



# Membership Meeting September 12, 2019 Minutes

- Welcome and Introductions
- Update: 2019 Bioassessment *Jennifer Hammer provided an update on the 2019 Bioassessment sampling – Expanded DO monitoring was completed at 7 stations collecting continuous DO and an expanded set of nutrient parameters including sestonic and benthic chlorophyll-a. Sampling was completed on 9 tributary stations in three Subwatersheds in the northern end of program area. Four sites from 2018 were resampled as high-water conditions prevented a second pass of fish to be collected in 2018. Due to extended high-water in the Des Plaines River, MBI was not able to safely complete the bioassessment sampling, particularly the collection of the artificial substrate plates for macroinvertebrate samples or the second pass for fish collection. Final rounds of water chemistry and sediment samples were also not collected. Staff will work with MBI to determine how to re-sample a subset of stations in 2020. This will push the final report for the mainstem into 2020/2021.*
- Update: Chloride Time-Limited Water Quality *Jennifer Hammer provided a summary of the proposed responsibilities of a “Chloride Watershed Group” as laid out in the variance document. Items included holding at least two meetings annually, completing an annual report, preparing outreach materials, coordination with IEPA to identify MS4 communities within TLWQS area and encourage participation. Illinois Pollution Control Board submitted questions to petitioners in July which are due back later in September. Public hearings will likely be held this fall or winter. 2019 Winter Deicing Workshop registration is open – visit [SaltSmart.org](http://SaltSmart.org) for links.*
- Overview of 2019 Fall Outreach Campaign Materials *Lea Rodbarry provided an overview of new materials available for the fall season including a new poster about fall leaves and impacts to water quality, blog and social media posts focusing on leaves and water quality impacts, using leaves as a resource and keeping storm drains clear of leaves. A fall outreach check list is also available to help communities track what materials they use for MS4 reporting.*
- Input for Winter Outreach Materials *Lea Rodbarry requested members to provide input on winter outreach needs or changes in formats. Please contact Lea with questions or comments.*
- Membership Update
- 2019 Membership Meetings:
  - November 14 – regular meeting cancelled due to Regional NARP Meeting *Member are encouraged to attend the Regional NARP meeting being held at 10AM on November 14<sup>th</sup> in Joliet.*
- Upcoming 2019 Workshops
  - October 15 – Winter Deicing Workshop - Parking Lots & Sidewalks
  - October 16 – Winter Deicing Workshop - Public Roads
  - November 6 – Good Housekeeping Workshop