

## Message From the President

Submitted by Steve Freeman  
NYRWA President



I have some great news to share with our members. Great news is fun to share; considering it's not so often we get to share it.

As your Association continues to grow and better serve the membership, the Board of Directors has decided to create the position of Assistant Director. The newly created position is under the direct supervision of the Chief Executive Officer, Pat Scalera. With the astonishing growth of the association, the Assistant Director will aide our CEO and assist with the many new services we are preparing to launch.

Please join us in welcoming Tim Shudt as the newly appointed Assistant Director. Some of you may find this name familiar. Tim worked for NYRWA between 1998 - 2000 as our Wastewater Trainer. The Board and staff are proud to have Tim back on our team of professionals.

I will now tell you about some of the projects that Tim will be working on to enhance the services that NYRWA provides. Tim has developed an on-line training program that is available through our web site. This training will specialize in continuing credit hours (CEU's) for water and wastewater operators. Some of the topics will include basic math; advanced math; safety issues; and pumps and motors, these are just a few. Keep checking the NYRWA web site for more information, [www.nyruralwater.org](http://www.nyruralwater.org).

Tim will also provide specialty training to include computer related topics and operator certification for water and wastewater operators. Yes, you read it correctly, not only will NYRWA continue to provide home study courses for water operator certification, but in the near future we will start classroom certification for water and wastewater courses. More Great News!! Tim will also be helping out the field and office staff in many related areas.

Another positive aspect of this newly created position is that this position does not fall under any federal contract restraints. This affords us the flexibility to shift Tim, temporarily, into any position to meet the needs of our contractual agreements, in the event of the unexpected absence in our program staff.

As mentioned earlier, your organization, the NYRWA, is continuing to grow in leaps and bounds. Soon we will be adding two more program staff. These Circuit Riders will be working in cooperation with the NYSDOH. These programs will be similar and compliment our current three Circuit Rider positions. As you can tell, we're getting very busy and I think you will agree this newly created position is very necessary.

As we continue to grow and gain strength, our utmost priority will always be to serve our members and meet your needs. Please continue to check our website for updated information. Talk to you later, Steve ♠

