

**Member Association**

**Fast Fact sheet 2019**

* **Mission statement**

The Chesapeake Water Environment Association (CWEA) is dedicated to improving water quality and protecting the water environment in Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. The Association strives to do this through public education, the exchange of technical and scientific information among water quality professionals, the training of wastewater and water treatment plant operators, and by offering technical expertise and advice to the law-making and regulatory processes.

* **Membership**
  + CWEA is a Member Association of the Water Environment Federation (WEF)
  + CWEA has approximately 850 members
  + CWEA includes Delaware, District of Columbia and Maryland
  + All CWEA members are also Water Environment Federation members
* **Budget**
  + Our annual budget exceeds $ 150,000.00
* **Structure**
  + 30 standing committees, including technical and business-related committees, and several joint committees with the Chesapeake Section of the American Water Works Association, Inc. (CSAWWA)
  + Leadership structure consists of a 12 officer Executive Board, which includes two (2) WEF Delegates
  + 501(c)(3) non-profit status granted in 2013
  + Joint CWEA/WWOA magazine, known as the “Ecoletter” published quarterly
  + Website: www.chesapeakewea.org
* **Key Facts/Programs**
  + - Water Environment Federation (WEF) 2015 Member Association Achievement Award
    - Numerous technical seminars throughout the year, including
    - Collection Systems Committee Annual Seminar
    - Stormwater Committee Spring Seminar
    - Plant Operations & Maintenance Committee Seminar
    - Joint Water Reuse Committee Annual Seminar
    - Joint Spring Meeting with CSAWWA
    - Asset Management Committee Seminar
    - Monthly Webinar Series
    - Annual Ed Norton Open Golf Tournament - CWEA has partnered with the Federal Water Quality Association to award a scholarship to a local high school student from the proceeds
    - Annual Tri-Association Conference conducted jointly with WWOA and CSAWWA
    - Annual Short Course for Operators conducted jointly with WWOA and CSAWWA
    - Provide accredited training for operator certification and PDHs for Engineers
    - Hosted WEF 2014 Collection Systems Specialty Conference, Baltimore, MD, March 11-14, 2014
    - Hosted WEF 2015 Residuals and Biosolids Conference with Federal Water Quality Association (FWQA), Washington, DC, June 6-10, 2015
    - Support Baltimore City Water Industry Mentoring Program- YH2O. Partner with City of Baltimore, Mayor’s Office of Employment Development to provide mentors and training to this award-winning program.

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