

## **Don Price Joins the NCWOA Team**

Don Price will be joining the NC-WOA team in January 2019 as an additional Education Specialist alongside Mike Richardson. Don will be working primarily in the western half of the state, while Mike will concentrate on the eastern portion of the state. Don's duties will include supporting the seminars and annual school committees, planning and implementing new training opportunities, and assisting with section meetings.

Don brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to NC-WOA. He holds many water, wastewater, and distribution licenses, and has worked for over 20 years in water and wastewater supervision positions and state regulatory positions. Don will be retiring from his current position as NC DEQ-DWR Environmental Senior Specialist – WTP Consultant, as he begins working for NCWOA.



Don is no stranger to NCWOA. He has worked with NCWOA for many years helping with schools and teaching classes. His vast knowledge as a water treatment plant consultant and his teaching experience will be invaluable to us.

Please help us welcome Don to his new position with NCWOA when you see him at a future NCWOA event.

The purpose of GO WITH THE FLOW is to keep you, the operator, informed of some of the training opportunities that are available for your certification needs (new and renewal). The Training/Meetings calendar will be updated quarterly as information about new training opportunities becomes available. Events may be scheduled by: NCWOA, Public Water Supply Section, State Laboratory of Public Health, and other sources. This newsletter may also contain information on new regulations, news from the Certification Board, and important need-to-know resource contacts.

## Check out our website!

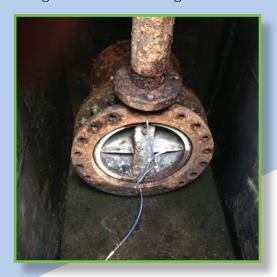
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If you would like to nominate an operator for a spotlight article please contact Heather Cagle at heather@ncwoa.com.

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The City of Asheville owns and operates a conventional treatment ozonation and GAC filter media facility rated for 7.5 MGD production. In service since 1999, Mills River is often thought of as a new state of the art facility. As we all know however, the decades have a habit of sneaking up on infrastructure. In 2015 staff identified the need to change filter media that had been in service for 16 years. Average filter run times had decreased by 20 hours over the last 2 years. Additionally, raw water losses were steadily increasing through original rubber seating in the inlet



channel drain valves of all three filters. City of Asheville worked with CDM engineers to establish a plan for filter media replacement without interrupting production.

The mounting raw water loss was identified as more urgent than the media replacement. Carotek was contracted to remove and replace the drain valve seats prior to the filter media work. The project was scheduled to begin in November 2016. The decision to wait until autumn allowed operations to commence at low flow rates during repairs without further reducing filter run time and adsorptive capacity. On a cool autumn day a man with a pressure cooker device, wires, gauges, and sharp metal objects approached our secure facility. Someone looked at him and sent him straight to my office. That's how I met Scott Oliver of Carotek.

Scott had a labor intensive job ahead of him as the remnants of the old valve seat were still held firmly in place with epoxy. The filter was placed into local control, and the inlet valve was manually shut. The drain valve actuator was removed from the valve stem to allow the butterfly valve to spin freely and to prevent pinching. The first round involved a lot of hours chiseling epoxy from the seat ring by hand.

On the second day the pressure pot was used to inject a consistent stream of new epoxy around a new valve seat. The job was now on operators to ensure that the device never lost pressure overnight via a compressed air system. After a brief curing period, the filter channel was disinfected and placed back online. Water losses instantly decreased by a third. There were a lot of smiles and high fives among senior staff that day because their valve seat theory was confirmed. The repair steps were repeated one filter at a time. When the project was complete in December 2016, the raw water losses disappeared. Distribution flow rates from the facility were similar from 2016 through 2017. However, during 2016 an additional 300 million gallons of raw water were pumped from the source than in 2017 following the repair.

Laughlin Sutton was awarded the contract to replace Asheville's filter media. S4 Water was hired



as a subcontractor. A land application site was found in Lenoir NC, and work began in May 2017. Since the filters are located in the rear of the building, 40 yards of piping attachments were assembled between a vacuum truck parked in front and the filter bed. The media from filter 1 was vacuumed. Some of the filter drains needed to be replaced and some of the concrete joints were resealed. Concrete was patched where a wood plank once sat for a ladder during the original construction. After inspection and approval from CDM the filter was filled with new media.

A liquid applied method was used for media installation. Bullet sand was applied first and allowed to sit overnight. Any craters in the sand surface the next day were noted as faulty effluent diffuser seals and were replaced. The granular activated carbon was applied on top. Disinfection of the channels and a backwash were performed before placing the filter back into service. Over the next

week filter run times increased to 96 hours. Installation steps were repeated for the remaining filters.

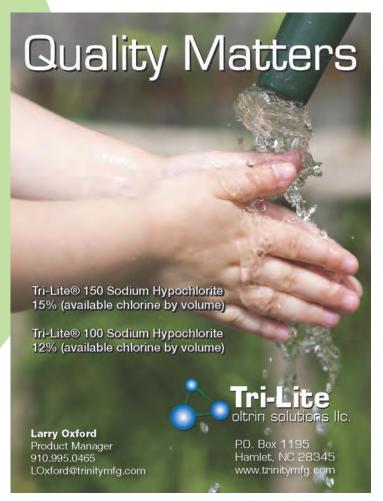
The filter upgrades at Mills River are doing well one year out. Filter run times are still high and raw water losses are all accounted. The success of the proj-



onstrates Asheville's commitment to deliver high quality water to its residents into the

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future. I am very thankful to the engineers and contractors who allowed our staff to observe, participate, and learn from the process.



## NCWOA Upcoming Workshops & Training Events with Proposed Agendas

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## **Small Systems Seminar**

Feb 28, 2019 in Washington and August 20, 2019 in Waynesville - 8am - 4pm

#### The morning session will consist of:

- Administration Records & Operators
- Rules & Regs
- Maintaining Viable Operations
- GW Rule Requirements
- SW Rule Requirements

### The afternoon session will consist of:

GW Treatment Options & Costs

- SW Treatment Options & Costs
- Distribution & Collection Systems Maintaining the System, Emergency Response & Mutual Aid, Emergency Repairs & Public Notification

Certificates for 6 Contact hours for all DRINKING WATER and WASTEWATER certifications

## Improving Efficiencies - System.Facilities.People

May 21, 2019 in Concord and Dec 10, 2019 in Raleigh - 8am - 4pm

#### The morning session will consist of:

#### Water Efficiencies

- Electrical
- Pumps & Motors
- Soft Starters

#### Water Loss

Metering

### Capacity Development

• Growth & Expansion issues

### The afternoon session will consist of:

Leadership/Supervision

- Motivation of the Workforce
- Generational Supervision issues

**HR Practices** 

Certificates for 6 Contact hours for all DRINKING WATER and WASTEWATER certifications

## Advanced Day 2019

April 10, 2019 in Hickory (Registration in Spring School Brochure - coming in January)

#### The morning sessions will include:

Regulatory Update on Source Water Protection

The Science Behind Emerging Contaminants

Treatment Techniques for Emerging Contaminants

#### The afternoon sessions will include:

Using Alert Sytems & Social Media to Communicate with our Customers

**Effective Communication** 

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## **Spring Certification School**

April 8-12, 2019 at the Hickory Metro Convention Center in Hickory

Information coming in January

## For more information and online registration, please visit our website at www.ncwoa.com

## NCWOA SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for entry is receipt at least 4 business days before a seminar. Space is limited - First Paid, First Accepted

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## **Western Sectional Training**

March 14, 2019 - Canton

Topics: Maintenance, Security & Valves

May 23, 2019 - Wilkesboro

Topics: Plant tour and plant upgrades

August 22, 2019 - South Mountain State Park (2 credit hours only)

Topics: System tour, AWOP requirements

October 24, 2019 - Lenoir

Topics: Plant tour, Actiflow, Plant upgrades

Please RSVP to Brendan Kelley at (828) 890-2835 or BKelley@ashevillenc.gov

## **North Piedmont Sectional Training**

March 7, 2019 - PTRWA (Randleman) - sponsored by Univar

Topics: Membrane operations, SCADA & CIP Controls, Hands-on membrane removal & backwashing

June 13, 2019 - Lexington WTP - sponsored by PolyTech Inc.

Topics: Plant tour, Chloramines, Lab Procedures & Jar Testing, Lime/Carbon Slurry

August 15, 2019 - OWASA (Carrboro) - sponsored by Trinity Inc.

Topics: TOC vs THM, Emerging contaminants, Plant tour, Distribution

Please RSVP to Melanie Clark at (336) 627-1009 ext 101 or mclark@edennc.us

## South Piedmont Sectional Training

March 21, 2019 - Lee Dukes WTP (Charlotte North Mecklenburg WTP)

Topics: Security - Physical & Cyber

June 27, 2019 - Iredell Water Corp. (Statesville)

Topics: Distribution maintenance & Safe handling of chemicals

August 29, 2019 - Kannapolis

Topics: Handling of process wastes & Distribution - flushing

Please RSVP to Tena Mullis at (704) 920-5163 or mullistm@concordnc.gov

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## **Northeast Sectional Training**

February 21, 2019 - Dare County

Topics: Treatment Systems, Membrane Filtration (RO), corrosion control, plant tour

May 2, 2019 - Currituck County

Topics: Distribution inspections/maintenance, Lead & copper, Cyber & physical data recording & integrity

August 19, 2019 - Greenville Utilities Commission

Topics: Filter Assessment, Plant operations, Troubleshooting wellhouses, Distribution regs, Disinfection & DBP

October 15, 2019 - Winterville

Topics: Disaster preparedness, Certification Board rules & regs, Flushing

Please RSVP to Yama Jones at (252) 232-6061 or <a href="mailto:Yama.jones@currituckcountync.gov">Yama.jones@currituckcountync.gov</a>

## Southeast Sectional Training

February 14, 2019 - Sweeney WTP (Wilmington)

Topics: Plant tour, Membrane treatment, Disaster preparation, Flushing

April 30, 2019 - Benton WTP (Raleigh)

Topics: Plant tour, SCADA & Security, Lab procedures, Use of state websites for Data Entry

July 18, 2019 - Sanford

Topics: Plant optimization for TOC removal, Plant operations, Security, Inline instrumentation

October 18, 2019 - PWC (Fayetteville) (2 credit hours only)

Topics: Plant tour, Distribution inpsections

Please RSVP to Robin Miller at robin.miller@faypwc.com

## If you are interested in hosting or sponsoring a sectional training meeting please contact:

Heather Cagle at (252) 764-2094 ext. 1 or heather@ncwoa.com

## Reminder....

NCWOA renewals were mailed mid-November.

Remember, membership includes **FREE** sectional training, discounts on schools & dual training classes, etc...

If corrections are needed, please correct
ON THE RENEWAL FORM and send it in
with renewal fees

# Interested in Specialized Training?

## NCWOA will bring the training to you!

Training specifically designed on subjects you request

6.0 hours of continuing education

Dual credit if requested

Great economical way to provide your operators with knowledge and expertise!



If interested please contact Mike Richardson or Don Price at (252) 764-2094 or mike@ncwoa.com or don@ncwoa.com.

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## Interested in sponsorship? Multiple Opportunities Available

Please contact:

Allen Daniels, Public Image Committee (252) 230-8424 Email: allen@waterguardinc.com Heather Cagle, NCWOA Administrator (252) 764-2094 ext. 1 Email: heather@ncwoa.com

## Additional NCWOA Sponsored Training

Bacteriological Methods Workshop Feb 5-7, 2019 July 23-25, 2019 November 6-8, 2018 Contact Michelle Rufus, (919) 807-8751 Process Control Workshop

Process Control Workshop March 5–8, 2019 August 13–16, 2019 Contact Michelle Rufus, (919) 807–8751

Math Review Contact JD Monroe, (910) 947-5784 NCWOA Fall School
Sept. 23-27, 2019 in Raleigh
A, B, & C Surface
A, B, & C Well
Advanced Day, Sept. 25, 2019
Brochures coming in July

## North Carolina Waterworks Operators Association **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide knowledge, skills & educational opportunities for drinking water professionals; develop working relationships with other water treatment organizations; project a positive image and communicate the importance of safe drinking water.



## Membership Application ANNUAL DUES ARE \$40.00 FOR 2019

First Name:		Middle Initial: _	Last Name	:		
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**Distribution Officer** 

Jeremy Godfrey

### **2018-2019 Committees**

### **Finance Committee**

Board Director: Julius Patrick

James Merritt (Chair) Leslie Carreiro Julius Patrick Sam Molinas Ken Loflin Jeff Isley

## Professional Development Committees

Board Director: Ken Loflin

### <u>Seminars</u>

Sam Molinas (Chair)
Jeremy Godfrey
Jeff Isley
Leslie Carreiro
Don Price
Steve Pope
Tena Mullis
Yama Jones
Lowell Graves
Del Coffman
Jeremy Godfrey
Julius Patrick
Pam Gibbons
Allen Daniels
Dail Booth

James Merritt

Carl Scharfe

### **Annual Schools**

Sandra Bradshaw (Co-Chair) Mark Hahn (Co-Chair) Lee Kiser Del Coffman Garrett Gilbert

Lab Analyst

Chris Goforth (Co-Chair) Bernadine Wardlaw (Co-Chair) Chad Flannagan(Co-Chair) Jeff Isley

Amy Watters
Dustin Guyer
Erik Ruff
Patricia Quinichett
Steve Beale
Flizabeth Meyer

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### **Board of Examiners**

Pat Irwin (Chair) Ricky Langley Rani Holland Jeff Carlisle Julius Patrick Chris Smith Jay Van Hoose Dail Booth Yama Jones Patty Hall Mark Hahn Janet Mills

## **Public Image Committees**

Board Director: Allen Daniels

### Member Services

Pam Gibbons
Bessy Farmer
Chad Flannagan
Jeff Isley
Julius Patrick
Tena Mullis
Steve Pope
Del Coffman
Jeremy Godfrey
Sam Molinas
Ken Loflin
Lowell Graves
Yama Jones

### Operator of the Year Award

Julius Patrick (Chair) PWS Representative - Joey White Chris Smith

## **Leadership Committees**Board Director: Sam Molinas

### <u>Nominating</u>

Chris Smith (Chair) Tena Mullis Yama Jones Steve Pope Lowell Graves Del Coffman

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## **Important Phone Numbers & Websites**

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Jessica Godreau, PWS Section Chief	919-707-9078	
Linda Raynor, Compliance Services Branch	919-707-9095	
Robert Midgette, Operation Branch	919-707-9088	
Jay Frick, PWS – Protection & Enforcement Branch	919-707-9102	
Bethany Goodwin, PWS – Consumer Confidence Reports	919-707-9079	
Public Water Supply Offices:		www.deh.enr.state.nc.us/pws
Central Office	919-707-9100	
Asheville	828-296-4500	
Mooresville	704-663-1699	
Winston-Salem	336-776-9800	
Raleigh	919-791-4200	
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Wilmington	910-796-7215	
NC State Laboratory of Public Health	919-733-7308	
SDWA Hotline	800-426-4791	
EPA SDWA Website		www.epa.gov/safewater
EPA Microbial & DBP Data from Drinking Water Systems Website		www.epa.gov/enviro/html/icr
NC Waterworks Operators Association (NCWOA)	252-764-2094	www.ncwoa.com email: heather@ncwoa.com
NC Rural Water Association	336-731-6963	www.ncrwa.com
NC AWWA-WEA	919-784-9030	www.ncsafewater.org