

Calendar of Events

June 22, 2025
- May 15, 2026

100th PWEA Anniversary and 97th PennTec Exhibits and Sponsorships
Hershey Lodge
325 University Drive
Hershey, PA 17033

A Century in the Making – Celebrate PWEA's 100th Anniversary!

In 2026, the Pennsylvania Water Environment Association marks a remarkable milestone—100 years of protecting and improving Pennsylvania's water resources. Since 1926, our members have been at the forefront of innovation, advocacy, and service, and now it's time to honor the people and projects that brought us here.

Join us for an unforgettable 100th Anniversary Celebration filled with history, inspiration, and connection. Enjoy a special evening of fine dining, commemorative presentations, historical exhibits, and the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and friends from across the state. This once-in-a-century event will be the perfect blend of reflection on our past and excitement for our future.

Through ten decades of innovation, advocacy, and education, PWEA has grown into a trusted resource for water quality expertise and leadership. This publication honors that legacy with a rich collection of photographs, stories, and historical highlights that reflect the progress of both our association and the broader water environment field.

We thank our members, partners, and supporters—past and present—who have helped shape PWEA's century-long journey. May this book serve as a tribute to your contributions and a source of inspiration for the next 100 years.

Exhibitor & Sponsorship Registration is NOW OPEN FOR 2026!

WELCOME

We invite you to join us as an Exhibitor and/or a Sponsor at the PWEA's 97th Annual Technical Conference & Exhibition (PennTec 2026), which will be held at the Hershey Lodge: 325 University Drive, Hershey, PA 17033. With an average yearly attendance of over 700 water quality professionals seeking the latest knowledge and technology available, PennTec 2025 would be a great way to get the word out about your products, equipment, and services!

Details regarding this year's exhibit space and sponsorship offerings can be found in the PennTec 2026 Exhibitor Prospectus.

Details regarding this year's registration can be found in the Registration Program. (Not available yet)

Prime booth locations within the Exhibit Hall will sell quickly, so don't delay!

No paper registrations will be taken this year. If you need assistance with event related questions, email ashleymohn@pwea.org.

Cancellation Policy: Booth cancellations received in writing on or before May 3rd will receive a full refund less a \$250 processing fee. Cancellations received after that date will not receive a refund. Please note, all credit card transactions will include a 3.5% "technology fee." The credit/debit card name and address information must EXACTLY

match what is on record with the financial institution issuing the card. Otherwise, the transaction will be declined. This is a security measure to prevent fraudulent activity. Credit card numbers are NOT stored by PWEA or the payment gateway vendor.

To be included in the Convention Program, purchase all exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities by May 1, 2025. The deadline for Exhibitor and Sponsorship registration is May 15, 2025, to be included in conference signage.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hershey Lodge for PennTec 2026. Reservations will be accepted beginning February 13 and must be made by May 15, 2026. Rooms may not be available after this date. The discounted room rate is as follows:

*\$269.00 per Room for Single/Double Occupancy (all rooms are non-smoking)
Overnight guests receive a complimentary ticket to the Hershey Gardens and the Hershey Story Museum. Also included at no charge for all overnight guests is the hotel's miniature golf course, the arcade, an outdoor pool, and Hershey's Water Works – a 30,000 square foot indoor pool complex and water park.*

Call Reservations at 1-855-729-3108 and mention PENNSYLVANIA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION to receive the discounted rate.

Online reservations can be made by going to the link provided on PWEA's website.

May 6, 2026
- May 8, 2026

2026 WEFMAX Sponsorship Opportunities

Welcome to WEFMAX in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on May 6-8, 2026!

Get ready to 'steel' yourself for an unforgettable experience—WEF is coming to Pittsburgh! Join your peers in the "burgh" of innovation, where water professionals will bridge ideas, iron out challenges, and streamline solutions together. Don't miss this chance to pump up your knowledge, flow with the experts, and connect with the industry in a city that knows how to make it work... and make it last.

WEFMAX Theme: Operator Engagement

What is WEFMAX?

WEFMAX is a regional annual meeting where national WEF member association leaders address current issues and exchange successes and strategies. Each year, WEF selects three Member Associations, who work with WEF to jointly sponsor a WEFMAX for their region.

WEF uses WEFMAX for direct input on the programs, support and educational opportunities members need. Over two days, WEF officers present updates and the host Members Associations provide presentations on their own programs.

Why WEFMAX and not WEFTEC?

WEFMAX's smaller footprint as a regional meeting opens up in depth discussion and solutions, at a direct level not possible in the larger convention setting. The dialogue at WEFMAX focuses on how the Member Associations work to serve their members.

Why support WEFMAX Pennsylvania?

WEFMAX Pennsylvania is jointly sponsored by WEF and PWEA. WEF's financial contribution does not cover the entire expense of hosting the meeting which means PWEA is financially responsible for all expenses not covered by WEF.

What's in it for my Company?

Support WEFMAX Pennsylvania and

Be an example for the industry: WEFMAX attendees are established and early-career leaders from across the US

Be part of the future: WEFMAX focuses on critical topics in the water environment

Be an influencer: WEFMAX Pennsylvania will be the only 2026 WEFMAX for eastern and central US WEF Member Associations

Be Pennsylvania proud: Show your commitment to PWEA's work and leadership in the water sector

January 28, 2026

PWEA YP Annual Philadelphia Holiday Party
McGillin's Olde Ale House
1310 Drury Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
05:00 PM - 08:00 PM EST

Join PWEA Young Professionals for Our Annual Philadelphia Holiday Party!

Celebrate the season with friends and colleagues at the PWEA Young Professionals Annual Philadelphia Holiday Party on January 28, 2026! Enjoy an evening of great food, drinks, and networking at Philadelphia's historic McGillin's Olde Ale House.

Date: January 28, 2026
Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Location:
McGillin's Olde Ale House,
1310 Drury Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Cost: \$31 per person

Sponsorship Opportunities
Support this festive event by becoming a sponsor!

Sponsorship costs \$300 and includes:

Two complimentary tickets to the event
Your logo displayed during the event's PowerPoint presentation
Your logo featured on the PWEA website
A shoutout in the PWEA magazine article covering the event

Registration is open until January 21, 2026.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to celebrate the holidays and connect with fellow professionals in the water environment field.

February 27, 2026

Call For Student Abstracts, Research Session

All Day Event
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TO: *Engineering and Science Faculty and Students*

FROM: *PWEA Research Committee
Holly T. Frederick, Ph.D., P.E, BCEE. – Committee Chair*

SUBJECT: *CALL FOR ABSTRACTS, RESEARCH SESSION*

The 2026 Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Water Environment Association (PWEA) will be held at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA on June 16-18, 2026. The Research Session on Tuesday, June 17, is devoted to undergraduate and graduate student research and design projects. Its intent is to provide a showcase for ongoing research activities in the fields of wastewater, water quality, and environmental management relevant to Pennsylvania and to showcase design projects that serve as the capstone projects for undergraduate students. Suggested topics include (but are not limited to): wastewater treatment, sludge/biosolids management, beneficial reuse, bioenergy production from wastewater, agricultural runoff, stormwater treatment, watershed management, groundwater remediation, and industrial wastewater treatment.

Abstract preparation: Students are encouraged to work with their faculty advisors to submit a short abstract, along with the identification information requested on the following page by February 27, 2026. Abstracts must be kept to 300 words and may include up to two figures or tables. Abstracts will be evaluated by the Research Committee on the basis of overall quality, technical content, originality, adherence to the guidelines, and relevance to issues related to water treatment, water quality, and environmental management in Pennsylvania. Student authors should identify if the project is research or design-based and can request consideration for a poster only, oral platform presentation only, or both presentation options. The student authors of all qualifying abstracts will be invited to present posters at the conference, and the authors of the top five abstracts will be invited to give oral presentations, with the option to also display a poster.

Research session & poster contest: At the conference, posters will be judged by faculty and practicing engineers, and outstanding posters will receive awards based on the quality of their presentations. The top three poster presenters will receive a Student Research Poster Award certificate and monetary prize. Oral presentations will have a first and second place award in both the research and design categories. These winners will receive a Student Research Platform Award certificate, monetary prize, and abstract publication in the Keystone Water Quality Manager. Conference registration and lunch are free for all student presenters.

Deadlines: The deadline for submission of abstracts is February 27, 2026. Students will be notified in March if their abstract is accepted, and information regarding preparation of poster and oral platform presentations will be forwarded at that time.

Formatting & submission instructions: Use the instructions and example template on the following page to format your abstract (a separate cover page is not required). Submit an electronic copy of the abstract (as a single Word document or pdf) to Dr. Holly Frederick (holly.frederick@wilkes.edu) by February 27, 2026.

Header: Bold and center the header, and indicate if the authors are presenting a Research (RESEARCH) or Design (DESIGN) project and wish to be considered for a poster presentation only (POSTER), oral presentation (PLATFORM), or either (POSTER/PLATFORM), followed by the words "ABSTRACT: PennTec 2026 Research Session".

Title: Bold and center the title and use the Chicago style for title capitalization (i.e., capitalize the first word of the title, the last word of the title, and all principal words (nouns, verbs, etc.), but not prepositions).

Authors: Provide a complete list of all authors by first and last names in a continuous, bolded line; identify the presenting student with an asterisk () superscript after their last name and all authors with numerical superscripts after their last names.*

Author titles and affiliations: For each author on a separate line, list their title and institution following the number provided in the superscript after their last name.

Email addresses: List the email addresses of the presenting student and faculty advisor (as a single line).

Example template:

RESEARCH/DESIGN-POSTER/PLATFORM: 2026 PennTec Conference Research Session

Title of Abstract

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Abstract: Abstracts are limited to 300 words and may also include up to two figures or tables. Please use Arial 11 point font, 1.15 spacing, 1" margins, left justification, with a single space between paragraphs. Figures and tables should be referred to by number (i.e., Figure 1, Table 1) within the abstract and be labeled with a fully descriptive title (note that figure captions should be placed beneath figures; whereas table titles should be placed above tables). The font used in figures and tables should match that of the body of the text, if possible. Figures should be reproducible in black and white without any loss in information (i.e., ensure that line/symbol colors have significant contrast in black and white and are easily distinguishable). Numerical values should be provided in metric units.