



# Thru the Barscreen

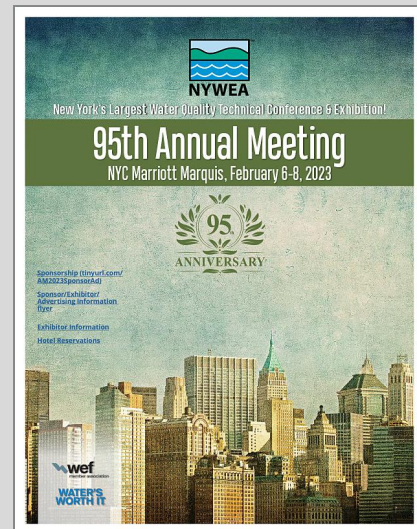
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## Come Join Us for NYWEA's 95th Annual Meeting February 6-8, 2023

Mark your calendar and join colleagues from throughout the State as we reunite in person at the NYC Marriot Marquis, February 6-8, 2023. Opportunities for RTCs and ATCs will be available including the increasingly popular Operator's Forum. Click [here](#) for more information and [click here](#) to register.



### 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 Discount Pass Information](#)

Also remember, winners of the **Lucy Grassano Scholarship** receive full registration and a travel stipend to attend. Keep reading for more information!

**Lucy Grassano Scholarship**  
**Deadline January 6, 2023**

Are you looking for an opportunity to network, earn renewal contact hours and learn cutting edge information about the future of the water resource recovery field? Then apply for a 2023 Lucy Grassano Operator Scholarship!

Winners will receive full registration and a travel stipend to attend NYWEA's 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting February 6 – 8, 2023 at the NYC Marriott Marquis in Times Square. Winners also receive full registration and a travel stipend for the June 6 – 9, 2023 Joint NYWEA/NEWEA Spring Technical Conference and Exhibition in Saratoga Springs. At both Conferences, networking opportunities abound, and you'll be formally recognized as a Scholarship winner.

Applicants:

1. Must be a certified wastewater or voluntary collections operator and work day-to-day in a wastewater treatment or collections facility.
2. Must never have attended a prior NYWEA Annual Meeting.

To apply, applicants complete a brief online application and submit a brief essay (500 words) describing how the receipt of the scholarship will further their career. **Applications and essays are due January 6.** [Click here to apply.](#)

If you have questions about the Lucy Grassano Scholarship or how to apply, contact NYWEA Operator Certification Administrator Carolyn Steinhauer at 315-422-7811, x 4 or [Carolyn@nywea.org](mailto:Carolyn@nywea.org).

## Congratulations to Newly Certified Operators

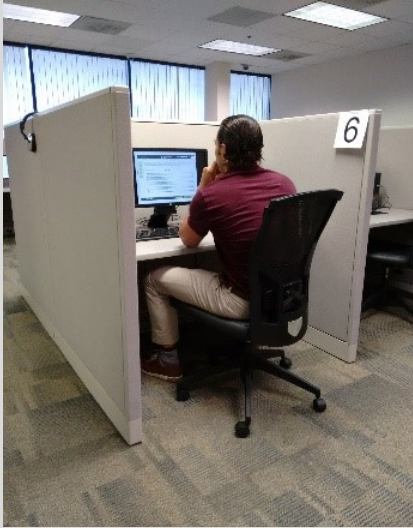
These Operators passed their grade-level exams in November.

Michael Cosens - 2A  
Daniel Fassett - 2  
Damian Garrigan - 1  
Kevin Kwiatkowski - 3A  
Jeremy Lysek - 2  
Heriberto Montalvo - 4A  
Nathan Morris - 4A  
Ryan New - 4A  
Lyteshia Price - 2A  
Robert Pulsifer - 2A  
Blake Searle - 2A  
Kyle Steele - 2A  
Brandon Tyo - 2A

Look to receive December results in the next edition of *Thru the Barscreen*.

## Certification Exam Fee Increase,

## Score Report Assistance



**Fee Increase:** The State's computer-based exam provider, AMP/PSI, has increased the fee it charges for the State's Wastewater Certification Exams. The new fee is **\$112** per exam. This testing center fee is separate from and in addition to NYWEA's certification exam application fee (\$150). Please make a note of it!

**Score Reports at Testing Site** Exam candidates are supposed to receive their score report from the test center's staff immediately following the exam. If you don't receive your score report, please contact Operator Certification Administrator Carolyn Steinhauer at 315-422-7811, x 4. She can usually access score reports the next business day.

## Board Names Robinson Operator Representative

Following review of endorsements from the Utility O&M and Wastewater Collection Systems Committees, the NYWEA Board of Directors has named HDR, Inc. Senior Operations Specialist **Howard Robinson** as the Board's new Operator Representative. This important volunteer position serves on the Board of Directors and the Wastewater Operator Certification Governance Council, and reports on activities including operator training, the Operations Challenge, and recognition of awards for deserving operators.

A retiree of the NYC DEP, Mr. Robinson has more than 34 years of experience in wastewater operations, resource recovery, CSO, facilities management and construction. He also offers extensive experience in leadership and career development.

Howard will begin his new role on February 8, 2023. NYWEA thanks current Operator Representative Dale Grudier (Suffolk County DPW) for his service.

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