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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Summer 2011 is in full swing and so is SWMOA! SWMOA currently stands at 301 members strong. The first half of 2011 has been extremely exciting, but there is still so much more to come! Keep reading...

UPCOMING EVENTS

You do not want to miss any of the great workshops that are coming later this year:

- **August 11, 2011 – San Luis Obispo, CA**
One day SWMOA workshop with facility tour and hands-on training at the County of San Luis Obispo's Lopez Lake WTP.
- **September 27-29, 2011 – Sacramento, CA**
Two day Joint SWMOA/AMTA workshop with facility tour and breakout sessions at the Carmichael Water District's Bajamont Water Treatment Plant.
- **November 10, 2011 – San Diego, CA**
Location to be determined. The workshop will include an indirect potable reuse demonstration project.

Tune in to the SWMOA website for more information or to register online:
<http://www.swmoa.org/Calendar.html>

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM:

The SWMOA Program Committee is in the process of developing the agenda for the Annual Symposium in Redondo Beach, CA on Jan. 30 – Feb. 2, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Redondo Beach & Marina Hotel. The theme of the 2012 Annual Symposium is: **"Fun at the Beach...Learning About Membranes!"** In an effort to better serve our members, this year we sent out a general call for presenters/papers. The conference committee has determined that the following categories will be presented next year.

Topics for Presentations:

1. Wastewater Applications
2. RO Desalination
3. Microfiltration and Ultrafiltration
4. Potpourri (pilot plant operations, Industrial Applications, Concentrate Treatment Strategies for Membrane Plants, Industry Innovations, etc.)

These topics will be applicable for all membrane types and services (i.e. RO/NF/UF/MF, Seawater, Surface Water, Groundwater, Drinking Water, Reuse, MBR, and Industrial). If you are interested in presenting, please contact admin@swmoa.org to obtain a speaker bio form, and submit this information along with your abstract before **August 5, 2011**. Additionally, if there is a particular topic you'd like to hear about within these categories, send us your topic suggestions and we will do our best to find a knowledgeable speaker to cover the material.

SWMOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The 2012 Board of Directors elections are coming soon! SWMOA is seeking dedicated members to take part in the election process. If you are interested in providing input, guidance, and direction to the Southwest Membrane Operator Association, please contact Eric Owens (ewens@spi-engineering.com) or Janet Jaworski (admin@swmoa.org) to express your interest. The following seats will be up for grab in 2012:

Division 1 – Public Agencies, Industrial Users, Water Suppliers (**2 Seats**)
Division 2 – Manufacturers, Suppliers, and Consulting Firms (**1 Seat**)

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

SWMOA's 2011 Annual Symposium kick-started the year in Las Vegas, NV. This was followed up by a one-day workshop in Peoria, AZ in May 2011. If you missed out on the knowledge transfer (and the fun), or just want to rekindle all the exciting memories, you can now view picture slideshows from these events and others at http://www.swmoa.org/SS_Past_Events.html.

MEMBER FEEDBACK:

If you have attended any of SWMOA's workshops or symposiums, you already know that SWMOA constantly strives to improve upon our events and always request attendee feedback at the end of each event. Here are a few responses to common questions we receive:

Q: Why wasn't there more information about {MBR, MF/UF, NF/RO, basics, case studies, etc.} presented here?

A: One-day workshops are generally focused on the technology in use at the facility that has been generous enough to host the event, so there is a common thread within the material presented. In the case of the Annual Symposiums, the Program Committee generally focuses on three or four specific topics of interest to members, and then dedicates morning and afternoon sessions to these categories. It is impossible to cover all facets of membrane treatment within a single symposium without diluting or confusing the information being presented, but SWMOA tries to cover the wide range of membrane information through a combination of the annual symposiums and multiple workshops throughout the year. A thorough review of the workshop and program brochures should make it clear which content will be presented at a particular event, making selection of a relevant event much easier.

Q: "Why aren't more {Utilities, Municipalities, Industrial Users, Equipment Vendors, Consultants, etc.} represented in the presentations?"

A: SWMOA is an organization dedicated to sharing knowledge from within the ranks of our membership, which includes a wide range of municipal and industrial agencies, equipment and chemical suppliers, and consultants. We appreciate any and all of the members that are willing to volunteer their time and energy to share their membrane knowledge. SWMOA's event presentations are completely dependent on our membership body, so we encourage everyone to get involved and spread the word about SWMOA in order to expand the knowledge base available for our events.

Q: "Why don't you ask members / attendees what topics they want to hear about?"

A: Seriously?!?!? Do you read the SWMOA emails, newsletters, or event evaluations?

SPREAD THE WORD

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.

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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, and Nevada within the limits of it's resources.

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