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Agenda for the
New England Regional Officers Meeting
April 3, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

Location: Hilton Garden Inn – Garden AB
35 Major Taylor Blvd, Worcester, MA 01608

1. Introduction and Welcoming Remarks

2. Call to Order

3. Discussion Items:

A. **Enhanced Engagement Between NEWWA and the State Water Associations:** One of NEWWA's primary initiatives this year is enhanced engagement with the state water works associations, to identify ways to provide additional value to the relationship. As you are all aware, I have been working to arrange meetings with each state association board, to gain better insight of local issues, share details of our ongoing initiatives, and look for ways we can work more closely together. Some of the suggested methods for our collaboration are:

o **Improved Information Gathering:** NEWWA could be the aggregator of legislative and regulatory testimony by the state associations, the idea being that if a legislative issue arises in one New England state then it may likely come up in other states. NEWWA could create a page on our website where that information would be available for all associations to review. The key to this initiative would be state associations consistently providing a copy of their testimony or submissions to NEWWA. Would your association be interested in participating in this type of effort?

o **Updates on AWWA's Legislative and Regulatory Efforts**: NEWWA is considering creating a regular summary or bulletin of government affairs information from AWWA and other sources for the state associations. What types of information or updates in this area would be helpful to you in your work at the state level?

o **Enhanced Collaboration:** What are some other ways that NEWWA and the state associations can collaborate in providing services to our respective memberships? The New England Communication Collaborative is a good example of organizations

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working together to create a collective message but are there other areas such as programs, events, or outreach that would be helpful to the public drinking water industry?

B. **Unregulated Contaminants:** PFOS, PFOA and other unregulated contaminants have been the topic of discussion in many states over the last year-particularly in the areas of actual or anticipated litigation. What has been the impact of these in your state and what is being done or proposed on the legislative or regulatory front on these issues?

C. **Promoting Careers in Water**: We are all aware of the significant concerns regarding the impending "retirement boom" in the water industry. Estimates are that the water supply and sanitary services sector will experience a growing need for additional employees—a potential increase of up to 45 percent in the coming years—due to retirements, new regulations, growth in infrastructure, security challenges, and customer demands. Is your association working on ways to promote careers in water? Are there ways we can work together address this important challenge?