

## The Value of AEA Membership

### Authority Members

**Advocacy for ratepayers.** Whether its hashing out common-sense and less costly regulatory approaches with the DEP, speaking out against legislative measures that add costs, or articulating why the utility authority model is the most effective way to deliver water and wastewater services, AEA defends the interests of your ratepayers. Your membership helps you control costs and minimize rate hikes – it has a direct benefit for ratepayers.

**Problem-solving.** Want to know how your counterparts are handling a compliance issue? Wish you knew how others were handling a sensitive personnel matter? AEA helps you address the everyday challenges of managing a water/wastewater utility by helping you gain access to answers. Email a question to AEA and get back useful suggestions and advice from other members.

**Credits and Continuing Education.** Throughout the year, AEA offers low-cost and convenient workshops that help engineers, purchasing agents, operators, and managers stay current with licensing and continuing education requirements.

**Help with Information Overload.** Local Finance Notices. DEP announcements. Public hearing schedules. Legislative agendas. Online media. AEA stands between managers and information deluge. Through [www.aeanj.org](http://www.aeanj.org), email alerts and the newsletter, *Authority View*, AEA helps managers extract the information they need to anticipate and react to new developments or pass important intelligence along. Thanks to AEA, folks see that you are “in the know.”

**Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy.** Each year, AEA monitors thousands of bill introductions in Trenton, identifying bills that directly impact members. Over the years, AEA’s voice has had a positive impact on legislative and regulatory outcomes, here in New Jersey and in D.C.

**Support for Commissioners.** AEA helps commissioners understand their obligations and duties and offers them the opportunity to interact with fellow commissioners to enlarge their understanding and help them more effectively carry out their responsibilities.

**Public Recognition and Community Involvement.** AEA showcases innovative member accomplishment, public education projects and community outreach through its *Authority View* newsletter, through the annual Wave Awards program and by working with the media.

**Active Engagement.** AEA staff and members attend meetings and conferences, and have seats on committees and councils within the water and wastewater sector. Our members are influence public discourse and are go-to sources of information for state officials, legislators and the general public.

### Municipal Members

**Unmatched Focus on Public Water and Wastewater Service Delivery.** AEA helps its municipal members too! Utility and utility department managers, municipal managers won’t find anywhere else the focus on publicly operated water and wastewater service – and the many issues exclusive to it—that AEA provides. AEA can help municipal members stay connected and pass must-know info along to municipal administrators, mayors and other local folks.

### Associate Members

**Access and Relationship Building.** AEA’s associate members are full partners in AEA committees and its Board of Directors. That access and ability to participate in shaping the AEA agenda is one of the many reasons associate managers is a great value. AEA spotlights associate members through sponsorship opportunities, as speakers and advisors at workshops, and in web and newsletter articles.



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*Description of product or service:*

**Annual Membership Fees**



**\$700 Associate Member** (All private water companies, all professionals and firms who provide consultant services, equipment and materials) AEA is a 501(c) (6) organization and as per the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, a portion of associate member dues spent on lobbying are non tax deductible. AEA will inform associate members of the non deductible portion of their dues annually on their dues invoice for the upcoming year.

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