Benefits of Membership for Districts

WASWD’s members stay connected with the people, ideas and developments that are at the core of our industry.

Our Mission

The Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts (WASWD) is a nonprofit trade association whose members include special purpose sewer and water districts operating under Title 57 RCW, and others involved in our industry. WASWD is dedicated to helping districts meet their responsibility to provide safe drinking water and environmentally responsible wastewater collection and treatment. WASWD advocates for its members on matters of law, regulation, and policy; provides continuing education; facilitates the exchange of information between members; and administers programs and services that promote efficient and professional management practices.

Advocate

WASWD serves the interests of sewer and water districts through effective legislative and legal advocacy:

- Two contract lobbyists work to enact favorable laws and regulations, and oppose unfavorable ones.
- The legislative team testifies on legislation in Olympia.
- Our regulatory liaison works with DOH, DOE, and other agencies regarding issues that impact districts.
- Member districts receive regular legislative updates and action alerts so that they are kept informed and have an opportunity to influence Washington’s political process.
- We provide financial support on legal issues having a significant impact on a substantial portion of our membership.
WASWD represents the state’s clean water specialists—providing resources, support and solutions.

Educate

WASWD helps members stay on top of who and what they need to know:

- Two annual conferences and trade shows.
- Commissioner workshops and up to eight free webinars on current topics each year.
- Excellent opportunities to network and learn of new and changing issues impacting operations.
- Activities include regional and peer-to-peer breakfast meetings; face time between district representatives; and access to exhibitors offering services or new products; cutting-edge technology and vital information needed by water and sewer utilities.
- Continuing education units (CEU’s) are offered for district employees.

Collaborate

WASWD is able to extend its work on behalf of members by leveraging the time and talent contributed by its members taking part in meetings, conferences, and committees across Washington State:

- Providing opportunities for members to network, share knowledge, and collaboratively respond to industry needs.
- Working with others in the industry to achieve common goals and objectives.

Additional Member Support & Resources

We support our members by providing these additional resources:

- Retrospective Rating Program
- Legal & funding referrals
- Regulatory compliance
- Membership directory
- Municipal Research & Services Center access for legal and other advice
- Newsletter
- Website
- Job and Surplus Equipment Postings