

The Letterflow Region VIII

October Meeting Location:
Port Charlotte East Port WRF
3100 Loveland Boulevard
Port Charlotte, FL 33980



OCTOBER 8, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was held at Port Charlotte East Port Water Reclamation Facility. Chairman Matt Astorino called the meeting to order at 6:45pm, followed by pledge of allegiance and recognition of all past officers and veterans. We had 13 members in attendance, many of which made the long drive from Naples. After thanking the facility staff for hosting our meeting, Secretary-Treasurer Elect Igor Gutin presented Region VIII Treasurer's

report and a current update of 532 current members in Region VIII. Matt Astorino adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm. Pickled Pink food truck provided everyone with a delicious dinner followed by 50/50 raffles and door prize raffles. Unfortunately, Port Charlotte East Port Water Reclamation Facility was unable to provide a plant tour that had been much anticipated by members.

We had a very productive meeting. Region VIII officers and members discussed several important topics and changes that will be implemented next year. All officers' seats were up for election except for Secretary Treasurer Pat Long. Dawn Barnard nominated Diane DiPascale, who has been coming to membership meetings regularly and currently works for Collier County as an Environmental Compliance Manager, for the position of Secretary-Treasurer Elect. Chairman Matt Astorino nominated current Sec-Treasure Elect Igor Gutin to fill the seat of Vice Chairman. Votes will be conducted during the holiday party, so we hope to see you there!

TREASURERS REPORT:

Beginning Balance:

\$42,398.85

Deposits/Credits:

\$4.50

Withdrawals/Debits:

-2,108.02

Ending Balance:

\$40,295.33

Region VIII Officers

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OLD BUSINESS UPDATED

The 12th annual Southwest Florida Water and Wastewater Exposition was a great success. All the booths were occupied by vendors and the technical programs were filled. Students enjoyed their presentations, while the vendors were happy with the outcome and look forward to next year.

We are happy to announce that Region VIII made a substantial donation in the amount of \$3000 to “Hook’ em in the Glades” fishing tournament. The money will help raise the much-needed funds for Everglade City School’s students and programs. Everglades City School is one of the smallest PreK-12 public schools in the state of Florida, with a student population of approximately 200 students, located on the banks of the Barron River with direct access to the 10,000 Islands and the Gulf of Mexico!

We look forward to supporting local communities and fundraisers, so if you would like Region VIII to consider a charity/fundraiser in your area just contact one of the officers for details.

It’s almost that time again: Santa is coming to town and so are the members of Region VIII. We will be hosting a holiday event at the Fort Myers Dave & Buster’s on December 8, 2019. Check the next page for details and remember to **register** no later than December 2.

*“Thousands
have lived
without love,
not one
without water.”
-H. Auden*

NEW BUSINESS

The new year is approaching quickly which will bring a few changes to Region VIII. We are planning to have our first meeting in February of 2020. The region has changed the meeting day from the first Tuesday of the month to the first Monday of the month.

The first meeting location for the year has not yet been set. Please check your email and fwpc.org region VIII for updates. The region is planning to host a short school in May of 2020 at Bonita Springs Utilities, details will be released once we get closer to the event. We are excited to continue to grow our members involvement, provide educational opportunities, and host events such as an Everglades outing. We are considering visiting another region’s plant for a tour some time next year and will continue with food trucks during select meetings.

Your involvement is important to the region, the organizations, and the industry. If you have not been to a meeting this year, we strongly urge you to try to get involved next year. A tour was provided after every meeting but one this year, and we are going to continue the trend. Personally, I have learned something new from each tour about process, instrumentation, planning, and much more. I have met some of the best operators, engineers, compliance officers, and managers in the industry, while having a lot of fun doing it. Attendance has improved greatly this year, but we need more influence from you!

-Igor Gutin



Quarterly Director's Meeting Highlights

- Robert McColgan was awarded a Life Membership. He encouraged the association to promote higher education, even engineering degrees, for operators in order to qualify them for higher management positions in the future.
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection has accepted Florida Water and Pollution Control Operator Association's water/wastewater Class B course as a pre-requisite to taking the B exam.
- Development of a Wastewater Collection Operator Manual is almost complete.
- Board approved the development of a Utilities Maintenance Manual with Proedit.

Upcoming Events

REGION VIII HOLIDAY PARTY

*Sunday, December 08, 2019
5:00pm-8:00PM
Dave and Buster'
13499 S Cleveland Ave. STE 4000
Fort Myers, FL 33907*

REGION VIII MEMBER MEETING

*Monday, February 3, 2020
6:30pm-8:00pm
Location TBA*

FW&PCOA SHORT SCHOOL

*Dates TBA
Bonita Spring Utilities
11900 E Terry St.
Bonita Spring, FL 34135*

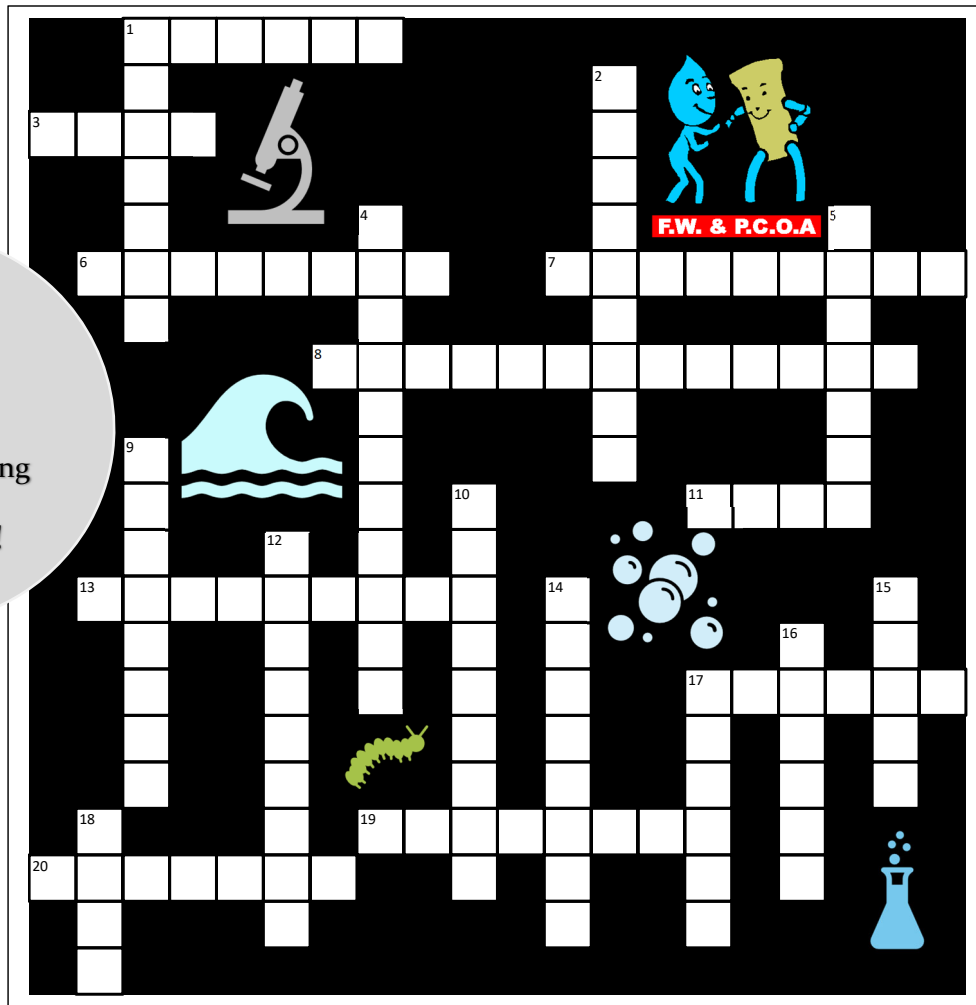
Wastewater Crossword

Tune in to the next newsletter for the Drinking Water word search!

Complete Crossword

Bring it to upcoming meeting

Get a **PRIZE!**



ACROSS

- 1 A biological environment that is deficient in molecular oxygen but may contain chemically bound oxygen.
- 3 Heavy, inorganic matter, such as sand or pebbles.
- 6 Jelly like masses of bacteria found in both the trickling filter and activated sludge processes.
- 7 Infectious microorganisms in wastewater that pose health risks.
- 8 The conversion of nitrogen matter into nitrates by bacteria.
- 11 The agglomeration of smaller particles in gelatinous mass that can be more easily removed from the liquid than the individual small particles.
- 13 Settling Tank, Sedimentation Basin.
- 17 The accumulated suspended solids of sewage deposited in tanks or basin.
- 19 Any substance assimilated by organisms that promotes growth and replacement of cellular constituents.
- 20 Multi-cellular microorganisms that feed on bacteria, algae and protozoa.

DOWN

- 1 Portion of a sample.
- 2 The conversion of organic material to a more stable form using bacteria, chemicals, or oxygen.
- 4 Procedure that checks or adjusts an instrument accuracy.
- 5 Requiring air or oxygen.
- 9 The liquid that comes out of a treatment plant after completion of any treatment process.
- 10 Any finely divided, insoluble impurities that mark the clarity of the water.
- 12 The biochemical decomposition of organic matter that results in the formation of mineral and simpler organic compounds.
- 14 Those solids in water, wastewater, or other liquids that are lost on ignition of the dry solids at 550 degrees Celsius.
- 15 Microscopic plants which contain chlorophyll and live floating or are suspended in water.
- 16 Having a cloudy or muddy appearance.
- 17 A condition produced by anaerobic bacteria.
- 18 A wall or plate placed in an open channel and used to measure the flow of water.