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Making a Splash



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What inspired you to begin volunteering with AWT?

During my first conference with AWT, I had the pleasure of meeting Pam Simmons, who introduced me to numerous members, including the remarkable Women of Water (WOW) community. From that moment on, I knew I wanted to be more involved with the Association of Water Technologies and work closely with the Women of Water. Over the years, I have developed a supportive network of colleagues who have continuously empowered my professional growth within the industry.

What has been the most fulfilling aspect of your volunteering experience?

Undoubtedly, it is the people! The annual AWT conference is the highlight of my year. Through volunteering, I have the privilege of engaging with individuals I genuinely enjoy, not just during the conference but throughout the year. By actively participating, I stay well-informed about industry advancements and the focus areas for upcoming conferences and training seminars. It brings immense satisfaction to know that together, we can foster continuous growth and expand our influence within the association.

How has volunteering enhanced your professional career?

Being part of AWT and actively volunteering has significantly broadened my professional network within the industry. Not only have I forged meaningful relationships, but I have also had the privilege of tapping into the wealth of knowledge shared generously by experienced professionals. AWT members truly exemplify a network of individuals who believe in collectively uplifting one another. Like rising tides, they elevate the entire industry.

Why would you encourage others to consider volunteering?

I wholeheartedly encourage others to embrace volunteering because this is an industry that will always give back to you more than you put into it. By giving back, you gain valuable insights into the latest industry trends and connect with like-minded professionals. It is an opportunity to contribute, learn, and grow alongside a community that shares your passion and dedication. You will never regret a moment of time you put into your volunteer efforts.

Could you share details about a current project you or your committee are involved in?

Presently, I am collaborating with Paule Genest, the Chair for Women of Water, organizing the upcoming WOW Reception at the 2023 AWT Conference. Women of Water holds immense significance for me and working closely with this group has showcased the incredible achievements we can accomplish together as a team. It is an honor to collaborate with such exceptional women!

How have you leveraged the expanded business connections you've established through volunteering?

My expanded network of connections has proven invaluable not only in my professional endeavors but also in my personal life. I have cultivated a circle of trusted individuals who have consistently inspired me to explore uncharted territories. Their knowledge and willingness to assist have been remarkable. Most recently, when contemplating a career change, it was my involvement with AWT that reaffirmed my passion for this industry and led me to where I am today. Volunteering has helped me discover a niche I am deeply passionate about, enabling me to continually learn and contribute to the field of industrial water treatment. ☺