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## Mid-Atlantic Biosolids Association

Our vision: ***Biosolids is recognized everywhere as a valuable community resource.*** We invite your organization to join us in 2021 in accomplishing this vision. Here are what you and your colleagues received in 2020 and what we promise for 2021.....

### **Technical Presentations:**

In summer 2019, MABA delivered its two-day Summer Technical Symposium in Edison, New Jersey, with over 20 presentations. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, MABA re-imagined its symposium, and over the course of 5 weeks, delivered on 10 lunchtime webinars, involving a total of 28 speakers. These presentations remain available to members on MABA's website.

A call for presentations will be released in January 2021 for a three-week, 6 session Virtual Technical Symposium in July 2021. If public health guidelines are permissive, a live "watch party" may be planned for the Philadelphia area.

MABA continues to partner with the NJWEA Biosolids Committee in presenting a biosolids workshop at NJWEA's annual conference. While the program in May 2020 was cancelled, many of the same speakers are scheduled for the May 20, 2021 program at Harrah's in Atlantic City, NJ. The one-day workshop will be available at no charge for MABA members.

This November's 2020 Annual Meeting will include a webinar, free to members, on the key issue of Phosphorus. A panel of three regional experts will join Dr. Matt Scholz of the Sustainable Phosphorus Alliance.

### **Training:**

MABA programs fulfill your PDH requirements. We have in recent years offered programs for the region's land appliers with information that is necessary for good performance and that offer CEUs for operators.

# Letter to the Biosolids Community – 11/2020

### **Communications within the Profession:**

Members receive bi-monthly Biosolids NewsClips, monthly Biosolids TOPICS, monthly Biosolids Research Updates, and the new human-interest, SPOTLIGHT on biosolids people. MABA is active in the social media environment with Twitter feeds and Facebook announcements. Members can visit our mobile friendly [www.mabiosolids.org](http://www.mabiosolids.org) website.

We invite you to be part of the "good news" of biosolids features on this new website. We showcase the benefits of biosolids to property owners and industries. MABA sees the future by anticipating an even greater participation in social media, which will include a video format.

Our website features a Member Landing Page component. It is providing a powerful platform for networking by offering a directory of biosolids experts and of agencies and companies.

### **Communication and Media Response:**

MABA is working to be a voice of external communication and advocacy. We invite you to join our members in reaching out to elected officials, regulators, environmentalists, and media. We are developing capacities to jump at every opportunity given to us to provide our special expertise and knowledge to the media, and on a timely basis.

### **Expanding the Knowledge Base of Biosolids:**

MABA has been a prime mover for connecting new technology with potential customers. MABA's Current Issues Taskforce is looking for collaborators on extending the knowledge base and advocacy around phosphorus in biosolids. Another area of active interest is in identifying criteria for biosolids stability and suitability for use.

MABA's mission remains "Communicate the benefits of biosolids resources within the biosolids community and the communities we serve."

Help us out and pass this on to a colleague (or two) who would value participation with our association and urge him/her to send along his/her "colleagues." If you find that you would like to be removed from our mailings, please send me a note at [wtoffey@mabiosolids.org](mailto:wtoffey@mabiosolids.org).