The Ontario Water Works Association

The Ontario Water Works Association (OWWA) is a voluntary organization of water professionals in Ontario. With more than 1,600 members that include engineers, scientists, operators, managers, technicians, and students, the OWWA provides leadership in water management through education and training, science and technology, continual improvement in customer relations, and participating in the development of government policy. The OWWA strives to be the leading resource dedicated to safe, sufficient, and sustainable water from source to tap.

The OWWA is a section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA), which is an international non-profit organization of water professionals. Since 1881, the AWWA has been The Authoritative Resource on Safe WaterSM, providing leadership in the industry through its more than 60,000 members in more than 100 countries worldwide.

Benefits of Student Membership

Membership in the OWWA and AWWA allows you to develop your network and increase your knowledge of water and the water industry. Membership provides you with opportunities for career advancement and allows you to get involved in the water industry. Student membership benefits include:

- Networking opportunities
- Personal and professional development opportunities
- Discounts on registration for conferences, training, and other events
- Compete for AWWA scholarships and awards
- Printed copies of the OWWA’s quarterly publication The Pipeline
- Electronic access to the AWWA publications Opflow, Journal AWWA, and AWWA Streamlines
- Online access to the AWWA Career Centre
- Online access to the The Water Library®
- Discounts at the AWWA Bookstore

The OWWA Student Chapter Program

Managed through the OWWA’s Young Professionals Committee (YPC), the OWWA Student Chapter Program provides students with opportunities to learn about water and the water industry, meet other like-minded students, and network with water industry professionals. Participating in fun activities like seminars, treatment plant tours, and social events through an OWWA student chapter provides you with endless opportunities to build leadership skills, expand your technical knowledge, and network with people in the water industry. Examples of past student chapter activities include:

- Treatment plant and other facility tours:
  - Walkerton Clean Water Centre
  - Greenbrook WTP & Hidden Valley Pumping Stations

- Seminars:
  - Disinfection alternatives
  - Water reuse
  - Control valves
  - Asset management
  - SCADA system design
  - Project management
  - Environmental & drinking water legislation

- Documentary screenings and webinars
- Fundraising BBQs and bake sales for Water For People
- Networking events with water industry professionals

How to Get Involved

Membership in the OWWA and AWWA is your first step to getting connected. To learn more about how to get involved, contact your school’s student chapter or visit our website: www.owwa.com. To find out whether your school has an OWWA student chapter, or if you would like to establish one at your school, contact the YPC: students@owwa.ca.

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