

## WWID NEWS

## Introducing David Wilcoxson, MWH WWID Secretary/Treasurer



*The Water/Wastewater Division is pleased to welcome David Wilcoxson to our 2013 board of directors. David has kindly taken on the role of Secretary Treasurer. Below is a brief biography so you can get to know David better.*

**David Robert Wilcoxson, PE** is a Vice President and Regional Technical Leader with MWH Global in Walnut Creek, California. David has over 34 years of experience in various instrumentation and control environments. He has worked in the pharmaceutical industry with Boots PLC, in Nottingham, England, where he started as an apprentice Instrument Technician. Whilst in England, David received his BSc. in Industrial Measurement and Control. David came to the United States in 1987 and worked in the biotech industry as a Plant Engineer at a Fermentation Plant for Bayer Corporation in Berkeley, California.

For the last 19 years David has worked in the water and wastewater industries with MWH Global. David has worked with all types of instrumentation and PLC and computer controls. David has extensive experience with both DCS and PLC based systems, including the specification, installation, troubleshooting, programming and start-up of computer based SCADA systems. In his current job, David has worked in all types of water related facilities including a high purity water treatment plant, potable and reclaimed water and wastewater pumping, treatment and aquaculture facilities.

David has been an active member of ISA since 1994 and has been a senior member since 2000. David is a licensed Control Systems Engineer in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Colorado and is a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP). David presented at last year's WWID Water and Wastewater Symposium with a presentation and paper called "Optimization of Wastewater Lift Stations for Reduction of Energy Usage and Greenhouse Gas Emissions".

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## ITA and ISA collaborate on the 2013 ISA Water/Wastewater and Automatic Controls Symposium and instrument testing

*By Graham Nasby, WWID Director*

The Instrumentation Testing Association (ITA) and the ISA are teaming up to co-promote the 2013 ISA Water/Wastewater and Automatic Controls (WWAC) Symposium. Now in its eighth year, the symposium provides automation professionals from the water and wastewater sector the unique opportunity to come together to network, share ideas and learn about the latest technology.

As a technical co-sponsor of the 2013 WWAC Symposium, ITA is helping ensure that the symposium continues to meet the needs of professionals who use instrumentation in the wastewater sector; reinforcing the mutual benefit of this collaboration for both associations.

Since its beginnings in 1984 when it was founded at a US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) meeting in Chicago, Illinois, the [Instrumentation Testing Association](#) continues to be an end-user-focused technical organization that provides impartial third-party assessment of wastewater instrumentation technologies. Using a cooperative and impartial approach, the association seeks to address common instrument performance and reliability issues that often arise from the low-bid procurement environment that is typically associated with the municipal and industrial wastewater sectors.

With its technology-focused WWAC symposium, the ISA provides a forum for automation professionals to learn from their peers about the newest advances in instrumentation technology, instrumentation best practices and up-and-coming trends. By partnering with the ITA, the ISA will be able to continue to ensure that its technical program is both forward looking and well-grounded when it addresses leading-edge instrumentation technologies.

Tony Palmer, executive director of the ITA, says, "The partnering of the ITA and the ISA with respect to the ISA's 2013 Water/Wastewater and Automatic Controls Symposium is a natural fit. Our members are always on the lookout for new ideas with respect to the instrumentation, and the collegial atmosphere of the symposium is a perfect way to do that. Coupled with the ITA's popular instrumentation performance reports, the symposium provides a very broad and comprehensive view of the current and future direction of wastewater instrumentation."

