



# Ohio Section

American Water Works Association

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## TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE OHIO SECTION AWWA (OAWWA)

The Ohio Section AWWA (OAWWA) is proposing a 10% Section Assessment to be added to membership dues. This local funding will enable us to expand services and grow programs that directly benefit our members and the Ohio water industry.

Currently, Ohio is the largest AWWA Section without an assessment. Across AWWA, 29 of the 43 Sections—including neighboring states like Kentucky-Tennessee, Illinois, and Virginia—already have assessments in place.

### Why is it needed?

Current revenues sustain existing services but don't allow for growth or modernization. This assessment will allow us to:

- **Expand operator training and educational programs** to meet growing industry needs.
- **Develop leadership and mentorship initiatives** to support professional growth.
- **Increase scholarships** for Ohio students pursuing water-industry degrees.
- **Employ dedicated staff** to enhance services and deliver programs more effectively.

This proposal reflects our commitment to investing in the future of Ohio's water professionals. Your support ensures that our Section remains strong, innovative, and prepared to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

### How will this impact me?

- Individual Members: \$24 annually.
- Utility and Service Provider Memberships: Capped at \$229 annually.
- Student, Honorary, Retiree, and Life Members: **No assessment applied.**

### How can you vote?

For the Section Assessment to pass:

1. At least 25% of Ohio Section members must vote.
2. Of those voting, 2/3 must approve the measure.

Voting is now open and closes on May 1, 2025 at 5:00pm. Your vote is critical to meeting the 25% participation threshold, so please make your voice heard by completing the ballot below and emailing it to [info@oawwa.org](mailto:info@oawwa.org).

If you prefer to vote online, please [use this link to vote online](#).

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact **Luke Murry**, OH Section Chair, at [lmurry@gpdgroup.com](mailto:lmurry@gpdgroup.com) or **Emily Pierson**, Executive Director, at [epierson@oawwa.org](mailto:epierson@oawwa.org).

## OHIO SECTION AWWA – ASSESSMENT BALLOT 2025

The Ohio Section AWWA (OAWWA) is seeking your vote to approve a 10% Section Assessment to the current dues structure. Please cast your vote on the following question:

**Should the Ohio Section AWWA establish a Section Assessment at the tier rate of 10% for each respective membership category. (The assessment will not apply to the following member categories: Student, Honorary, Life, and Retired.)**

Yes       No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ballots must be received by 5:00pm on Thursday, May 1, 2025.**