

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*This is an exciting time for the New Jersey Chapter of the American Water Resources Association (NJ-AWRA), and a great time for you to consider getting more involved! In the last year, for instance, our Stormwater Management Committee has been very active, producing a 2-part [Soil Health webinar series](#) and also hosting Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 Stormwater Management Seminars (both of which were sold out!). A list of upcoming events for 2016 is shown below. As you can see, NJ-AWRA is providing high quality networking and professional development opportunities relating to water resources.*



*Thomas Amidon, NJ-AWRA President*

*NJ-AWRA events happen because members provide leadership and organization. Please accept this open invitation for you to help us lead and engage with our expanding membership. Do you have an event idea, a great speaker, an innovative project to present, or interest in joining a standing committee? Join us for our [next section meeting](#) (which are always efficient and mostly by conference call) and offer your leadership to help improve the NJ-AWRA! Right now, we are specifically looking for leaders to help us organize a student scholarship, chair one of our awards committees, and also to organize the venue and speaker for our Annual Meeting in December. NJ-AWRA and its members need your help!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2016

### June 21 – Southern New Jersey Regional Event

5-7pm at Blue Monkey Tavern in Pennsauken, NJ ; \$15 member fee includes appetizers  
NJDEP Asst. Director Liz Semple will join us to discuss the Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grant Program. Her presentation will focus on specific projects that have been awarded grants as well as future grant opportunities.

July 29 - Excellence in Water Resources Protection and Planning Award nominations due!  
Nominations are being accepted for the seventh annual New Jersey Section of the American Water Resources Association (NJ-AWRA) "Excellence in Water Resources Protection and Planning Awards." The award(s) will be presented at the NJ-AWRA annual "Water New Year's Eve" banquet.

### September 15-16 – AWRA Mid-Atlantic Conference

MAC2016 will be held at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington, DE. The conference includes 2 days of technical sessions, networking opportunities, an exhibit hall, and 2 keynote speakers. NJ-AWRA is providing significant leadership for this conference, which is hosted by the DE-AWRA. Current NJ-AWRA Members get a discounted registration rate.

Friday September 30 – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Water New Year's Eve Banquet  
7-9pm, location TBA (it will be nice!)

Join us to celebrate the Water New Years and the 2016 Excellence in Water Resources Awardees!

December 1 – Annual Meeting Luncheon

12-2pm, location TBA. Networking luncheon with an excellent speaker!