

About the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association (FSAWWA)

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The American Water Works Association (AWWA) is an international nonprofit scientific and educational society dedicated to the improvement of water quality and supply. Founded in 1881, AWWA is the largest organization of water supply professionals in the world. Membership includes 57,000 professionals and more than 4,700 utilities that supply water to roughly 180 million people in North America.

Florida Section AWWA

Founded in 1926, FSAWWA has an over 80-year track record in representing the water industry and professionals in Florida. Our **2,900 professionals** represent:

- The full spectrum of the water community: treatment plant operators and managers, scientists, environmentalists, manufacturers, academician, regulators, and others who hold genuine interest in water supply and public health.
- 90% of 146 Florida **water utilities**, generating revenues of about \$2.6 billion per year. Florida utilities employ 1,500 utility workers and supply 2.4 billion gallons of potable water per day to their customers.
- 44 consulting firms and hardware/services providers.

Our Mission

AWWA unites the full spectrum of the water community to protect public health and to provide safe and sufficient water for all. Through collective leadership, FSAWWA advances technology, education, science, management, and government policies.

Training and Certification

- More than 55 training and certification events each year related to the latest potable water supply, treatment, distribution, economics and financing issues (2,600 participants in 2007).
- Annual Fall Conference – Attracts an average of 2,000 water professionals each year.

2008 Initiatives

1. Focus on Florida statewide water supply
2. Conservation, both current and future
3. Green infrastructure for future regional supplies
4. Legislative grass roots initiative at the regions
5. Merging our strategic plan with our section finances to outline our five-year and 10-year vision
6. New training programs and Web-based training
7. Further development of section headquarters and staff