



# ACWA DUES AT WORK 2024

## Association of Clean Water Administrators

### INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

As your voice in Washington, D.C., ACWA's staff serves as the primary liaison between states, interstates, the federal government, and national, municipal, industrial, and environmental stakeholder groups on national water quality issues.

### SERVES AS A NATIONAL VOICE FOR STATES & INTERSTATES

- By Commenting & Providing Input to the Office of Water on Key Regulatory, Policy and Guidance Activities
- Tracking & Engaging in Congressional Outreach and Education
- Serving as an Effective Partner & Building Collaborative Relationships

### HOW DO STATES PAY ACWA DUES?

CWA has achieved tremendous success in consistently securing base operational funds from membership dues. This success is due in part to the creative and diverse approaches the membership has utilized to ensure their ACWA dues are paid annually. In communicating with members over the years, we have learned they take varying approaches to dues payments, including:

1. § 106 Grant Funds
2. CWSRF Administration Funds
3. State General Revenue Funds
4. State Agency Appropriated Funds
5. Water Program Specific Funds
6. NPDES Program Funds (including permit fees and enforcement fines)

### DUES

In December 2018, the Board of Directors approved a new dues analysis process that would allow the association to publish dues rates two years out, providing members greater certainty regarding dues amounts and much earlier than previously communicated. Starting in FY 2019, the Treasurer, in consultation with the Executive Director, will annually assess and propose to the Board at the March Board Meeting whether a consumer price index (CPI) related dues increase is needed as part of the overall budget proposal.

### FEDERAL SUPPORT: COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH USEPA

ACWA continues to work on the activities associated with the six-year Cooperative Agreement from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Water that was awarded in FY2023. Under this agreement, ACWA will continue to provide technical assistance and facilitate improved communication, knowledge transfer, and identification of challenges and implementation opportunities in the clean water programs. ACWA finalized work on two Office of Wastewater Management grants focused on NPDES/ Nutrients Permitting; and Stormwater/ Pretreatment programs this fiscal year. The OWM funding enabled ACWA to support the costs of travel for state staff to participate in these workshop opportunities. ACWA also secured a competitive award that will consist of several cross-program workshops to advance effective integrated implementation of the CWA programs. A strong relationship with EPA helps states better serve the public by supporting effective actions to protect public health and the environment. Enhanced involvement of states/interstates in policy, regulatory, and associated initiatives results in a shared vision and common understanding of priority areas for the nation's clean water program. ACWA continues to look for other opportunities where federal projects align with our mission.

# COMMITTEES & WORKGROUPS

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ACWA's committees and workgroups are the engine of the association and are key players in helping to develop comments and input on key EPA activities; as well as share best practices and knowledge with state peers. To maximize your ACWA membership, your staff should join relevant groups via Member365,, our State/Interstate only web portal. Contact Member Services for support.

- **EPA Planning, Program Guidance, & Metrics - Trevor Baggio (AZ)**
- **Environmental Justice - Melanie Davenport (VA)**
- **Funding & Congressional Relations - Richard Friesner (NEIWPCC)**
- **Legal Affairs - Bob Brown (MA) and Carin Spreitzer (NY)**
- **Monitoring & Standards Assessment - Rebecca Diehl (DC) and Lindsay Patterson (WY)**
  - **PFAS - Staff-Led**
  - **Criteria & Standards - Staff-Led**
- **Nutrients Policy - Nicole Rowan (CO) and Adam Schneiders (IA)**
- **Permitting & Compliance - Jason Knutson (WI) and Scott Morris (VA)**
  - **Stormwater - Paul Hlavinka (MD) and Rebecca Villalba (TX)**
  - **Compliance Assurance & Data Systems - Katherine McCrea (WY), Jon Wendel (AK), and Jessie Yates (MO)**
- **Water Resources Management - Matt Rowe (MD)**
- **Watersheds - Traci Iott (CT), Barbara Bennett (CO)**
  - **319 & Nonpoint Source - Staff-Led**
  - **Modeling - Craig Lott (VA)**
  - **Water Quality Trading - Staff-Led**
  - **WOTUS - Staff-Led**



# COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FUNDED WORKSHOPS

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EPA Grant Funded Meetings	# Attendees (with # states represented)	\$ of Travel Support Available
2023 National Pretreatment Coordinators Workshop	53 attendees, 32 states represented	\$30,500
2023 Nutrients Permitting Workshop	73 attendees, 20 states represented	\$30,000
2023 Clean Water Cross-Program Workshop	53 attendees, 22 states represented	\$30,000
2023 Water Quality Modeling Workshop	83 attendees, 26 states represented	\$30,000
2023 National NPDES Permitting Meeting	95 attendees, 35 states represented	\$29,500
2023 Regional NPDES Meetings (R4, R8, R9)	85 attendees, 18 states represented	\$35,000
2023 Pretreatment Training Workshop	110 attendees, 25 states represented	\$32,000

## ACWA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

ACWA generally holds two face-to-face member meetings a year to allow our members to meet with their peers, facilitate conversations with EPA Headquarters and Regions, recognize achievements, and to collaborate with organizations with similar and differing water quality goals. ACWA has shifted its programming to a hybrid format which will enable more state staff to participate in these activities. **Mark your calendar for the 2024 Annual Meeting this August in New Orleans, Louisiana!**

# WHO'S WHO AT ACWA

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## NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF

<a href="#">Julia Anastasio</a>	Executive Director & General Counsel
<a href="#">Sean Rolland</a>	Deputy Director
<a href="#">Annette Ivey</a>	Director of Operations
<a href="#">Jasper Hobbs</a>	Environmental Program Manager
<a href="#">Ward Scott</a>	Environmental Program Manager
<a href="#">Alexys Bailey</a>	Member Services Associate

## 2023-2024 LEADERSHIP

President	Amanda Vincent (LA)
Vice-President	Adrian Stocks (WI)
Treasurer	Karen Mogus (CA)
Secretary	Lori McDaniel (IA)
Past President	Mary Anne Nelson (ID)

## BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Region 1	Tracy Wood (NH)
Region 2	Jennifer Feltis (NJ)
Region 3	Scott Morris (VA)
Region 4	Ania Truszczynski (GA)
Region 5	Dana Vanderbosch (MN)
Region 6	Shelly Lemon (NM)
Region 7	Lori McDaniel (IA)
Region 8	Jennifer Zygmunt (WY)
Region 9	Trevor Baggione (AZ)
Region 10	Vincent McGowan (WA)
Interstates	Evelyn Powers (IEC)

## STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board of Directors adopted a new strategic plan in August 2023. The 2023-2027 Strategic Plan is organized around three overarching goals:

- Goal 1: Voice of State, Interstate, Territorial Clean Water Administrators
- Goal 2: Expand Membership Engagement & Enhance Leadership Development
- Goal 3: Promote a Culture of Organizational Excellence

## COMMUNICATION WITH OUR MEMBERS

Our top priority is communicating with our members. We strive to develop quality communications and timely updates, as well as to offer insight and guidance. In addition to the Committee and Workgroup work, some of the ways we reach out to our members include:

- Our website, [www.acwa-us.org](http://www.acwa-us.org).
- Twitter feed—follow us @cleanwaterACWA
- Friday e-newsletter, *The Weekly Wrap*
- E-mails to our Members, Committees, Work Groups, containing the latest information from EPA and other sources
- Our State/Interstate Only Web Portal, Member365
  - Members-only workspaces where state staff share ideas and documents
- Regulatory and legislative alerts and updates
- Surveys and reports on important topics
- ACWA live-streamed several of its meetings and workshops

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## OTHER FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

ACWA can track, report, and certify that a state or interstate's dues have not been utilized for lobbying. Should a letter of documentation be helpful or necessary, please contact Annette Ivey, Director of Operations, at (202) 756-0602 or [aivey@acwa-us.org](mailto:aivey@acwa-us.org).