

# 2022 Plant Operations Conference

May 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Virginia Beach, Virginia



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The **VA AWWA Plant Operations Committee** proudly announces the **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Plant Operators Conference** to be held **May 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> in Virginia Beach, VA**. This conference is dedicated to promoting education and training, increasing performance and fostering communication among water works operators, maintenance and management personnel. Attendance is recommended for waterworks operators of both small and large groundwater and surface water systems. Come match wits against fellow operators in the Top Ops Competition or cheer for your favorites.

## Top Ops Competition

During the Plant Operations Conference, a competition is conducted to find the Top Operators in Virginia to represent the Virginia Section at the AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE).

Beginning with this competition, we have made several changes to align the competition with the National AWWA Top Ops Competition. The competition will continue to consist of questions related to water treatment. Many of the competition features will remain the same, but there are some key changes! These include:

- Elimination of the “ring-in to answer” button system. Each team will now use a small ring-in bell with a button on top to signal they have completed an answer.
- Each team will be equipped with a small dry erase board and markers. Answers will be written on the white board.
- While the question format will remain the same, the new format will now include math questions that are similar to those on the operator’s exam. Each team will be provided with a calculator and will show their answer on the white board.

Teams will continue to consist of 1 -3 licensed operators who will compete for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies. So get your team together and match wits with your fellow operators!

Financial assistance (\$1000/team member) is offered by the Virginia Section for the team to compete at ACE the following year. Please direct questions and comments to Billy Fentress at [wrfentress@cityofchesapeake.net](mailto:wrfentress@cityofchesapeake.net)

## Hotel Registration Information

### **Holiday Inn & Suites North Beach**

3900 Atlantic Avenue

Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Room rate: \$99. State and local taxes apply.

Reserve your room by calling 866-456-3446 and using the code “AWW” to receive the special group rate. **ATTENDEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN LODGING ARRANGEMENTS.** Book early to receive the special group rate. Room rate and availability are subject to change.

# Program Schedule

10 Engineering CECs Provided / 7 Water Operator CPEs Provided

## Wednesday, May 11, 2022

- 6:30 pm **Registration Opens**
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm **Roundtable Discussions** (1 CPE)  
(Snacks, Cash Bar & Door Prizes)  
**Moderator:** *Michele Maclauchlan, Betty Green*

## Thursday, May 12, 2022

- 7:30 – 8:00 am **Seminar Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 – 8:15 am **Opening Remarks**
- 8:15 – 9:15 am **Regulatory Update** (1 CPE)  
*Dan Horne, VDH*
- 9:15 – 9:30 am **Networking Break**
- 9:30 – 10:30 am **Ozonation Basics** (1 CPE)  
*Mike Hotaling, Consultant*
- 10:30 – 11:30 am **LCR: Service Line Inventory** (1 CPE)  
*Jen Peterman, City of Chesapeake / Paul Wilson, Hazen and Sawyer*
- 11:30 am – 1:00 pm **Lunch/Top Ops Competition Preliminary Competition Round**
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm **Preparing for Licensure Exams**  
*Betty Green, Virginia Rural Water Association*

## Friday, May 13, 2022

- 7:30 – 8:00 am **Seminar Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 – 8:15 am **Opening Remarks**
- 8:15 – 9:15 am **PFAS- What is It, Why do I Care, and How Do I Treat It?**  
*Andrew Newbold, Hazen and Sawyer* (1 CPE)
- 9:15 – 9:30 am **Networking Break**
- 9:30 – 10:30 am **LCR: Corrosion Control and Sampling** (1 CPE)  
*Roger Arnold, Hazen and Sawyer*
- 10:30 – 11:30 am **The Importance of Operator Input During Design**  
*Paul Delphos, Burns and McDonnell*
- 11:30 am – 1:00 pm **Lunch/Top OPS Final Competition Round**
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm **Treatment Plant Safety:** (1 CPE)  
*David Burpeau, Consultant*

*The afternoon and evening are yours  
to enjoy Virginia Beach!*

# Register Online

<https://vaawwa.org/events/plantopsconference2022/>

*Credit card registration accepted online only*

## Registration Form

*(This can be mailed in to VA AWWA if you are unable to register online. All registrations by mail must pay by check.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ AWWA Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

Is This Your First Virginia Section AWWA Event?  Yes  No

## Early Registration (Deadline is April 29, 2022)

**Full Conference** *(Fees include admission to the Roundtable Discussion, all training sessions, lunch and breaks both days.)*

- \$250.00 AWWA Member rate
- \$333.00 Non-member rate
- \$75.00 Retirees
- FREE Students

**One Day Registration** *(Fees include training sessions, lunch and breaks on the attendance day only.)*

- \$140.00 AWWA Member rate
  - \$223.00 Non-member rate
  - \$45.00 Retirees
  - \$40.00 Roundtable Discussion Only
- Please select day of attendance:  Thursday  Friday

## Registration after April 29

**Full Conference** *(Fees include admission to the Roundtable Discussion, all training sessions, lunch and breaks both days.)*

- \$275.00 AWWA Member rate
- \$363.00 Non-member rate
- \$95.00 Retiree
- \$25.00 Students

**One Day Registration** *(Fees include training sessions, lunch and breaks on the attendance day only.)*

- \$160.00 AWWA Member rate
- \$253.00 Non-member rate
- \$65.00 Retirees
- \$60.00 Roundtable Discussion Only

If mailing a check, make payable to  
VA AWWA and send to:

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Attn: Geneva Hudgins  
PO Box 11992  
Lynchburg, VA 24506

No faxed or emailed registrations will  
be accepted.