

## Annual Conference

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As I'm writing this article we are just starting to dig out from the second large snowstorm of this short winter season. Although with all this snow on the ground, it is hard to imagine that spring will be here before you know it and once again our 32nd Annual NeRWA Conference will be at the New World in Columbus, March 22-24, 2010. This is my first year doing all the planning for the conference and there are more loose ends to tie up than I could ever imagine.

This year we believe that everyone will find something new and interesting at this year's Annual NeRWA Conference. Like always, the first day will be our general session with representatives from DHHS, USDA, and NDEQ. With that many acronyms on the schedule you know it will be a very informative day. The second and third day will be where we have several concurrent sessions going on. Some of the sessions will cover backflow repair and maintenance, running a good cross-connection program while other sessions will include pump maintenance and repair and fire hydrant maintenance to name a few. Some of our new sessions will cover pipe bursting and Horizontal Directional Boring. There should be a full agenda in this magazine of the entire 2010 Annual Conference so we encourage you to take a look.

If the classes are not the draw for you then maybe our prizes will be. Yes, this year NeRWA has several items to giveaway thanks in part to our many Associate Members. This year prizes include a 2010 Arctic Cat Four Wheeler, a Nintendo Wii gaming console, a craftsman tool set, and a flat screen TV just to name a few.

Along with some great prizes we will have some excellent entertainment. The Vocal Jazz Choir from Concordia University in Seward will be performing at our banquet this year.

Remember the deadline for early registration is fast approaching so don't let another year go by without making it a year to remember by attending the 32nd Annual NeRWA Conference in Columbus at the New World Inn, March 22-24. We'll see you there.