

## **Rogers appointed to IAPMO management position**

The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO®) has hired Brian Rogers as Field Services Manager for Region 4, responsible for IAPMO's interests in the midwestern states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. A 20-year veteran of the trades, he has enjoyed a varied career, splitting his time as a superintendent, inspector, contractor and instructor. After completing his plumbing apprenticeship with Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 125 (Cedar Rapids, IA), Rogers worked for Omega Plumbing, then served as superintendent for Bowker Mechanical Contractors, working on large commercial, industrial, school and hospital projects. In 2000, he accepted a full-time plumbing instructor position at Local 125 JATC and held that position until 2007, returning to contracting as a service manager and project manager with AAA Mechanical Contractors and Pike Pro Inc., respectively. He holds a master license in plumbing, hydronics, refrigeration and HVAC, and is a certified medical-gas installer and backflow technician.



## **Yerkes appointed to NSF General Manager position**

NSF International has appointed Tina Yerkes, PhD, to General Manager of Filtration Products under its Global Water Division. She will help NSF International grow its testing, auditing and certification services for POU/POE drinking water treatment and filtration products. Dr. Yerkes has more than 20 years of experience in strategic business-unit operations with an emphasis on water quality issues, wetlands conservation and environmental education. She has held leadership positions at non-profit organizations, most recently served as Chief Operating Officer of The Stewardship Network and also spent more than 12 years in management roles at Ducks Unlimited, culminating in Director of Conservation Programs. She earned her doctoral degree in zoology with an emphasis on wetlands and waterfowl from the University of Manitoba, a



Master's Degree in ecology and chemistry from Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor's Degree in biology and psychology from the University of Maryland. She has also completed executive education programs at Harvard Business School.

## **Baliva named CWQA Program Manager**

CanadianWQA President Aaron Biffert announced Anne Baliva has joined CWQA as Program Manager reporting to the Board of Directors. She will assist in managing, coordinating, planning and providing support to the board and various committees. Baliva has over five years of association management experience, recently working at the Water Environment Association of Ontario. She recently received her Certified Association Executive designation from the Canadian Society of Association Executives. Baliva can be reached by email at a.baliva@cwqa.com.



## **Ellison named IDE regional director**

IDE Technologies announced its US expansion with a new office in Texas with Mark Ellison as a Regional Director of sales. He brings years of management and economic development experience in the water industry. Previously having served as Manager of Strategic Water Initiatives for Governor Rick Perry, Ellison is well-positioned to increase awareness and sales of IDE's water desalination and industrial water treatment solutions throughout Texas. He also previously served as Special Advisor for Economic Development at the Texas Water Development Board.

## **NGWA CEO named to federal committee; directors and officers for 2015 announced**

National Ground Water Association CEO Kevin McCray, CAE, has been appointed to the federal Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee, which is under the US Department of Commerce. The committee is charged with developing actionable recommendations



to improve the export competitiveness of environmental technologies. In addition to representing NGWA, McCray will represent the trade association segment of the nation's environmental technology sector. His appointment is effective immediately and runs through August 18, 2016. NGWA's 2015 national and divisional boards feature a number of new officers and directors. Heading the national board is Richard Thron, MGWC, of Mantyla Well Drilling Inc. An NGWA member for 30 years, he has served on the boards of both NGWA and the Minnesota Water Well Association as well as on numerous committees for both associations. Thron started working at Mantyla Well Drilling, his father's business, after completing a four-year stint in the US Air Force during the Vietnam War. Other new officers for the national board are: President-Elect Jeffrey W. Williams, MGWC, CVCLD, Spafford & Sons Water Wells; Secretary David Henrich, CWD/PI, CVCLD, Bergerson-Caswell Inc.; Treasurer Ronnie Hensley, Gicon Pumps and Equipment Ltd.; VP, Scientists and Engineers Division, Robert P. Schreiber, PE, BCEE, D.WRE, CDM Smith Inc.; VP, Contractors Division, Todd E. Hunter, CWD/PI, Ground Water Pump Systems; VP, Manufacturers Division, Paul Eberhardt, Western Rubber & Mfg.; VP Suppliers Division, Ron Brillhart, Johnston Supply Inc. and Past President Griffin Crosby Jr., CWD/PI, Crosby Well Drilling Inc. Three new national directors as well as new members of NGWA's Contractors Division Board include: Patrick Casarez, Patrick Water Well Pump Repair Service; Brian Snelten, PG, Layne Christensen and David Traut, MGWC, CVCLD, Mark J. Traut Wells Inc.

## **AWWA President-elect, VPs announced**

The American Water Works Association Board of Directors elected Jeanne Bennett-Bailey as the next President-elect and chose four new vice presidents and one new director-at-large. An AWWA member since 1990, Bennett-Bailey is the Public Affairs Officer for Fairfax (VA) Water. Currently Chair of the AWWA Public Affairs Council, she received the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2014. Bennett-Bailey begins her new role in June 2015 and will serve her one-year term beginning in June 2016. A graduate of George Mason University in Virginia, she holds many leadership positions within AWWA, including

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member of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, the Utility Quality Management Committee and the Diversity and Member Inclusion Committee. The four new VPs are Steve Dennis, who has served as Section Chair, as a member of the executive committee and governing board, and on various committees; Jon Eaton, Minnesota Section member for over 20 years and Superintendent of utilities

at the City of Eagan, MN; Martha Segal, notable at the Kentucky/Tennessee Section for founding and chairing the section's Diversity Committee and Assistant Director at Metro Water Services in Nashville, TN and Brian Steglitz, a Director at the Michigan Section and active on numerous committees at the association level. He received the Raymond J. Faust Award for Outstanding Personal Service the Water

Supply Field from the Section in 2013. Sally Mills-Wright was elected as Director-at-large. From the Texas Section, she is the Water Treatment Manager at the City of Arlington's Water Utilities Division. Mills-Wright has been particularly active in bringing veterans into the water profession as part of the AWWA Water Sector Veterans' Workforce Initiative.