

# DUES AT WORK 2026

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)

## 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 continued working on 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.

## 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.

# 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.

- **Environmental Justice - Jennifer Feltis Cortese (NJ)**
- **Funding & Congressional Relations - Richard Friesner (NEIWPCC)**
- **Legal Affairs - Carin Spreitzer (NY)**
- **Monitoring & Standards Assessment - Connie Dou (OR), Nicole Newcomer (OK)**
  - **PFAS - Staff-Led**
- **Nutrients Policy - Nicole Rowan (CO) and Adam Schneiders (IA)**
- **Permitting & Compliance - Jason Knutson (WI), Marty Haroldson (ND)**
  - **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 - Barbara Bennett (CO), Kevin Kirsch (WI)**
  - **319 & Nonpoint Source - Staff-Led**
  - **Modeling - Craig Lott (VA)**



# COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FUNDED WORKSHOPS

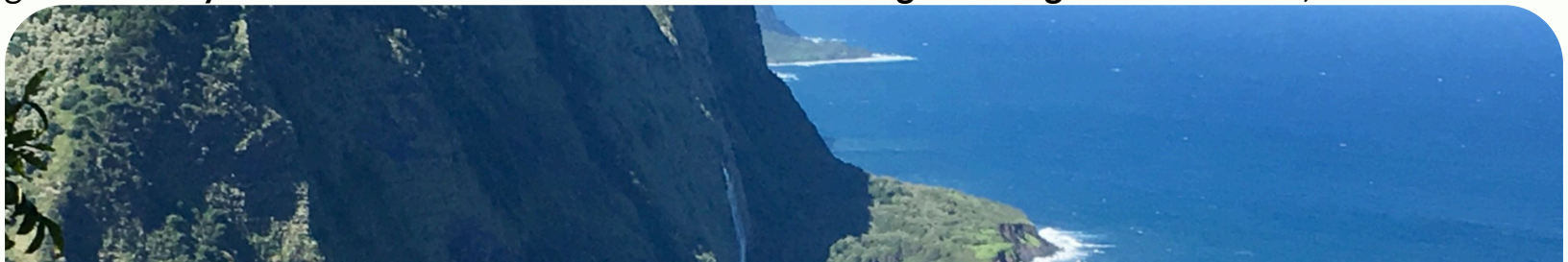
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For federally supported ACWA workshops, we are able to provide limited travel support to ACWA members participating in the workshops. The availability of and process for securing funds will be communicated to in-person attendees through email by ACWA staff.

EPA Grant Funded Meetings	# Attendees (with # states represented)	\$ of Travel Support Available
2025 State Summit on Water Reuse	60 attendees, 20 states represented	\$20,000
2025 Water Quality Standards Workshop	90 attendees, 40 states represented	\$30,500
2025 Clean Water Cross-Program Workshop	70 attendees, 39 states represented	\$30,000
2025 Water Quality Modeling Workshop	65 attendees, 26 states represented	\$30,000
2026 State Summit on Water Reuse	90 attendees, 25 states represented	\$30,000
2026 National Industrial Permitting Workshop	60 attendees, 27 states represented	\$30,000

## 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. **Mark your calendar for the 2026 Annual Meeting this August in Santa Fe, NM!**



# ACWA LEADERSHIP & STAFF

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## 2025-2026 LEADERSHIP

<u>President</u>	Shelly Lemon (NM)
<u>Vice-President</u>	Jennifer Feltis (NJ)
<u>Treasurer</u>	Jennifer Zygmunt (WY)
<u>Secretary</u>	Lori McDaniel (IA)
<u>Past President</u>	Adrian Stocks (WI)

## BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

<u>Region 1</u>	Brian Kavanah (ME)
<u>Region 2</u>	Meredith Streeter (NY)
<u>Region 3</u>	Melanie Davenport (VA)
<u>Region 4</u>	Ann Clark (SC)
<u>Region 5</u>	Dana Vanderbosch (MN)
<u>Region 6</u>	Stacie Wassell (AR)
<u>Region 7</u>	Lori McDaniel (IA)
<u>Region 8</u>	Lindsey Krywaruchka (MT)
<u>Region 9</u>	Trevor Baggione (AZ)
<u>Region 10</u>	Mary Anne Nelson (ID)
<u>Interstates</u>	Kristen Bowman Kavanagh (DRBC)

## 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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## NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF

<u>Julia Anastasio</u>	Executive Director & General Counsel
<u>Sean Rolland</u>	Deputy Director
<u>Annette Ivey</u>	Director of Operations
<u>Jasper Hobbs</u>	Environmental Program Manager
<u>Ward Scott</u>	Environmental Program Manager
<u>Alexys Bailey</u>	Environmental Analyst



## 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

## 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).

