Memorandum of Understanding

ARTICLE I: INTRODUCTION

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into between the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) and the Georgia Section of American Water Works Association (GAWWA) on this 7th day of November 2019. Its purpose is to form a common approach and a basis for establishing an efficient working relationship between the two parties.

GAWP is dedicated to exceptional professional education, dissemination of sound technical principles and scientific information, increased public understanding, and promotion of valid public laws and programs. GAWP’s chief purpose is to assist those who have an interest in water, wastewater and related topics in the State of Georgia.

GAWWA is a section of the American Water Works Association, an international nonprofit, scientific, and educational society dedicated to the improvement of drinking water quality and supply. GAWWA works to further the dissemination of information and the advancement of knowledge in the areas of design, construction, operation, and management of utilities rendering water service to the public. GAWWA promotes the further study, experimentation, research, and publication of the results thereof, in the areas of water distribution, water purification, conservation, development of water resources, and water utility management, together with the usual related activities of a scientific and educational society serving the public interest in the State of Georgia.

GAWWA and GAWP have had a longstanding relationship that the parties wish to continue to the benefit of their respective and mutual membership and to the benefit of Georgia drinking water and the water environment. Both parties recognize the need for communication and cooperation between the parties.

GAWP and GAWWA will work collaboratively in areas of mutual interest for the benefit of both parties and the fulfillment of their missions.

ARTICLE II. AGREEMENT

A. GAWP will:

1. Board Representation - Assign the GAWP President-Elect to serve as an Ex Officio voting member of the GAWWA Executive Committee.

2. Committees - Establish and maintain technical and administrative committees, as identified in GAWP Operation’s Manual; each of these committees shall be open for participation to all individual members of GAWWA in good standing with both GAWWA and GAWP.

3. Training - Coordinate training activities with GAWWA to avoid redundancy and scheduling conflicts in accordance with the Membership and Association Services Agreement.
4. Advocacy - Represent the interests of its affiliates in lobbying activities regionally and in Georgia.

5. Membership - Allow all GAWWA members, who are also GAWP members, to be eligible to compete for GAWP awards (as of November 2019 these awards include the following, if new awards are initiated during the 3 years period of the MOU, they will also be available to GAWWA members).

GAWP Awards include: Hugh A. Wyckoff, Nathan Meridith deJarnette, Elizabeth McEntire, Ira C. Kelley, Jack C. Dozier Emerging Leader, Golden Wrench, Alva T. Storey, Life Membership, President’s Award, Honorary Memberships, 5-S Society, Customer Service Award, Phil Karr Award (GWWC), Master Plan Spotlight and TopOps.

B. GAWWA will:

1. Board Representation - The Chair will serve on the GAWP Board of Directors and Executive Committee. The Vice-Chair, Senior Trustee, and AWWA Director will also serve on the GAWP Board as voting members. The number of representatives shall be equal to the number of GWEF representatives.

2. Committees - Make open all technical committees for participation to individual members of good standing of GAWP.

3. Training - Coordinate Section training activities with GAWP to avoid redundancy and scheduling conflicts in accordance with the Membership and Association Services Agreement.

4. Advocacy - Participate in government affairs activities in partnership with AWWA nationally and in Georgia. Additionally, GAWWA will coordinate with and participate on the GAWP Government Affairs Committee in order to further represent the interests of drinking water in legislative activities in Georgia on matters of mutual interest and concern.

5. Membership - Allow all GAWP members, who are also GAWWA members, to be eligible to compete for GAWWA awards (as of November 2019 these awards include the following, if new awards are initiated during the 3 years period of the MOU, they will also be available to GAWP members).

AWWA and GAWWA awards include (but are not limited to): Meter Madness, Pipe Tapping, Drinking Water Taste Test, George Warren Fuller, Wendell LaDue Safety, Operator’s Meritorious Service, Golden Hydrant Society, Heroism, William J. Greene, Jr., Membership, Kenneth J. Miller, Education, and Diversity.
C. GAWP and GAWWA will:

1. Execute a contract for member and association services to be known as the GAWP and GAWWA Annual Membership and Association Services Agreement.

2. Create a policy and procedures document(s) to contain sufficient detail to support and guide this MOU and all joint activities, as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE III. TERMS AND DURATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This MOU will become effective upon approval of the parties, and will exist as a living document. It will be formally reviewed annually and renewed/amended every three years, or more frequently if agreed by both parties. This MOU may be terminated at any time, upon mutual agreement of the parties or upon 120-day prior written notice by any party. This termination process shall be rendered moot should the Membership and Associations Services Agreement be terminated. Upon termination of the Membership and Associations Services Agreement the MOU shall also terminate.

Georgia Association of Water Professionals

By: [Signature] Executive Director Date: [Date]

Georgia Section of American Water Works Association

By: [Signature] Chair Date: [Date]