

IWQA Holds A Successful Annual Meeting

The Indiana Water Quality Association Annual Meeting was held at the Indianapolis Zoo on September 22nd, with IWQA members from across the State in attendance.

At the Annual Business Meeting, IWQA President Gino Lucchese announced that the IWQA Board of Directors had made plans for two IWQA conferences in 2016. One will be held in the spring and one in the fall. Sites have been selected for both meetings and once confirmed, information will be provided to the membership.



IWQA President Gino Lucchese and Kathleen Fultz of WQA

Kathleen Fultz, Regulatory and Government Affairs Coordinator for the Water Quality Association (WQA), presented an industry update. The main message for IWQA members from Kathleen was that it is important to have a strong State Association in place. Legislators and Government Administrators in many States are threatening our industry due to misinformation. A State organization needs to work on being proactive with State regulators and legislators, so that when an industry issue does come up, they know where to go for accurate information. It also helps if WQA can work with a State group where the problem arises.

The behind the scenes tour of the Indianapolis Zoo was very impressive and educational. This amazing system is able to handle the water treatment needs for dolphins to snakes. Also the water system is a part of the Zoo's commitment to energy and water use conservation. The IWQA Zoo Tour Guides both had over 25 years of experience in all facets of the operating systems of the Zoo. They shared many interesting stories about the things that have to happen behind the scenes to keep the Zoo operating, that the general public never sees.



IWQA Tour Group Number Two had Zoo Representative, Jeff Wines, conducting the behind the scenes tour of the Zoo's impressive water system.

Listed below are the IWQA Officers and Directors for 2016:

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