

# ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

**FISCAL YEAR 2019**

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# President's Report

**Robert Hopper III, PE**



The NCWRA steadfastly continued its mission to remove institutional silos through collaborative advancement by presenting innovators from NCDOT hydraulics, academia, and private ecological restoration live at luncheons and via webinars to share their research, ideas, and implementations towards water resource resilience. Membership and revenue grew enabling us to expand the diversity and geography of future programs and events. We progressed our Strategic Plan goals for effective outreach by updating our association management system and website. The new platform will provide more cost-effective automation and immersive functionality to allow our volunteers to continue to focus their time on program quality and initiatives and our members to more fluently join the water resources conversation.

Thank you to all the volunteer board members over the past several years who have kept the NCWRA at the forefront, with a finger on the pulse, of water resources in North Carolina through outstanding programs:

- Phil May and Corey Cavalier for years of making membership events fun and meaningful,
- Jason (Institutional Knowledge) Doll for well over a decade of service in just about every role,
- Marc Recktenwald for single-handedly representing the entire western half of the state, and
- Julie Coco for keeping the website current and NCWRA on track for the foreseeable future.

## 2019 Officers

President = Rob Hopper, CDM Smith

President-Elect = Daniel Wiebke, McAdams

Past President = Julie Coco, NCDEQ

Treasurer = Amy Crowley, Wood

Secretary = Jen Schmitz, Triangle J COG

Permanent Member = Nicole Wilkinson, NC WRRRI

## 2019 Board Members

Corey Cavalier, NCDOT

Marc Recktenwald, City of Charlotte

Phil May, Carolina Ecosystems, Inc.

Seth Barefoot, F. Bryan Brice, Jr

Matthew Hornack, ESP & Associates

Jason Doll, KCI

# Chapter Overview

## North Carolina

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This year, NCWRA continued our mission of providing a forum for water resource practitioners, students, and regulators to meet, discuss, and exchange ideas by organizing and sponsoring popular programs and events. The Officers and Board continue to review and reaffirm our Strategic Plan goals and seek to improve internal procedures and outreach materials. We sought ways to collaborate with outside professional and student organizations who shared our goals, found a way to offset our increasing operating costs, and nurtured our relationship with the Water Resources Research Institute. These achievements will launch the Chapter into FY20 with renewed momentum and refreshed perspectives.



# Programs Committee

## Forum Attendee Evaluation Results:

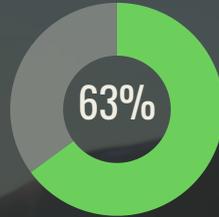
"How likely are you to use this forum information in the water resources work you do?"



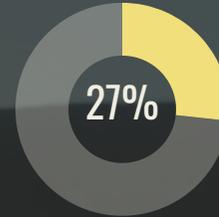
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### Luncheon Forums

September 24th - Dam Removal  
December 3rd - NCDOT Hydraulics  
February 4th - Floodplain Mapping



"I will very likely use this info!"



"I might use the info..."



"I'm not likely to use it."



192

### In-person attendees

McKimmon Center, Raleigh



49

### Remote registrations

Expand NCWRA reach and offer value beyond the Triangle region

The intent of the Programs Committee is to present educational material on a variety of water resources topics while providing a common forum in which to meet, discuss, and exchange ideas relating to multidisciplinary water resources challenges in North Carolina.

# Membership Committee

The Membership Committee strives to promote inclusion, diversity, and expansion of the membership base of the NCWRA Chapter. Social gatherings, mentoring opportunities, and other events are held for members as well as potential members, including professionals and students alike. Established as well as entry-level professionals interested in water resources in the Triangle region and beyond are encouraged to meet current NCWRA Board Members and learn more about involvement.

**102**  
Members  
Joined or Renewed  
in FY19



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Mentees were paired with water resources professionals at the annual WRRl conference



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Students and young professionals discussed water resources over retro arcade games

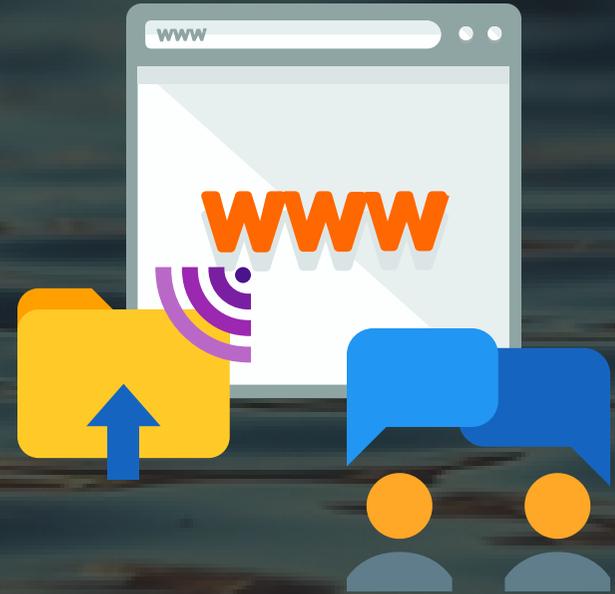


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Members and prospective members networked at local pub and brewery events

# Communication Committee

The initiatives of the Communication Committee aim to regularly inform members of any activities of the NCWRA Section and to furnish news, both personal and professional, of interest to the Section members using the website, social and mass media outlets, personal outreach, and other means of communication. The Committee was originally tasked with the creation of a new NCWRA website in 2009, and has resumed these duties in 2019 with the adoption of a new membership/association management software platform and accompanying website. The rollout of these new communication tools is slated for early FY20.

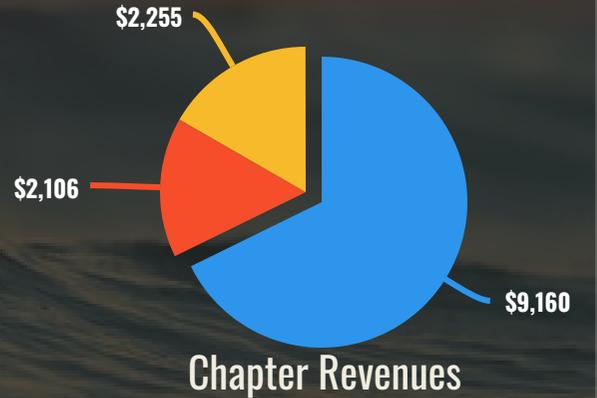


# Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer is committed to the responsible, transparent financial management and oversight of all Chapter expenses and income. Ultimately, the Treasurer ensures the solvency of the organization and the ability to effectively connect fiscal resources with the overall mission of NCWRA.



- Forums
- Awards/Prizes
- AWRA Expenses
- Socials
- Communications
- Financial Fees



- Forums
- Special Events
- Membership



\$500

in poster prizes awarded to students



\$2,333

in net income to reinvest into NCWRA



~5%

average annual increase in membership since 2015