

Summary of Evaluations from the Fall Conference

We had a total of 44 evaluations turned in. These included attendees who were operators, managers, administrative, board members, lawn service reps, plumbers, engineers and clerks.

Generally speaking, this conference: (circle one or more)

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| a. Helped me professionally on how to do a task. | 20 |
| b. Helped me professionally by refreshing my memory. | 31 |
| c. Helped me professionally by providing needed information. | 32 |
| d. Was not interesting and/or wasted my time. | 0 |

Was there anything that pleased you about the conference, such as the facility or instructors?

- The instructors were very knowledgeable.
- Very good overall.
- All great!
- NeRWA staff.
- Nice place. Good dinner (Wed.). Had fun at trap shoot.
- Good variety of speakers – topics. I appreciate the vendor giveaways and door prizes.
- Once again, a great job. Food good. Good place to hold Conference.
- As always, the Conference was excellent.
- Everything was good. (2 gave this response.)
- The facility is very nice and the instructors were good.
- Both facility and instructors were great.
- The instructors are very well up on their topics and were very helpful.
- Nice place. Food was good.
- Facility is nice and conveniently located. Presenters were knowledgeable and personable.
- Good Conference. Nice group of sponsor exhibits.
- I liked the variety of speakers and topics.
- The facility. (2 gave this response.)
- Very comfortable, personable and professional. Meals very good.
- Good facilities, good event moderators.
- Very nice facility. NeRWA staff truly wants to help and are genuine.
- Everything okay!
- Good speakers.
- Facility is great. Having the Conference in Gering is a good location. The food, vendors, and door prizes were very good.
- Facility and services excellent. Power point vital but could be more effective with additional pix and graphics. Presenters' knowledge excellent – voice amplitude inadequate for some.
- Nice facility.
- Everything. (2 gave this response.)
- Good session topics.
- The information.

Was there anything that bothered you about the conference?

- No. (18 gave this response.)
- Vendors left early.
- 250 miles of travel.
- Some classes a little long. Rather take more short breaks. Also, felt like a little kid having my grades stamped, but understand why that is done. You can still attend and not pay any attention. People that want to be there are!
- Vendors seemed a little squeezed for space, as far as, aisle and movement space.
- Did not receive start times in pamphlet.
- The golf tourney needs to be on Tuesday morning while the trap shoot is going.
- Some speakers went too fast. Handouts would have helped to soak things in a little more.
- Power point screens were overloaded given the amount of verbal material being presented by most presenters.
- PA system in one room was too loud.
- Some sessions went overtime, some covered too much material in a short time – making it tough to ask questions or understand fine points.
- Volume of information an overload at times.
- Nothing.

What part of the conference did you like most, and why?

- Trench and Excavation – very informative.
- Roundtables.
- Randy's talk.
- Nice variety of information!
- The Conference is a great way for me to catch up on what's new, clarify and ask questions, and meet and greet.
- Avoiding Confined Space, Asset Management and Enhance Your Utility Image
- The one about Trench and Excavation.
- NE Water System Update and Trench Safety. It was informational to me.
- Choice of sessions.
- Liked that the different organizations and topics were defined in greater detail. Session on Enhancing Utility Image was good!
- Beer for social hour.
- The water conservation and safety lectures because they apply to everyone (not just municipalities).
- The session on Sidney Groundwater Study-USGS because the amount of material covered was not excessive for the time allowed.
- The credit hours because I needed the hours.
- Networking – meeting new members.
- Randy's presentation on Utility Image and GPS technology.
- Emergency Response scenario. Gave me some great ideas about how to handle.
- Safety items were very good. Also, lots of good ideas on how to organize and accomplish things with our water system. Info about disasters and training responders was interesting and good.
- GPS use and mapping – far less abstract than rules/regs.
- Trenching, Confined Spaces
- All speakers and the subject matter great.

- Abundance of information.
- Computer lab (Backflow reporting)
- Large screen to follow.
- All.
- Info. I did not have or forgot.
- Storm emergency response discussion.

Is there anything you would like to have included in the conference?

- Session on operational stuff, such as, repairing hydrants or replacing valves, etc.
- More NeRWA staff officials speaking and putting on classes.
- Maybe start earlier Tuesday. Quit earlier Wednesday.
- No. (4 gave this response.)
- Water sampling techniques and sampling sites.
- Some monitoring well supervisor specific classes.
- Another keg.
- Can't think of anything more.
- Basic information regarding water law (for those less familiar with the laws already).
More information on geology/hydrogeology of the state.
- Can't think of anything.
- Chlorination procedures.
- More on solving some specific water system problems – finding valves, mapping, troubleshooting, selecting proper replacements, etc.
- Is there a place for media coverage? This is not a small event.
- N/A.

Other comments:

- Enjoyed one-on-one conversations with staff and administration. Emergency Response Panel was long. SRF Funding could condense.
- Gave a 5+ to the following sessions: Avoiding Confined Space Hazards, Trench & Excavation Safety, Enhance Your Utility Image, and GIS Mapping.
- Thanks for traveling to Gering for Fall Conference. We don't get too many training sessions in this area.
- Thanks! Will be back!
- See you next year!