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## JOIN THE NEXT CLASS OF WATER LEADERS

As always, NYWEA encourages its members to apply to this program. But, **starting this year, NYWEA will be able to offer a \$2,000 stipend to one (1) operator whose application to the WEF WLI is accepted.**

Criteria for the stipend are being developed now. We're hoping that knowing the stipend is available might encourage more operators to apply to the program.

This opportunity is brought to you by NYWEA's Michelle Koester Operator Scholarship fund.

**DON'T DELAY!  
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 1/17/24**

[Attention Exam-Approved Candidates](#)  
**PSI Online Scheduling Update**

Directions for scheduling exam appointments using PSI's new scheduling platform are posted on the NYWEA website on the Certification page (click [HERE](#)

Here is the new web address for NY wastewater scheduling through PSI:

<https://test-takers.psiexams.com/abc-ny>

PSI tells us that they have emailed every eligible, unscheduled candidate with details how to set up a new website account and schedule their exam. Please check your junk mail if you have not received it. Appointments scheduled before the website change remain in place. However, if you need to reschedule an appointment or schedule a future exam, you must create an account on the new system.

### **Accommodations Procedure Also Changed**

PSI has also changed its procedure for scheduling exams for candidates in need of accommodations. NYWEA is in the process of working with PSI to more clearly define the new process. Instructions for arranging an exam with accommodations will be updated as soon as this possible.

If you have any PSI scheduling questions or issues, contact Operator Certification Administrator Carolyn Steinhauer at 315-422-7811 or [Carolyn@nywea.org](mailto:Carolyn@nywea.org)

## **NYWEA's 96th Annual Meeting February 5 - 7, 2024, NYC Marriott Marquis**

Make plans to join wastewater colleagues from throughout the State at NYWEA's 96th Annual Meeting at the NYC Marriott Marquis February 5 - 7, 2024. Contact hour designations are still in development but click [here](#) for a Program preview.

Click [here](#) to register. Note: Rates will increase on January 19, 2024. We hope you can join us! New this year! There will be an Operators lounge in the exhibit hall where you can get together, have a seat, chat, and enjoy some amenities.

### **Utility Member Discount**

If you work for a NYWEA Utility Member ([see list here](#)) you are eligible to receive a daily registration discount. Click below for more information.

### **[Utility Pass Information](#)**

### **Laboratory Proficiency Exam Available at Annual Meeting**

The Laboratory Proficiency exam will be available at the Annual Meeting for both Conference attendees and area residents. The fifty-question exam will be administered Monday, February 5 at 2:30 pm. A passing grade of 70% on this exam satisfies the Basic Laboratory Course requirement. The exam fee is \$20.

You must register in advance. To sign up, contact Operator Certification Administrator Carolyn Steinhauer at 315-422-7811, x 4 or [Carolyn@nywea.org](mailto:Carolyn@nywea.org)

## Wastewater Operator Governance Council Seeks Small POTW Representative

The Wastewater Operator Governance Council is seeking a certified operator to serve as the Small POTW (< 5.0 MGD) representative starting in April 2024. The Council provides oversight for the Wastewater Operator Certification Program. Member terms are for three (3) years. The members of the Council meet five times a year (three virtual meetings and two in-person meetings during NYWEA's Annual and Spring conferences). NYWEA membership is required. Interested candidates should forward a letter of interest and resume to NYWEA Executive Director Khris Dodson at [Khris@nywea.org](mailto:Khris@nywea.org) by January 15, 2024.

## Free Automatic Sampler and Flow Meter Packages Available from WEF

Attention rural, small, territorial and tribal utilities, apply to receive a free automatic sampler and flow meter package from WEF. The application deadline is January 31, 2024.

[More Information](#)

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