



AEA Annual Meeting and Conference

November 18 & 19

Caesars, Atlantic City

Agenda

Monday, November 18

TCHs Approved

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PE Approved

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CEUs Approved

CMFO/CCFO, 3.5 "office management and ancillary subjects," 2.0 "financial and debt management"

CPWM, 4.0 "government," 1.0 "technical," 0.5 "management."

RMC, 2.0 "finance," 3.5 "professional development."

QPA, 2.0 "public works compliance" or "procurement procedures," 3.5 "office admin./general duties"

5:00 p.m.

Welcome

Peggy Gallos AEA

Marc Pfeiffer Rutgers University

5:15 pm

AEA State of the State Government Affairs

David Smith Princeton Public Affairs Group

AEA's strategic advisor and lobbyist David Smith will be providing you with a political update, election analysis and expert insights on both the federal and state level. He will also discuss Administrative action affecting environmental authorities, with specific focus on AEA's top public policy and legislative priorities.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Palladium

Networking Reception

Tuesday, November 19

7:30 a.m.

Breakfast

8:30 a.m.

Annual Business Meeting

During the business meeting, election of officers and directors will take place. Those with a voting delegate ribbon on their badge are eligible to vote.

9:15 a.m.

Getting Municipal Construction Right: Issues and Answers on Building, Procurement, and Compliance

Honorable Rob Lewandowski, Borough of Collingswood (Moderator)

Honorable Robert Asarro-Angelo, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Steve Berezcki, Exectrek Systems

John Rotolo, PVSC

The State's Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development will provide an update on public works labor issues that affect workers, public agencies, and contractors. That will include an update on contractor wage reporting, debarment of contractors (The Wall), and prevailing wage compliance activities. Other speakers will discuss how to resolve challenges in construction specification, bidding and project management, how contractors can "game" their bids, and how to strategically use data that is generated through the construction process.

10:15 a.m.

Mastering Construction Procurement and Claim Resolution: 6 out of 8 Invaluable Tips

Brad Carney and Diane Alexander Maraziti Falcon

The presenters will provide an overview of DCA's prequalification process to include mandatory minimum qualifications in bid specifications and examples of the successful use of prequalification in appropriate cases. Examples of modifications to the standard Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee standard bid specifications to further protect the owner/Authority will be discussed as well as the necessity of legal site control to avoid disruption and delay claims. The speakers will address the importance to the authority/municipal member of having release language in every change order and how the Eichleay formula works with regard to contractor's extended home office overhead claims, and examples of defenses. Finally, there will be a discussion regarding how to prepare for the alternative dispute resolution process to potentially avoid protracted litigation, including recent examples.

11:00 a.m.

Navigating the Current and Future Challenges of Biosolids Handling in New Jersey

Paul Knowles, PhD, PE, ENV SP, LEED GA, Hazen and Sawyer

This presentation will provide an overview of the latest federal and state regulations regarding biosolids and the water industry. In addition, the direction some states have already moved in advance of federal regulations being promulgated. Similarly, takeaway challenges/opportunities revealed at NJWEA's Biosolids Roundtable (in May 2024) from NJDEP, utilities, and vendors, and how the water industry may best want to address these challenges/opportunities collectively moving forward. The latest biosolids planning and engineering tools being applied by utilities will also be presented to address steadily increasing biosolids treatment and handling cost, as well as considering future potential biosolids regulations.

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11:30 a.m. **Break**

11:45 a.m.

License Operator Rule Update

Kristin Tedesco, NJDEP

The DEP will address attendees on Licensed Operator Rules, pertinent information, as well as, some programmatic updates.

12:15 p.m.

Lunch – Palladium B

1:45 p.m.

How the US Supreme Court Chevron Decision Could Affect Environmental Regulations and How The Regulatory Agencies Behave

George Tyler and Matthew Krantz Tyler, Aversano and Krantz

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Chevron USA v. National Resources Defense Council, ending the federal judiciary's forty-year-old deference to agencies' reasonable interpretations of ambiguous federal laws. This ruling almost certainly has profound implications for environmental regulations. The speakers will explain the decision and discuss the possible effect it could have on the work of AEA members.

2:30 p.m.

Floating Solar Across America

Ned Horneffer Third Pillar Solar

This presentation will explore the transition from land use to water savings by deploying floating solar. The presenter will discuss the active floating project pipeline, the U.S. floating solar waterscape, example projects, the integration of proven marine and solar energy technologies, the types of power delivery, and the lifecycle of solar floating assets.

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3:15 p.m. **Break**

3:30 p.m.

Turning Waste Streams and Operations Into Revenue For Your Utility

Raymond Bukowski NJ Resources

Andy Kricun, P.E.

Mark Kahrer NJ Natural Gas

Wastewater utility operators and managers are always looking for opportunities to optimize cost efficiency and operational performance. New Jersey Resources (NJR) is offering NJ wastewater utilities a chance to turn their digester gas stream from a liability into a consistent revenue stream. NJNG will be speaking about this opportunity as well as other opportunities for energy cost savings and efficiency.

4:15 p.m.

The Business Community in New Jersey - What Keeps Us Up at Night?

Ray Cantor NJ Business & Industry

The business community in New Jersey shares many of the same concerns as do the authorities. It frets about DEP overregulation, it is concerned about affordability and cost, and it wants members and employees to thrive. This discussion will highlight the key issues that impact both association memberships.

Door Prizes