

Water tasting contest

The Young Professionals Committee will sponsor a water tasting contest at the fall conference 5 p.m., November 4, at the Kearney Holiday Inn. **Eric Obert**, JEO Consulting Group Inc., is coordinating the event. The City of Seward has issued a challenge to all public water suppliers to participate, said Board Trustee **David Lathrop**.

Eligibility:

1. Water sample entries must be submitted by a Nebraska public water supply system.
2. The system may not have federal or state drinking water violations (MCL, monitoring, recordkeeping, etc.) violations for the previous calendar year.

Submission of Water Samples:

1. One entry per public water supply system.
2. One or more samples should be submitted to equal the volume of one gallon. Glass containers are preferred, however utilities may use a container of their choice.
3. Each sample should be clearly identified with the name of the water system and contact person.
4. Samples should be collected no more than 48 hours prior to the contest and continuously stored at a temperature between 40-70 degrees F.
5. Samples will be stored at room temperature.
6. Water samples shall be submitted in person at the AWWA registration desk, Kearney Holiday Inn by noon, November 4, 2009.

Judges:

The water tasting contest will be judged by water industry representatives and the general public as follows:

1. Nebraska Section AWWA past chair;
2. National AWWA representative;
3. Nebraska Health and Human Services representative;
4. Local media representative, and
5. Other.

Depending on availability, judges may be altered the day of the competition.

Contest Categories:

All water samples will be judged in a single category.

Contest Judging:

1. Samples will be presented to the judges anonymously and in random order.
2. Each judge will be given one 8 oz. water sample. Water samples will be judged by taste on a 10-point scale from good (1) to best (10).
3. In case of a tie, additional water samples will be presented to the judges for final selection.
4. The water sample with the highest cumulative score will be the winner and declared the "Best Drinking Water in Nebraska 2009."
5. Only the winning sample will be announced — samples will not be ranked nor will scores be released.
6. The Nebraska Section AWWA winner will be nominated to compete in the National AWWA Water Taste Test at the National AWWA Conference, June 20-24, 2010 in Chicago, if the winner meets the National AWWA eligibility requirements.



The "Best Drinking Water in Nebraska"
TASTE TEST will be held
Wednesday, November 4 at 5 p.m.
at the Nebraska Section AWWA
Fall Conference in Kearney.

The winning public water supply
will be presented a plaque and
nominated to compete in
the National AWWA Water
Taste Test.



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