



## RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW FOR THE WATER INDUSTRY LUNCHEON FEATURING JAY MOHR

Join us as we welcome to the stage comedian, actor, radio host, and best-selling author Jay Mohr. Jay began performing stand-up comedy at the age of 16. Three years after landing his dream job on "Saturday Night Live", Jay was cast opposite Tom Cruise in "Jerry Maguire" and later that year co-starred with Jennifer Aniston in "Picture Perfect". Never wanting to choose one career over another, Mohr has brilliantly balanced both acting and stand-up comedy.



To purchase a table of 10, contact Jane Johnson at [jjohnson@awwa.org](mailto:jjohnson@awwa.org). For individual tickets, you can register on the ACE registration form or call AWWA customer service at 800.926.7337.

## EVENTS IN THE EXHIBIT HALL

This year there are many events taking place on the exhibit floor to help drive attendees to the floor. Below are just some of the events; check the ACE website for the complete list.

### Expo Café

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. | Booth #485

The Expo Café offers a convenient opportunity to gather with your friends, peers, and clients for quality networking during lunch time. As an added bonus, full-conference attendees will find two vouchers for lunch attached to their badges – these may be redeemed Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday (your choice). For all other attendees, the Expo Café offers a variety of options for the set price of \$15 including tax and beverage.

### AWWA Bookstore

Looking for the latest industry research, best practices, and guidance for smoother and more efficient utility operations? Visit the AWWA Bookstore to see new books, meet authors, and purchase "No Water, No..." merchandise.

### International Resource Center Booth #2431

Welcome international attendees! We encourage you to visit the International Resource Center and take advantage of the many resources available to you, including an international attendee lounge, and the list of ACE attendees sorted by country. Staff and volunteers will also be available to answer your questions about the professional program, technical tours, local areas of interest, and all the activities at the conference.

### Silent Auction Supporting the One AWWA Operator Scholarship

ACE attendees will have the opportunity to bid on interesting items while supporting the AWWA Scholarship Program. Our annual silent auction will be held inside the ACE Exhibit Hall and will feature items provided by AWWA members, Sections, and conference exhibitors. Compete with fellow attendees for unique and valued objects while supporting the new One AWWA Operator Scholarship. All funds generated by the silent auction will go toward AWWA scholarship programs. Bidding is open until noon on Wednesday, and item pickup will immediately follow.

## ACE MAC MEETING—TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please join us, or send a Section Service Provider Member representative to the ACE MAC meeting. This is an opportunity for the AWWA MAC to hear from you at the Section level. The ACE MAC meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place in room CC 22AB.

## BRING A YOUNG PROFESSIONAL TO ACE 2016

The Young Professionals (YP) Committee of AWWA would like to challenge MAC members to “Bring a YP to ACE 2016 in Chicago.” The MAC has a great relationship with the YP Committee, and the YP Committee is hoping MAC members will extend their support at ACE 2016 in Chicago. The greatest value you as a MAC member could bring to the YP committee is to support attendance at ACE for a future leader from your organization.

**Can you sponsor our Scavenger Hunt?** Immediately after the Opening General Session, our youngest members will be gathering to team up and take on the exhibit hall. We like to give participants in this Ice Breaker Scavenger Hunt event the opportunity to meet MAC members and industry leaders to become familiar with the exhibit floor. Because this brings attendees to you, we hope you will consider sponsoring this event with a small \$25 donation toward gift cards for the winning teams.

**Are you willing to mentor a new ACE 2016 attendee?** The YP Committee Conference Mentoring program pairs new conference attendees with experienced professionals. The committee is looking for a variety of industry professionals to pair with YPs to help them navigate the conference experience. Invite them to your booth or social events, introduce them to others in the industry, help them navigate the processes of registration and travel arrangements. Give them tips and tricks to make the most of ACE before they go and as they attend.

**How boss are you?** Each year at ACE we like to offer YPs the opportunity to sit around the table with “The Boss” (but not his or her boss) for some candid conversation about career development, how to ask for a promotion or deal with difficult people, and what to expect in the different professions the water industry provides. If you’d be willing to lead a table discussion as “The Boss,” the YP committee would like to be in contact with you, as it is looking for bosses for the 2016 ACE event in Chicago.



**For Fresh Ideas**, please consider judging the Fresh Ideas poster competition Tuesday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the exhibit hall. The Fresh Ideas Poster Competition was created by the MAC to provide opportunities for first-time presenters to attend ACE. Sections host a competition and the Section winner gets free registration. The YP Committee needs volunteers by May 13.

If you are sending a YP to ACE or to help with any of these opportunities, please contact **AWWA Staff Nancy Sullivan** at [nsullivan@awwa.org](mailto:nsullivan@awwa.org) or **Meredith Quinn, YP Committee Chair**, at [meredith.quinn@ae2s.com](mailto:meredith.quinn@ae2s.com). We would like to track MAC-supported YPs and personally invite them to be involved in the ACE YP programs ahead of the event. The YP Committee greatly appreciates the support given by MAC throughout the year and looks forward to strengthening the YP/MAC connection in 2016.

## ACE16 MANUFACTURERS/ASSOCIATES COUNCIL (MAC) PROFESSIONAL SESSIONS

MAC is hosting three important ACE16 professional sessions that you will not want to miss. Please help us spread the word to anyone you know will be attending ACE16.



### **Harnessing Innovation & New Technologies: Inside the Minds of Industry Leaders**

MAC launched the Innovation Initiative at ACE13 to develop strategies to overcome five identified barriers to innovation and new technologies in the water and wastewater industry. The five barrier subcommittees work on overcoming the low economic value placed on water, “or equal” bidding and procurement requirements, regulatory requirements, the risk-averse nature of the water sector, and trade restrictions and barriers. This “must see” innovation anchor session includes three stakeholder panels that comprise industry thought leaders from utilities, the regulatory community, and manufacturers/associates. Each panel will share its member’s views and explore their approaches to overcoming the barriers to innovation and new technologies, with an interactive lively discussion between panelists and the audience.

### **The Value of Online Water Quality Monitoring for Municipal Water Systems**

This session presents the benefits, challenges, regulations, and requirements of establishing and maintaining an online water quality monitoring system from source to tap. It offers an opportunity to explore/discuss some of the analytical equipment, materials, and technology essential to the success of an online monitoring system.

### **Innovations in Distribution System Optimization**

Disinfectant residual, pressure management, and main breaks are key components of distribution system optimization, based on Partnership for Safe Water (PSW) guidelines. Presentations feature innovative solutions for distribution system optimization and an overview of the PSW program.