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## Construction Season

*Alan Hitchcock, 2015 President*

Most of us are in the midst of Maine's sixth season, Construction Season, after the traditional four seasons plus Mud Season. Capital projects and routine summer maintenance have been ongoing for some time and will be for a few more months.

The Maine Legislature finally adjourned after making some changes, as some things stayed the same. It appears that the Drinking Water Program will stay with the Department of Health and Human Services, at least for now. The topic of transfer to the Department of Environmental Protection drew a great deal of interest and discussion. Thanks to all who participated.

Governor Paul LePage signed PL 216, An Act to Manage the Risks Associated with the Installation of Natural Gas Pipelines. Another bill, PL 115 LD 880 An Act to Permit Rate-adjustment Mechanisms for Water Utilities passed over the Governor's veto to become law. Several other bills did not make it into legislation.

I understand that the August 12th Golf Tournament at Val Halla in Cumberland and the Annual Clambake at Thomas Point Beach on the 13th went well. I was unable to attend these events but I am sure that all participants enjoyed the festivities. Thanks to all who made this a successful event, once again.

A third Strategic Planning Session is planned for September 24, 2015. It is likely that the session will be over Skype for some, since many of us are busy with other work. This is a chance to plan for the future in many areas including legislative, regulatory, succession and the future of our organization. Your participation will help ensure the successful continuation of our association.

Plans are already underway for the expanded February Meeting and Trade Show in Portland. Several changes are being considered which will make this popular event even better. What a great time to meet and network with your peers, vendors, regulators and to attend classes on a wide variety of subjects. Plan to participate and consider sending some of your junior employees to at least one day of this event

Construction Season will continue though fall and into winter. It is one of the longer seasons but many of us don't get a chance to enjoy it. As time flies by, take time to enjoy the seasons - all six of them.

## The Annual Golf Tournament and Clambake

It rained on Tuesday but Wednesday and Thursday were picture perfect postcard days for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament and the clambake. As has been the situation for the past few years, some of the golfers played well and others played better. It was an honor to recognize Don Tracy, Don Almy and Rosie Santerre at lunchtime. These three gentlemen all played in the first golf tournament.

The clambake on Thursday was just splendid with excellent food, and camaraderie of the finest kind. Once again, the Brunswick & Topsham Water District played the role of perfect host. The Second Annual MWUA Bocce Ball Open was a huge success that drew participants from far flung pastures, all eager to show their stuff.

Through the generosity of the attendees, we were able to raise considerable money for the scholarship fund. Thank you all for that and a special thanks to the event coordinators and those who sponsored the events.

### Annual Golf Tournament Result

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Team</b>		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team</b>
Porter Gervais		Peter Goodwin
Brian McGuire		Matt Timberlake
Josh McGuire		Greg Leighton
Mike Pelkey		Steve Cox
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team</b>		<b>Closest to Pin</b>
Dennis Vigliotte		<b>#3:</b> Dennis Vigliotte
Steve Sloan		<b>#8:</b> Larry Clark
Ryan Wingard		<b>#11:</b> Josh Cobb
George Harrington		

**Men's Long Drive**  
Josh McGuire

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Bocce Ball Scrutiny

## Nominating Committee Offers Slate for 2016

The Nominating Committee has selected a slate of candidates as nominees for Directors for three year terms, starting in 2016.

There are two seats to be filled on the Board. The terms of Stephen Cox of Maine Water Company and Jefferson Longfellow of Kennebec Water District expire at the end of the calendar year. Cox became a Director January 2011 and Longfellow a became Director January 2013. The Committee has selected the following candidates: Jefferson Longfellow, District Engineer at Kennebec Water District, and Scott Abbotoni, Water Division Manager at Great Salt Bay Sanitary District.

Nominations for Directors are presented at the October Meeting by the Nominating Committee or from the floor by any member. The by-laws require that the membership be notified, in writing, of the committee's selections for the nomination of Directors at least ten days prior to the October meeting. Eligible candidates who can be nominated from the floor include Individual, Retired and Honorary Members of the Association who are members in good standing.

In addition, as the result of by-law changes which were adopted in December of 2014, an Associate Member may serve as a director; however, no more than one Associate Member may serve as a director of the association at any time.

Current Directors whose terms expire at the end of 2016 include Frank Kearney of Presque Isle Utilities District and Rick Anair of Greater Augusta Utility District.

Current Directors whose terms expire at the end of 2017 include Mike Broadbent of Auburn Water and Sewerage Districts, Alan Hitchcock of Caribou Utilities District and Jim Wallace of Portland Water District.

## October Meeting is the 8<sup>th</sup> in Hampden

The October Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8th, in Hampden. The meeting will feature a presentation of the 2016 budget and the report of the Nominating Committee. Depending on the number of nominees that are brought before the membership and whether there is a quorum present, there may be a vote on the candidates.

In addition to the Hampden Water District system overview, other business items, and an interesting discussion of a proposed regional solid waste recycling and processing facility, the technical program will focus on safety in the public right of way.

Make plans now to be there!

### Technology Committee to Deliver Training on GIS, Related Topics

The MWUA Technology Committee will be hosting a training session on GIS with a focus on mobile applications on October 21st at the Governor Hill Mansion in Augusta. There will be presentations on several different GIS software products from People GIS, ArcGIS, and Fulcrum. Presenters will be talking about what these products can offer you and how they are being used to make the workplace a more efficient place. The session will be concluded with product demonstrations from several different utilities where they will be showing off the latest in mobile GIS hardware and software technology.

A brochure and registration will be developed and distributed soon. Mark your calendar.

### Committee Members Sought

The effectiveness of any membership organization is a function of the level of involvement of those who participate. When the Maine Water Utilities Association was organized in 1925 it was recognized that the collective efforts of the organization could produce results that are just not possible if individuals or individual systems go it alone.

The MWUA Mission is succinct but encompassing: to represent the water works professional membership in advocating safe drinking water through education, legislation, policy and networking. The various committees collectively strive to fulfill that mission.

In addition to the significant value the committees provides to the profession, involvement in committees offers members an opportunity for professional development and, importantly, networking. Active committee members will attest to the fact that they and their organizations benefit greatly from what is learned from other committee members.

Over the past few years, some of the association's committee members have advanced professionally. With new positions there are often additional responsibilities and, as a result, they have found it necessary to take a break from committee involvement. Some have actually moved on to the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee as this is a natural transition that allows them to be better informed of matters that they now need to keep track of. Some members have retired.

Committees are always seeking new blood to help with the cause.

In addition to the elected Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee (which consists of former association Presidents) the committees consist of Education and Operations, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, Program, Public Awareness, Technology, and Water Resources.

For anyone who is seeking an opportunity to contribute in a meaningful fashion, and who wants to benefit from a rewarding experience, a committee would be a very good place to be.

Call the office if there are questions, or if you want additional information.

### Water Operator Licensing Exam Scheduled for Presque Isle

The Board of Licensure of Water System Operators has scheduled a "paper exam" for October 21, 2015, at the Maine DEP Offices at 1235 Central Drive, in Presque Isle,



from 9am – 3pm. The exam will be for all classification levels, treatment and distribution.

Applications are available online at [www.medwp.com](http://www.medwp.com). Click on the Board of Licensure of Water System Operators link or contact the Maine Drinking Water Program office at (207) 287-5699 | TTY: (800) 606-0215.

Be sure to fill in all fields of the application completely and neatly. Incomplete or illegible forms will be returned. There is a non-refundable fee of \$95.00 for each exam. Make checks or money orders payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine. Applications must be postmarked no later than September 26, 2015.

Need help preparing? The Drinking Water Program maintains a lending library with study materials to help applicants prepare for their operator exams. Materials may be signed out of the library prior to an exam and returned the day of the exam or mailed back to the DWP. For more information, visit the website: [www.medwp.com](http://www.medwp.com). Click on Board of Licensure of Water System Operators link, then the link to Examinations.

### Prickly Remote Participation Issue Raised Again

On the Freedom of Access Act front, LD 1241 An Act To Increase Government Efficiency proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority,



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the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, the Maine State Housing Authority and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to conduct public proceedings with one or more members of the board or commission participating via remote access technology in certain circumstances.

Four public bodies are currently authorized by their enabling statute to utilize remote technology to conduct public proceedings. LD 1241 would amend the statutes of these additional four entities to allow that same practice. That raises the question as to whether other public bodies (including municipalities, water and sewer districts, etc.) that do not have specific legislative language authorizing remote participation can indeed do that.

In prior deliberations before the Judiciary Committee the Attorney General's Office has dodged that question. They will not offer a legal opinion; rather they have stated that they "advise" against the use of remote participation.

A part of the LD 1241 deliberations was an amendment put forth by Senator Johnson that would authorize all elected public bodies to have members participate in meetings via remote access technology. These elected boards would be required to adopt a remote participation policy and that policy would have to be validated by a referendum vote. An effective date



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of January 1, 2016 would essentially mean that, after that date, remote member participation would not be allowed unless a policy was in place.

The Association expressed concern relative to the prescriptive nature of the proposed amendment.

Ultimately, the Judiciary Committee decided to not proceed with the amendment. LD 1241 was carried over to the 2nd Session. The Right to Know Advisory Committee may discuss the matter in their meetings this summer.

### February Meeting Modifications to Recognize New Workplace Realities

For a few months now the Program Committee has been discussing modifications to the February Meeting and Trade Show. One of the changes for 2016 will be to highlight advancements in products and services that have occurred over the past several years and incorporate that information into the training programs. The committee also wants to provide training which focuses on operational realities that are encountered in the field, such as damage prevention, coordination, safety and other issues.

This February there will be a designated training area on the trade show floor for presentations on recent technological advances in water and wastewater products. As in the past, there will be Technical and Professional



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sessions on the first and second floor of the hotel.

The February meeting will be restructured to add an extra half day. Plans are in the works to include tours of water and wastewater plants on the afternoons of that third day.

The committee and the Directors believe that the proposed changes will have a very positive impact on the meeting. Stay tuned for details: the dates for the 2016 meeting are February 8 – 10, 2016.

### Work on MWUA Strategic Plan Moves Forward

The Association has held two strategic planning sessions this past year – one in January and one in March – in order to revise and update the previous plan.

The goal is to build on past successes, and identify key areas which will continue to impact the future of MWUA and the environment in which it and its members operate. Much of that work has been accomplished. The next steps will focus on developing a strategy to identify strategic initiatives, goals and objectives, and an action plan which aligns resources with the priorities of the members.


The next meeting to work on this project will be on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Recognizing the challenges of assembling people at this time of the year (actually any time of the year) the meeting will rely heavily on Skype. Frequently we discuss the need to make the most of remote communication technology – but rarely do we do it. It may end up being a matter of feeling our way along as we go but we are confident that we will be able to blend the new with the traditional and effectuate a better model that allows for enhanced participation.

Stay tuned and watch for more details as this effort comes to fruition.

*The MWUA Program Committee is choosing the 2016 Bi-Monthly Meeting locations.*

*If your utility is interested in hosting a 2016 Bi-Monthly Meeting, please contact the MWUA office:*

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PROGRAM

- 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM - 9:10 AM Introduction & Welcome to Hampden, Maine
9:10 AM - 9:30 AM Overview of Hampden Water District
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Business Meeting
10:00AM - 10:15 AM Break

TECHNICAL PROGRAM

- 10:15AM - 12:15 PM Work Zone Safety: Trenching & Excavation, The Competent Person Role & Roadway Zone Safety
12:15 PM - 12:30 PM Q & A
12:30 PM Lunch
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