

**Nebraska Section AWWA Annual Conference
November 6-7, 2002, Kearney**



2003 Board of Governors, from left, front: Vice-Chair Larry Andreasen, City of Fremont; Chair Dennis Watts, City of Norfolk; Chair-Elect Kristine Ranslem, City of Albion; Trustee & Past Chair Chris Koenig, HGM Associates, Inc. Back: Director John Mirivosky, Lincoln Water System; Trustee Mike Wentink, Nebraska Health & Human Services; Treasurer Kevin Tobin, Metropolitan Utilities District; Secretary Tony Bilek, Mc2, Inc. Unavailable for photo: Trustee Paul Markowski, City of Ord.

Trustee Paul Markowski, City of Ord



Jack Daniel's presentation on Safe Drinking Water regulations brought a packed house. Jack is the administrator of the Department Regulation and Licensure, Nebraska Health and Human Services.







Joint APWA and AWWA Lunch with speaker Andy Richardson of Arizona, AWWA vice-president. Richardson talked about the benefits of being an AWWA member and urged current members to become involved in their Section.

Bottom photo, from left: Larry Andreasen, City of Fremont; Kristine Ranslem, City of Albion; John Miriovsky, Lincoln Water System; Andy Richardson; Chris Koenig, HGM Associates, Inc.

























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Business meeting, from left: Chip Haas, HDR Engineering, Inc. (back to camera); Nancy Gruwell, HDR Engineering; Paul Markowski, City of Ord; John Miriovsky, Lincoln Water System; Don Franklin, Gurney & Associates; George Reed, Metropolitan Utilities District; Mike Wentink, Nebraska Health & Human Service; Rob Pierce, League of Nebraska Municipalities; Larry Andreasen, City of Fremont (face hidden); Kristine Ranslem, City of Albion; and Andy Richardson, National AWWA vice-president.

Networking



From left: Daryl Kottwitz, program manager, HDR Engineering, Inc., Omaha, visits with Kirk Pfeffer, engineering manager, City of Omaha, Mike Arends, environmental programs engineer, City of Omaha, and Debra Leigh, president, Leigh Environmental Equipment, Inc., Omaha.



From left: Jim Condon, vice-president, Olsson Associates, Lincoln; Dave Meisinger, wastewater treatment plant supervisor, City of Plattsburgh; Jim Mahoney, sales representative, Insituform Technologies USA, Inc., Johnston, IA, and Lincoln Williams, Technical Maintenance & Service Co., Inc., Lincoln.



From left: Rick Bay, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality; Terry O'Brien, director of Wahoo Engineering, JEO Consulting Group, Inc., Wahoo, NE, and Tom Fuenning, environmental engineer II, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, Lincoln.



From left: James French, Collector Wells International, Inc. Columbus, OH; Subhash Jha, Nebraska Health & Human Services; Dennis Watts (back to camera) and Dennis Smith, City of Norfolk; Tom Schuerman (back to camera) Nebraska Health & Human Services; and Bill Knoll, Black & Veatch, Aurora, CO.



Dave Owsichek and Jeannette, Hach Co., Loveland, CO.



Representative from Steffen, Inc., Sioux City, IA, and Doug, City of Imperial.

Top Ops Challenge



Eight teams signed up for the Top Ops Competition, organized by Chris Koenig (center, white shirt), HGM Associates. Scott Borman and Doug Woodbeck, Nebraska Health & Human Services, (far right) were judges.



The Top Ops Challenge drew another packed house.



Teams 1 and 2.



Teams 3 and 4.



Teams 5 and 6.



Teams 7 and 8.



First Place Team, from left, back: Matt Helzer, City of St. Paul; Connelley Rice, City of Kearney. Front: Kirk Stocker, City of Kearney; Julie Frandsen, City of Grand Island. Each received a \$50 award.

Each member of the first place team received a \$500 registration fee to represent the Nebraska Section AWWA at the national competition, to be held at the National AWWA Conference, June 22-26, 2003, in Anaheim, CA.



Second Place Team, from left, back: Harold Reynolds, City of Wayne; Ron Morearty, City of Albion. Front: Paul Markowski and Rollin Davis, City of Ord. Each received a \$25 award.



Third Place Team, from left, back: Chris Logue, Gene Siadek. Front: Kevin Tobin, Dave Bellairs, all from the Metropolitan Utilities District. Each received a \$10 award.

Social Hour

Sponsored by the exhibitors and sponsors.





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From left: Andy Kahle, Scott Borman (partially hidden), Nebraska Health and Human Services; Chuck Thomerson, City of Columbus; Jack Daniel, Nebraska Health and Human Services. Orville Davidson, City of York (back to camera).



Awards Banquet

Dr. Bruce Dvorak, UNL Civil Engineering, accepts Lifetime Member Award for Dr. Joe Sherrard, from National AWWA Vice-Chair Andy Richardson.



Chip Haas, HDR Engineering, Inc., receives a Lifetime Member Award from National AWWA Vice-Chair Andy Richardson.



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Charles A. Haas

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Water Industry Service Awards were presented to Len Skala, City of Papillion; Harlan Simmerman, Village of Elm Creek; Ken Ekeler, City of York; Dick Smith, Lincoln Water System; Jim Sell, City of Holdrege, and Ross Stebbins, Metropolitan Utilities District. From left, back: Jim Sell, Harlan Simmerman. Front: Ken Ekeler, National AWWA Vice-Chair Andy Richardson, and Ross Stebbins. Len Skala and Dick Smith were unavailable for the photo.



Dennis Watts, City of Norfolk, received the Water Operator Award from the Nebraska Health and Human Services. From left: Dennis and Andy Richardson, National AWWA vice-chair.

George Warren Fuller Award

Jack Daniel, Nebraska Health and Human Services, received the Fuller Award, the highest award presented by AWWA.



Prior-Year Fuller Awardees assemble to locate the newest awardee as Andy Richardson describes the 2002 recipient's life and contributions to the safe drinking water industry.



Jack Daniel realizes Richardson is talking about “Jack Daniel,” when Richardson describes an invention Jack designed to aid in the sport of hunting.



Jack's wife and children make a surprise appearance to congratulate him.



National AWWA Vice-Chair Andy Richardson places the Fuller Award pin on Jack Daniel, as Jack struggles to contain his emotions.

Jack Daniel is speechless and thanks the Section membership with a one-sentence, "Thank you."





THE FULLER AWARD



Presented to
Mr. Jack C. Daniel

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