

First Round Deadline:  
June 30, 2019



## Call for Abstract/Presentation Proposals 2019-20

### Issued by

AEA Education and Conference Committee

### Seeking

Proposals for presentations for AEA training programs, workshops, and conferences. Submissions are primarily used to create programs for the spring and fall conferences in Atlantic City, but may be selected for other education activities such as the Environmental Professional Development Academy or special one-day and half-day workshops.

### Abstracts are Being Sought From

Executive directors, CFOs, operators, operators, financial, accounting, management, human resources professionals, public officials, regulators, engineers, scientists, consultants, sales representatives, manufacturers, academics and others with expertise, knowledge and skills applicable to the management of water, wastewater and solid waste facilities in New Jersey. *Preference given to submissions from AEA member organizations.*

### Audience

AEA conferences and workshops are attended by decision-makers (commissioners, executive directors and managers), staff, professionals, licensees, and service providers associated with local water/wastewater/solid waste utilities.

### Topics

Those interested in presenting should complete Proposal Submission Form.

The theme for the fall AEA conference is "The Next Decade." Our Education and Conference Committee has identified topics for which we are ***especially interested*** in receiving proposals. Submissions should consider the topic in a forward looking way. The proposals should emphasize techniques, approaches, likely trends, and developing solutions useful in coming five to ten years (and even beyond if applicable):

- Future outlook: Tariffs and construction costs
- Leadership / employee motivation/morale
- Community Relations / Public Education
- PFOS/PFOA, Plastics, and Emerging Contaminants
- Managing Staff Transitions and Change
- Protecting Utility from Cyber Threats
- Flooding, CSOs and SSOs OR Arsenic, Phosphorous and other Permit Limits
- Case studies relating to Barnegat Bay, the Delaware River, the Pinelands, the Passaic River, New York Harbor and the Hudson.

The following topics have been identified as areas of interest for which proposals may also be submitted:

Air emissions & permitting	Finance	Residuals & biosolids management
Authority management	Human resources	Reuse
Approaches in other states	Inflow & infiltration	Safety
Asset inventory	Instrumentation/computers	Sewer service areas/wastewater
Automation	Labor relations	Shared services
Biosolids	Legal matters	Small systems
Bonds	Managing risk	Statewide issues
Climate change impacts	NJPDES permitting	Solid waste
Collection systems	Nutrient removal	Sustainability
Condition assessment	Odor control	Water quality regulations
Cooperative purchasing	Outfalls	Water loss audits
Dissolution of authorities	Power generation	Water supply
Emerging technologies/apps	Privatization & PPPs	Water supply infrastructure
Energy/water nexus	Public agency management	Wet weather flows
EE/renewables	OPRA & transparency	
Ethics	Rates	
Fleet management	Recycling	

**Submission Format**

Those interested in presenting must complete a 2019-20 Proposal Submission Form available on AEA’s website [www.aeanj.org](http://www.aeanj.org). Please refer questions and send completed abstracts to Peggy Gallos at [pgallos@aeanj.org](mailto:pgallos@aeanj.org) and add “AEA 2019-20 Presentation Proposal” within subject line. Submissions are accepted in three rounds: **First round deadline is June 30, 2019; second round deadline in Sept. 15, 2019; and third round deadline is Dec. 31, 2019.** First round proposals have the best likelihood of selection for the Nov. 19-20, 2019 conference. Second round submissions may be selected if there are openings in the November conference program. All three 2019 submissions will be considered for the March 2020 conference, but please be aware that while AEA appreciates submissions, we may not be able to use every one.

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Preliminary Call for Presentation Proposals Issued

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