The National Association of Water Companies

Where industry leaders convene.
The Board of Directors is comprised of the 20 top water industry executives from NAWC member companies. The board identifies focus areas for the association and sets its strategic direction.

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Robert F. Powelson is the president and chief executive officer of the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC). Prior to joining NAWC, he served as a Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioner. Before joining FERC, Powelson served at the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, where he led as Chairman from February 24, 2011-May 7, 2015. Powelson is past president of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, where he also was a member of the Board of Directors. He served as chairman of the NARUC Committee on Water and represented the Water Committee on NARUC’s Task Force on Climate Policy.
NAWC Standing Committees

NAWC provides opportunities for members to collaborate, share best practices, and take collective action on topics of interest. One way we accomplish this is through our board member-led standing committees, which include:

**CONTRACT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** Facilitates conversation and collaboration for NAWC members that provide water services through operating agreements, public-private partnerships, and related arrangements with municipalities and other entities.

*Chair:* Stephane Bouvier, Chief Executive Officer, INFRAMARK  
*Vice Chair:* Steve Meininger, SVP, Operations Management & Facilities Services, Jacobs

**CUSTOMER SATISFACTION COMMITTEE** Promotes robust customer-centric policies, programs, and best practices spearheaded by water companies.

*Chair:* Michael Luu, VP, Customer Service & Chief Information Officer, California Water Service  
*Vice Chair:* Douwe Busschops, Director, Customer Experience, SUEZ North America

**REGULATORY AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** Drives constructive regulatory and legislative outcomes to help NAWC members provide customers with safe and reliable service at a good value.

*Chair:* Aldie Warnock, SVP, External Affairs and Business Development, American Water  
*Vice Chair:* Dave Krale, Government Affairs Specialist, Aqua America

**SAFETY, SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE** Ensures NAWC effectively conveys the leadership and proven compliance record of water and wastewater companies as well as their exemplary performance in exceeding industry standards.

*Chair:* Andy Gere, President and Chief Operating Officer, San Jose Water Company  
*Vice Chair:* Donald Schumacher, Superintendent of Operations, Connecticut Water Company

**SMALL/MIDSIZE SYSTEMS COMMITTEE** Enables NAWC members with small service territories to share best practices, develop collaborative solutions, and create a unified voice to advocate for their interests and priorities.

*Chair:* Susan Suhanovsky, President, Torrington Water Company  
*Vice Chair:* Shockey Gillet, President, Peoples Water Service, Inc.
Who We Serve

The National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) represents water and wastewater companies, as well as ones engaging in partnerships with municipal utilities, providing safe and reliable water service to 73 million Americans every day. Our members range from small utilities serving a few hundred customers to large companies that own, operate, or partner with hundreds of utilities across multiple states.

What We Do

At NAWC, we:

- **ADVOCATE** for and with water companies at the national and state level to drive constructive regulatory and legislative outcomes
- **PROMOTE BEST PRACTICES** and facilitate collaboration among the industry
- **CONVENE EVENTS** that bring together company executives, regulators, consumer advocates, state legislators and other stakeholders to share their perspectives on critical issues and advance solutions
- **RAISE AWARENESS** of the role NAWC members play in solving the nation’s water infrastructure challenges

WATER COMPANIES BY THE NUMBERS

- **$2.7 BILLION**
  - Total investment made by the six largest water companies in water infrastructure every year
- **200 YEARS**
  - How long water companies have served U.S. cities and towns
- **73 MILLION**
  - The number of Americans served by water companies
- **100,000**
  - Miles of pipes maintained by water companies
- **4.6 BILLION**
  - Gallons of water produced by water companies every day

NAWC Chapters

Through NAWC’s state and regional chapters, our members tackle the issues affecting customers in their service areas and engage public utility commissions and local leaders to seek long-term solutions for regional water challenges. Current NAWC chapters include California, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, New England, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Southeast. NAWC will be announcing new chapters in 2019.
How to Get Involved

For more information on NAWC membership, initiatives or events, please contact membership@nawc.com.