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ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

The Rolling Stones said "Time Waits for No One", and they weren't kidding. The 5th Annual Symposium is fast approaching. Early-bird discounts for registration and hotel have been extended to January 15, so hurry up before the deal is gone. Get to the website to review the brochure for details before it's too late. Following last year's Symposium, SWMOA received several reports from attendees whose hats no longer fit their heads as a result of brain expansion. To make up for this, attendees of the 2012 SWMOA Symposium will receive a new SWMOA hat. To sweeten the deal even more, attendees will receive a 6-pack cooler emblazoned with the 5th Anniversary logo. You can be the first kid on your block to sport this awesome SWMOA gear, but only if you attend the Redondo Beach Symposium at the end of January!

NO RAIN CHECKS!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES:

Does anybody know where 2011 went? Are the months and years starting to fly by faster and faster? That's what happens when you start getting older and a little heavier. To be exact, SWMOA is now five years old and 345 members heavy!

Based on interest from membrane operators in other southwestern states, SWMOA is now expanding into Utah, Colorado and New Mexico. Keep an eye out for a SWMOA workshop in your area!

We Need Your Input for the SWMOA News

- **Member contributions are welcome. Please contact us at adminassist@swmoa.org**
- **Take this opportunity to place your company or plant in the news**
- **Share your experiences with others**

If you would like to serve on a committee, please contact a committee member listed on the back page.

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Recent Activities:

SWMOA was busy in 2011. In addition to the 2011 Symposium in Las Vegas, NV, SWMOA also performed technology transfer workshops in Peoria, AZ, San Luis Obispo, CA, and San Diego, CA.

SWMOA also performed a joint technology transfer workshop with AMTA in Sacramento, CA. Thanks to all of the host facilities, sponsors, speakers, and attendees that made each of these events successful.

We're on the Web!
http://www.swmoa.org

http://www.swmoa.org/Calendar.html

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Let your friends at other water districts know about SWMOA

We are dedicated to providing a forum for membrane system operators to exchange information, experience and knowledge. As important, we provide educational credits through our workshops and hands-on training necessary for Operator Certification. Our goal is to make our vital industry stronger and the technology more reliable. Prospective members can find application information online on our website at www.swmoa.org.

Upcoming Workshops:

February 27, 2012
Glendale, AZ: One-day Pre-conference Workshop at MTC12

April 24, 2012
Albuquerque, NM: One-day Technology Transfer Workshop

April 26, 2012
Erie, CO: One-day Technology Transfer Workshop

September 25, 2012
Northern CA: Location to be confirmed. One-day Workshop

September 27, 2012
Inland Empire, CA: Location to be confirmed. One-day Workshop

Dec. 11-13, 2012
Maui, HI: Joint Workshop with AMTA

April 2013
San Diego, CA: Sheraton Hotel and Marina. Annual Symposium

SWMOA Board of Directors Election:

There have been a lot of changes afoot at SWMOA in recent months. Elections were held late last year and it's time to welcome our newest board members, Valerie Garcia and Christiana Daisy. Additionally, Scott McClelland, Art Nunez, and Seth Ginter successfully retained their seats on the SWMOA board. SWMOA would like to thank all of the members that participated in the election process either as nominees or as voters.

As with all elections, the new SWMOA board was seated in December and responsibilities distributed accordingly. SWMOA's 2012 Executive Committee includes the following:

- **President:** Eric Owens
- **Vice President:** Seth Ginter
- **Treasurer:** Miller Truby
- **Secretary:** Valerie Garcia

SWMOA would like to acknowledge Scott McClelland for his many years of hard work and support as the SWMOA Past President. SWMOA also thanks John Deogracias and David Russell for their significant contributions during their tenures as SWMOA board members.

A listing of all SWMOA Committee Chairs can be reviewed at the SWMOA website.

http://www.swmoa.org/Committee.html

Board of Directors:

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Member	Term	Company	Phone	Email
Eric Owens - President	2010-2012	Separation Processes, Inc.	760-400-3660	eowens@spi-engineering.com
Seth Ginter - Vice President	2011-2013	GE Water and Process Technologies	760-685-8561	seth.ginter@ge.com
Miller Truby - Treasurer	2010-2012	Professional Water Technologies	760-639-4400	miller.truby@pwtchemicals.com
Valerie Garcia - Secretary	2011-2012	CH2M HILL-OMI/ Twin Oaks Valley WTP	760-752-7330	valerie.garcia@ch2m.com
Scott McClelland - Past President	2011-2013	Sweetwater Authority	619-409-6825	smcclelland@sweetwater.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Member	Term	Company	Phone	Email
Christiana Daisy	2011-2013	West Basin Municipal Water District	310-660-6233	christianad@westbasin.org
Carl Spangenberg	2010-2012	Irvine Ranch Water District	949-453-5567	spangen@irwd.com
Art Nunez	2011-2013	City of Scottsdale	480-312-8724	anunez@scottsdaleaz.gov
Mehul Patel	2010-2012	Orange County Water District	714-378-8209	mpatel@ocwd.com

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SWMOA was formed in 2006 as an affiliate of the American Membrane Technology Association (AMTA). It is dedicated to the improvement of the quality of water supplies through desalting, reuse and other water sciences. The Corporation's members are concerned with design, research and development, equipment manufacture, operation and maintenance, environmental regulations and legislation.

The Corporation's objectives include promotion, both to the public and to elected officials, of available technologies that improve water quality; education, training and certification of plant operation personnel; communication within the membership; development of meaningful interface with regulatory agencies; technology transfer; and protection of the environment.

The Corporation is committed to the advancement of its objectives throughout the Southwest United States region including but not limited to Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico within the limits of it's resources.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

	Member	Company	Phone	Email
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	Mehul Patel	Orange County Water District	714-378-8209	mpatel@ocwd.com
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Nomination/Election:	Christiana Daisy	West Basin Municipal Water District	310-660-6233	christianad@westbasin.org
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Membership:	Mehul Patel	Orange County Water District	714-378-8209	mpatel@ocwd.com
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