

Keynote Presentation

Monday, June 19th, 7:30-8:30am

“Engineering Like an Actor”

Tom Kunetz weaves the story of how he came to combine the disparate fields of environmental engineering and theater which lead him to excel in both fields, becoming a high-ranking engineer at one of the largest wastewater utilities in the U.S., and a distinguished comic actor, director, playwright, and teacher at the famed Second City Theater in Chicago. With a presentation that is highly engaging, Tom will demonstrate using audience participation how he teaches professionals to improve their communication skills and unlock their creativity using concepts from the theater world. The presentation will be energetic, funny, and inspiring, a perfect way to springboard participants into the PennTec experience.



Tom Kunetz is Past President of the Water Environment Federation, a WEF Fellow, a member of the Board of Directors of the Water Research Foundation, and Assistant Director of Engineering at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, retired. Tom is also an accomplished actor, comedian, playwright, and director, and served on the faculty of the Second City Training Center comedy school in Chicago for 20 years. He is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including the Charles Walter Nichols Award for Environmental Excellence from the American Public Works Association, and the Ralph Fuhrman Medal from the Water Environment Federation. Tom is a native of Hershey, Pennsylvania, a graduate of Penn State and Villanova Universities, and a former member of the Water Pollution Control Association of Pennsylvania. Now with Mosley I Kunetz Workshops, he travels the country presenting workshops to professionals teaching leadership skills, high-value communication, and creating a culture of innovation.

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