

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

# MI-AWWA Young Professionals Summit

March 9–10, 2027 · Lansing, Michigan

The YP Summit is built by young professionals, for young professionals, a one-day hands-on learning, industry exposure, and real connection for emerging leaders across Michigan's water sector. If you have a topic you're genuinely passionate about, something that would help someone else at your stage of career, we want to hear from you.

## Who should submit

If you're a young professional (35 or younger) in Michigan's water sector with insight to share, submit an abstract. First-time speaker? Even better, this audience is eager for your perspective.

## What we're looking for

- **Technical knowledge & innovation:** operations, emerging technologies, asset management, water quality, PFAS, cybersecurity, data analytics, and infrastructure projects.
- **Career development:** career pathways, certifications, networking, and professional growth in water.
- **Leadership & communication:** leadership, public speaking, team development, project management, and building credibility.
- **Lessons learned:** project wins, setbacks, field lessons, unexpected challenges, and growth through experience.
- **Workforce & industry impact:** recruitment, retention, mentorship, community engagement, public education, and varied water-sector experiences.

## What to include

Presentation slots are 30 minutes, plus audience questions. Submit a title, 40-word summary, abstract of up to 500 words, name, organization, and brief bio. Strong abstracts clearly explain the topic, 2–3 key takeaways, why it matters to young professionals, and how it supports learning, connection, or leadership in Michigan's water sector.

[Submit your presentation for consideration here!](#)

We'll follow up with all applicants after the review period closes.

## Why speak

Selected speakers will have the opportunity to:

- Support the development of Michigan's future water workforce
- Share expertise and experiences with emerging professionals
- Build meaningful professional connections
- Contribute to the growth and success of the water industry

YP Summit speakers receive complimentary registration to the Summit. Additional activities associated with the event may require separate registration.

[Submit your idea and help shape the 2027 YP Summit program.](#)

ABSTRACT DEADLINE

# October 30, 2026

Submissions open August 3, 2026

**Not sure if your idea fits? Ask.**

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