

WHEREAS, the Northeast Section of the Ohio Water Environment Association (NESOWEA) is a section of the Ohio Water Environment Association (OWEA) which is a 501(c)(3) Organization and a Member Association (MA) of the Water Environment Federation (WEF); and

WHEREAS, NESOWEA relies upon accurate policies and procedures to help govern the organizations and maintain consistency in responses to questions, inquiries and practices; and

WHEREAS, Policies and Procedures (P&P) shall be considered living documents subject to revision based on experience and the changing environment of NESOWEA, OWEA and WEF and for which NESOWEA wishes they be maintained in an accurate and up to date manner.

WHEREAS, the NESOWEA holds its own training for the purpose of educating members in accordance with the OWEA mission statement; and

WHEREAS, NESOWEA charges fees for attendance to cover costs associated with each event and the organization. Affordable training is available through workshops at both the Section and State level to service a multitude of needs and budget, and that promotion of “outside organizations” has potential to discourage membership in the OWEA, which may be harmful to our organization; and

WHEREAS, NESOWEA seeks to work in harmony and partnership with other training providers and organizations for the common purpose of promoting knowledge of the water environment and fostering good will in our industry.

THEREFORE, NESOWEA has adopted the following policy:

POLICY

- I. While NESOWEA wishes to work in harmony with organizations that hold similar beliefs and practices, it is imperative that the NESOWEA EC acts in the best interests of the NESOWEA first and foremost. This is required as a symbol of loyalty and allegiance to the fiduciary needs of our organization.
- II. Unless otherwise unavoidable, no person shall knowingly schedule NESOWEA training events in conflict with other training providers. Similarly, no person shall promote outside training which conflicts with scheduled training provided by the NESOWEA or OWEA.
- III. As a general policy, NESOWEA shall not promote events or training sponsored by private individuals, companies, or laboratories. Requests for exception shall be presented to the Section President for consideration at an EC meeting and evaluated on a case by case basis.
- IV. NESOWEA encourages working with other organizations such as US EPA, Ohio EPA, municipal governments, and other organizations in a mutually advantageous partnership to co-sponsor events and workshops, provided that they receive prior approval by the NESOWEA EC, normally at least 90 days in advance of the event.