

*Via E-Mail*



**To:** Tim McNamara, Chair, Michigan Section AWWA  
**From:** David Koch, Chair, Water Utility Committee  
**cc:** Eric Way, Secretary-Treasurer; Dave Timm, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Janice Skadsen, Planning Committee Chair and WUC Board Liaison  
**Date:** November 25, 2005  
**Subject:** Water Utility Committee 2006 Action Plan

On behalf of the Water Utility Committee (WUC), I am pleased to provide this report of our committee's planned activities and goals for the coming year.

### **Committee Activities**

The activities of the WUC in 2006 are based on supporting the stated mission of the WUC and the adopted goals for the Section Strategic Plan. Our primary focus will continue to be on tracking and responding to various legislative and regulatory proposals in the state and in the region, and to will include a continued focus on developing relationships with legislators. We will continue to rely on the International AWWA Government Affairs office to represent our interests for federal-level legislative activity, and to provide information for dissemination to our committee and the Section membership, as applicable. A summary of key identified activities and initiatives follows:

- Continue to track and respond as applicable to the on-going legislative efforts on increased water withdrawal legislation in the state and region. As of the date of this report, state level legislation, in the form of Senate Bills 850 through 852 and 876, are moving quickly through the legislative process. In addition, final Annex Implementing Agreements are due to be signed by the Governors and Premiers of the Great Lakes States and Provinces.
- The WUC will identify delegates to participate in the AWWA Fly-In in Washington DC in March 2006. WE expect expenses for one delegate to be covered by the Association, with the second delegate funded by the WUC budget.
- Organize the Legislative Lunch at the MI-AWWA/MWEA Joint Expo held in February 2005.
- Organize a Legislative Reception, to build on the success of the September 22, 2005 reception, in the rotunda of the State Capital Building.

In addition to the specifically described activities above, the WUC will support efforts focused on the Section relationship with MDEQ (assumed to be led by an ad hoc committee of the Board), and to serve as source of information on legislative and regulatory issues facing public water supply systems.

### **Committee Meetings**

The WUC held our first meeting of the 2005-2006 year on November 9, 2005, and have meetings planned for February 15, May 10, and August 9, 2006.

**Committee Membership**

The current committee roster is attached.

**Committee Budget**

The WUC's budget request in support of this action plan is attached.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.