

# Call for Presentation Proposals

## 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 fall and spring 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. It should also be noted that due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemicand associated restrictions at this time, we are also evaluating the necessity of holding a series of shorter topic-specific webinars in the fall, in lieu of the fall 2020 or spring 2021 meeting.

# **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.

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):

- COVID19 (testing, safe workplace practices, lessons learned, preparing for Round II)
- Financial implications/financial planning of the economic impacts of COVID-19
- Data management in the cloud/electronic protocol implementation
- Future outlook: Tariffs/construction costs
- Leadership / employee motivation/morale
- Community Relations / Public Education
- 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

Authority management Human resources management

Approaches in other states Inflow & infiltration Reuse
Asset inventory Instrumentation/computers Safety

Automation Labor relations Sewer service **Biosolids** Legal matters areas/wastewater Bonds Managing risk Shared services Climate change impacts NJPDES permitting Small systems Nutrient removal Statewide issues Collection systems Condition assessment Odor control Solid waste Cooperative purchasing Outfalls Sustainability

Dissolution of authorities Power generation Water quality regulations

Emerging technologies/apps Privatization & PPPs Water loss audits Energy/water nexus Public agency management Water supply

EE/renewables OPRA & transparency Water supply infrastructure

Ethics Rates Wet weather flows

Fleet management Recycling

## **Submission Format**

Those interested in presenting must complete a 2020-21Proposal Submission Form available on AEA's website <a href="www.aeanj.org">www.aeanj.org</a>. Please refer questions and send completed abstracts to Karen Burris at <a href="karen@aeanj.org">karen@aeanj.org</a> and Lorna O'Hara at <a href="ohara@ppag.com">ohara@ppag.com</a> and add "AEA 2020-21Presentation Proposal" within subject line. Submissiondeadline is <a href="August 31">August 31</a>, 2020. Selection of your submission is not guaranteed and is at the discretion of AEA.All submissions will be considered for the November 2020and March2021 conference.

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#### Preliminary Call for Presentation Proposals Issued

AEA Education and Conference Committee Members: Bill Gettings, Hazen and Sawyer, Chair; Bernie Bujak, South Monmouth RSA; Rick Dovey, Atlantic County UA; Rick Eustace, Bordentown SA; Dollie Hamlin, Plainfield MUA; Tom Horn, Lambertville MUA; Jill Plesnarksi, Readington-Lebanon SA; Manuel Ponte, R3M Engineering; Apryl Roach, Franklin Twp. SA; John Scheri, Mott MacDonald and Brian Valentino, Western Monmouth UA.