

Thank you so much for this opportunity to serve the members of GAWP in the coming year. Without a doubt, this is certainly an interesting time to be a Georgia Water professional. Our industry is receiving more attention than ever... the continuing drought has the public becoming more interested in and familiar with the work that we do. I am extremely proud to be serving as President during these exciting and critical times.

A massive amount of work is about to begin in the State as a result of the flurry of activity during the last legislative session. This includes the adoption of Georgia's first State-wide Water Management Plan and creation of a new division of GEFA to study and develop water supply reservoirs. As you know, GAWP worked in the trenches on both of these matters, as well as many other pressing water issues facing our State.

My "presidential initiative" is to encourage member volunteers to get involved in the Regional Planning Councils that are being organized across the state. We need our members to actively represent our profession in the state water planning, and to offer our knowledge and support to the process. GAWP's role in influencing future water decisions in the State has never been more important, and your help is crucial.

What you do every day is VERY important to the citizens and leaders of our State. We are asking you to do a little bit more by staying engaged with the water planning in your local community and sharing your insights as water professionals.

Thank you so much for all that you do and for allowing me to serve as President this year. It is an honor to be associated with such an amazing group of professionals.