

Bill Davis, Speaker-Elect

Job Title: Director of Utilities, Richland County Government

City and State: Columbia, South Carolina

Member Association: WEASC

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Speaker-Elect of the House of Delegates (HOD)

William (Bill) H. Davis, P.E. is a licensed professional engineer, a certified collection system operator, and a licensed biological wastewater operator, and is the Director of Utilities for Richland County Government in Columbia, South Carolina. Bill entered the water industry in 1988 and has been on the public and private side, including working as consultant, designing water and wastewater infrastructure and treatment plants, pump stations, and served as extension of staff for major state and federal programs, such as South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's Dam Safety Group and performing Substantial Damage Estimates for FEMA in South Carolina and Louisiana following major flood events in those states. Bill also became the first Wastewater Engineer for the City of Columbia, SC and subsequently negotiated one of the largest wet-weather consent decrees on the East Coast branded as "Clean Water 2020 – Columbia's Clear Vision for Clean Water."

Bill has been part of the Water Environment Association of South Carolina (WEASC) since 1997. Bill is currently serving on the board as the Senior WEF Delegate and is Nominating Committee Chair for both WEASC and its Capital District. Bill has served in multiple roles for the WEASC, including; Capital District Chair, Arrangements Chair, Awards Chair, Engineering Management Committee Chair, and Past President. For WEF, Bill served as Co-Chair of the Strategic Plan Roll-Out Task Force and was a member of the Nominating Committee in 2022 and is currently the Speaker-Elect of the House of Delegates.

Bill earned his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of South Carolina as well as an Associate Degree in Engineering Graphics from Midlands Technical College. In his spare time, Bill likes to grow spiritually by attending church and reading scripture, listening to music, learning and teaching about leadership, mentoring others, and promoting and advocating for the water industry. Bill enjoys watching NCAA football (especially the South Carolina Gamecocks), going to live music events, traveling, reading, spending time with his family, and playing with his beloved pets; 22 hens, 2 roosters, 2 dogs, and a cat.