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December 1, 2022

Dear Member:

Thank you for being a loyal member and putting your valuable trust in our Maine Water Environment Association for all these years. We appreciate your contribution and cooperation that make our membership a success. We have strived to provide the best services at an affordable rate; however, we also believe we can do more as an organization to provide our membership premium services they deserve.

Last year we changed our administrative service provider from Maine Municipal Association (MMA) to Maine Water Utilities Association (MWUA). MWUA was able to keep initial costs in line with previous MMA contracts, while providing more member benefits and considerably more dedicated staff time. Some services did cost slightly more, and we anticipate additional increases in service costs going into 2023. The value for these additional services is easy to quantify. Having Joan's full attention to our membership saw one of the most successful Fall Conventions in recent memory. Her presence has also taken a lot of the burden off our all-volunteer Executive Committee. Additionally, we are better supported through our agreement with MWUA with benefits like Member Clicks, a graphic design contractor, and a website contractor.

Moving into 2023, after the sloughing our industry took in the wake of PFAS press and related legislative action, the MeWEA board has executed a contract with a PR firm. Our goal is to rebrand our industry again as community leaders, essential personnel, and stewards of environmental and public health.

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Compared to most professional associations, our membership costs are very low, and we continue to do our best to keep expenses low. However, our operating costs have increased significantly due to additional services and global factors in recent times. After carefully reviewing the finances, we believe it necessary to increase our membership price by 25% for all services. This increase will allow us to continue to broaden our services for our membership and remain relevant and fiscally sustainable.

Beginning January 1, 2023, we are increasing the pricing of our membership to the following:

	2022	2023
➤ Individual Memberships	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
➤ Group Memberships	\$100.00	\$125.00
Group Members	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00
➤ Corporate Membership	\$200.00	\$250.00
Corporate Members	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00

Our website will reflect the new prices. Renewals will be going out to the membership on January 3, 2023.

As always, we are striving to evolve and improve our membership. We are committed to providing you with the best services in the industry. We greatly appreciate your understanding. Should you have any questions regarding membership, or the additional services discussed, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself, our Membership Committee Chair Rob Pontau, or any other Executive Committee member.

Thank you for your support.



Tim Wade, President 2023
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