**2017 Joint PWEA/PA-AWWA/ PMAA**

**Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Summit:**

***Building Partnerships for Clean Water***

**November 13-14, 2017**

**Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel ~ State College, PA**

**Instructions for Submitting an Abstract**

Sustainable management of stormwater continues to be a challenge for municipalities and water authorities in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Water Environment Association (PWEA), the Pennsylvania Section of the American Water Works Association (PA-AWWA), and the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA) recognize the important role of cooperation in today’s regulatory and economic environment to **meet water quality goals *better, cheaper, and* *faster*** and are soliciting abstracts to share your successes. To reach our target audience for the Summit, **abstracts are being requested by** **May 19, 2017** in the following categories:

* ***Better***
	+ Green Infrastructure to Meet the Triple Bottom Line and its O & M
	+ The Potential Impacts of Today’s Changing Political Climate on Clean Water
	+ Storm Frequency, Intensity, and Better Management of Cloudbursts
	+ Where does Agriculture Fit in to MS4 Planning and the TMDL end game?
	+ Rainwater Harvesting for Municipal, Commercial, and Agricultural Applications
	+ The Evolving Role of Nonprofits and Community Groups as Partners as Federal Support for the Environment Shifts
* ***Cheaper***
	+ Creative Funding and Financing – To Fee or Not to Fee?
	+ Collaboration and Cooperation for MS4 Public Education
	+ Sharing Resources for Watershed Planning and Water Quality BMPs
	+ What Can Small Towns do to Meet Demands?
* ***Faster***
	+ PRP Implementation, including the Cost/Benefit and Feasibility of BMPs
	+ Tech Tools for Modeling and Asset Management (GIS, AutoCASE, WinSLAMM, etc.)

There is no limit to the number of abstracts that may be submitted by an individual, company, organization, or institution. However, in order to provide a valuable educational experience for attendees, which are expected to include administrative staff and stormwater managers from municipalities and authorities, as well as other stormwater professionals) the Program Committee will work to limit the number of presentations by a single company or organization. Membership in any of the sponsoring organizations is not a requirement to present.

Speakers are responsible for all of their own transportation, lodging and travel related expenses. Complimentary registration will be offered to one presenter for each session.

Remember to submit the speaker bio and abstract along with the Abstract Submittal Form. Abstracts should be a maximum of 200 words. Up to three additional pages of supporting tables and graphics may be included. Abstracts that fail to meet the minimum requirements will be given consideration after other submissions. Abstracts must clearly define the objectives, status, methodology, findings, and significance of the investigation, study, or topic.

**Abstracts will be accepted only by email and in WORD format. Send completed abstract submission to:** **abstracts@pwea.org****. Submission deadline is *May 19, 2017*.** The Primary Presenter indicated on the Abstract Submittal Form will be notified of acceptance or rejection by ***June 23, 2017.***

**If your submission is selected, you must send an electronic file of the presentation to** **abstracts@pwea.org** **no later than *October 27, 2017.***

**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:**

1. Significance, Relevance, and Transferability: Define the ideas, concepts or lessons learned that are transferable and usable at other facilities, communities, and situations. Actual benefits and applications should be reported and quantified wherever possible. Describe time saved or how effectiveness was increased. Is system management or operations more efficient or effective? What groups can benefit from your idea or concept most?
2. Originality and Creativity: The topic should present breakthrough ideas and methods, new concepts, novel applications of concepts, original ideas, new twists, hot topics, or application of fundamental techniques to today’s problems.
3. Audience Range: Define your target audience for your presentation. Who will gain the most from the concepts and experience you are presenting?
4. Technical Content: The objectives and scope of the project should be stated. The conditions under which the data were obtained and the general procedures/methodology used should be presented. The abstract should address the consequences of the issue or project presented. The consequences, both intended and unintended, could include environmental, economic, and social impacts.
5. Quality of Abstract: Authors should prepare clear, concise abstracts that follow the requirements. The quality and content of the abstract are considered indicative of the final technical presentation.
6. Real Life Experience: The abstract should establish that the project or case study is well-developed and should present data or results to support the hypothesis or principle being demonstrated. Data should have been subjected, at a minimum, to preliminary analysis. Abstracts showing concrete results with practical applications are more likely to be accepted.

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**A completed copy of this form must be the title page of your submission.**

**All requested information is required to be submitted in Word format.**

**Email to:** **abstracts@pwea.org**

Title of Presentation:

Total Length of Presentation (in minutes): 30

Name of Speaker:

Speaker’s Organization:

Mailing Address:

City/State/Zip Code:

Phone: Email Address:

Any Co-authors (if different from Speaker):

Co-Author’s Organization:

**Summarize your presentation in 50 words or less.**

*Should your presentation be selected, this description will be published in the Registration Brochure.*

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Speaker’s Bio: **Must be included as an attachment**.

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Highlight / Abstract (200 words or less)

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Summary: