

## **AMWS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROPOSES CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE AND FEE CHANGE**

AMWS is the only organization geared especially for wetlands professionals working in Massachusetts. Our members include wetland and soil scientists, hydrologists, engineers, attorneys, academics, students, and others. Members who meet the Voting Member requirements are strongly encouraged to apply as such. Please see [www.amws.org](http://www.amws.org) for membership requirements, membership information, and an application form.

The Current Annual dues are:

- \$65 for Private Sector Voting and Non-voting Members;
- \$45 for Public Sector Voting and Non-voting Members;
- \$20 for Student (Non-voting) Members;
- \$20 for Retired Voting and Non-voting Members; and
- \$360 for Corporate Membership. (Corporate Membership allows multiple individuals from one company or recognized organization to join AMWS at a reduced set rate based upon ten individuals, with a *pro rata* fee applied to more than ten. A separate application form should be provided for each individual.

**The BOD has voted to bring to the membership a proposed change in the structure and fee for Corporate Membership starting in calendar year 2025.** This change was made to make the fee structure more fair and to encourage smaller firms to entertain a Corporate Membership instead of multiple individual memberships. No changes are proposed for the individual membership fees for Private Sector, Public Sector, Student, or Retired memberships. **Under the proposed change, the annual Corporate Membership fee for up to five (5) individuals would be set at \$275 with a *pro rata* fee of \$55 per individual over five.** Again, the current fee is \$360 for up to ten individuals with a *pro rata* fee of \$36 per individual over ten. Again, this change makes the per person fee more similar to the individual fees while encouraging smaller firms to consider Corporate Membership. **A vote on this change will occur during the Business Meeting at the Annual Meeting on November 15, 2024.**