

2017-2018 Board Nominations

President:

Nikita Lingenfelter

Engineer, NDEP

Nikita is an enthusiastic member of the NWEA board. She has been working for the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection for almost 10 years. She started working for the Bureau of Air Pollution Control - Carson City Office in 2016. She transferred to the Bureau of Water Pollution Control - Las Vegas Office in 2014. She has a wonderful husband, two beautiful daughters, and a super sweet schnoodle named Oreo. In her free time, she likes to travel, read, and eat chocolate covered strawberries.

President Elect:

Brett Warne

Wastewater Operator, TMWRF

Brett has been an operator for the last 11 years in Nevada. His career began by working for Twisted Metal Works as a mechanic and fabricator for the race team. In 2002, Brett returned to UNR to study civil engineering, late in his junior year he took a job with a developer as a project manager. Among the many different projects that were booming at that time, the construction of the wastewater treatment plant was one of them. This is where he found his propensity for operating, it is second nature. Over the years, Brett has obtained his Grade III and now is an Operator III / Acting Crew supervisor for TMWRF. Among the many benefits that being an operator has to offer, helping to take care of the environment and the importance of water reclamation as a resource is one of the most fulfilling for him. "It's one of the Greenest jobs you can have". Brett is only getting started and plans to have a long career in water and water reclamation.

Past President:

E. Terri Svetich, P.E.

Project Manager, Stantec

Terri has been involved in NWEA for many years in various capacities, most recently as President. NWEA and WEF has been a real resource to her and she hope to give back and ensure the organization continues to benefit other professionals. Terri is currently working for Stantec Engineering involved in a variety of water related projects. Prior working at Stantec, Terri had 30 years of experience related to stormwater, wastewater and effluent applications working for the City of Reno and Washoe County.

While at the City of Reno, Terri was the Engineering Manager for the City of Reno Public Works Environmental Engineering Section. In that capacity, she oversees staff involved in wastewater treatment, industrial pre-treatment program, flood and drainage, stormwater quality, and effluent reuse. She has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from California State University Chico and is a registered engineer in Nevada and California.

Secretary:

Charlie Lee, P.E.
Engineer, CCWRD

Charlie first became involved in NWEA as a wastewater and stormwater regulator for NDEP in Carson City. He has since moved back to Las Vegas, where he was born and raised. Charlie holds a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from UNLV. Charlie worked in construction management overseas after graduating from college.

Treasurer:

Keli Callahan, P.E.

Project Manager, Associate Vice President, Carollo Engineers, Inc.

Keli has been a WEF/NWEA member since 2005 and has held various leadership and committee roles in NWEA, including 2015-2016 President. She is a 2013 graduate of WEF's Water Leadership Institute, and holds a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Fresno State, and a M.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from UNLV. Keli joined Carollo in 2001 and currently manages Carollo's Nevada Operations, with offices in Reno and Las Vegas. Keli enjoys spending free time with her husband, Jim, even if that means traveling with bowling balls!