and a lot of fun, so I decided to get more involved through the Young Professionals Committee, a highly collaborative group that offers a lot of responsibility to those seeking it through autonomous management and event planning. I've really enjoyed meeting peers who work in fields related to mine - the networking opportunities here are unparalleled in the water and environment fields. Above all, NYWEA connects the academic, municipal, consulting and vendor sectors of our industry, and serves as an important tool to realize a better water environment. I would recommend that everyone working in related areas take advantage of NYWEA's career development tools while directly helping advance public health and water quality.



Jason D'Agrosa, Process Control Technician, Yonkers Joint Water Resource Recovery Facility

I was lucky enough to be one of the operator scholarship winners in February of 2017. I was thrilled to be given this great opportunity, and I feel like after attending the Annual Meeting, it really opened my eyes/changed my attitude about this career. I really started to want to learn more, so I decided to join. Attending the conference has pushed me to want to go further. I just accepted a promotion to process control technician at the Yonkers Joint Water Resource Recovery Facility. Now I will be even more involved on the process side of things and I feel like I have so much more to learn. I plan on attending the annual meeting every year from now on as long as I am able to. It was great meeting all the different people involved in the industry, and hearing different speakers, learning about new technologies, etc.



Silvia Marpicati, PE, BCEE, CEM, Principal Environmental Engineer, Arcadis

Throughout the 15 years or more of being a NYWEA member, I have participated in local chapter and state events. These events create great networking opportunities with wastewater professionals, other consultants, vendors and regulators. These contacts can be useful in a consultant's life. I have also received contact hours towards my PE license renewal, and shared my knowledge by presenting on innovative projects and sharing ideas with peers. Recently I volunteered to be an officer on the Board of the local chapter, and this experience has been a tremendous opportunity to improve my leadership skills. NYWEA is a great organization for both young and more seasoned wastewater professionals, promoting sustainable clean water.

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