

Board Training Survey

July 2023



Minnesota Watersheds is seeking input from member boards on education and training needs. The survey is based on providing education and training opportunities at our three events: Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol, Summer Tour, and the Annual Conference.

Question 1. The **Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol** is held in St. Paul so that members can learn about our organization’s legislative activities and meet with legislators to discuss watershed needs. It should be noted that the number of representatives from metropolitan watersheds is minimal. What is your level of attendance for **the Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol**?

Question 1	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Seldom	Never
Board Member 1					
Board Member 2					
Board Member 3					
Board Member 4					
Board Member 5					
Board Member 6					
Board Member 7					
Board Member 8					
Board Member 9					
Board Member 10					
Board Member 11					

Question 2. If your answer was sometimes, seldom, or never, what would improve your likelihood of attending?

Question 2	Content	Time of Year	Other
Board Member 1			
Board Member 2			
Board Member 3			
Board Member 4			
Board Member 5			
Board Member 6			
Board Member 7			
Board Member 8			
Board Member 9			
Board Member 10			
Board Member 11			

Question 3. What training and education would be most beneficial for you at the **Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol?** (Please rank from 1 to 6)

Question 3	How to meet with legislators	How to work with county boards	How to interact with state agencies	Legislative process	Minnesota Watersheds resolutions process	Other
Board Member 1						
Board Member 2						
Board Member 3						
Board Member 4						
Board Member 5						
Board Member 6						
Board Member 7						
Board Member 8						
Board Member 9						
Board Member 10						
Board Member 11						

Question 4. The **Summer Tour** rotates between the three Minnesota Watersheds regions (Region 1 – northern Minnesota, Region 2 – southern Minnesota, and Region 3 – metro). This year’s Summer Tour was held in Region 2 and there was limited representation from Region 1 managers. What is your level of attendance for the **Summer Tour?**

Question 4	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Seldom	Never
Board Member 1					
Board Member 2					
Board Member 3					
Board Member 4					
Board Member 5					
Board Member 6					
Board Member 7					
Board Member 8					
Board Member 9					
Board Member 10					
Board Member 11					

Question 5. If your answer was sometimes, seldom, or never, what would improve your likelihood of attending?

Question 5	Content	Time of Year	Other
Board Member 1			
Board Member 2			
Board Member 3			
Board Member 4			
Board Member 5			
Board Member 6			
Board Member 7			
Board Member 8			
Board Member 9			
Board Member 10			
Board Member 11			

Question 6. What training and education would be most beneficial for you at the **Summer Tour**? (Please rank from 1 to 4)

Question 6	General watershed management	Watershed project successes and challenges	How to partner with state agencies and other entities	Other
Board Member 1				
Board Member 2				
Board Member 3				
Board Member 4				
Board Member 5				
Board Member 6				
Board Member 7				
Board Member 8				
Board Member 9				
Board Member 10				
Board Member 11				

Question 7. It is necessary for the **Annual Conference** to be held in the **most geographically centered location** to accommodate travel for all members. What is your level of attendance for the **Annual Conference**?

Question 7	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Seldom	Never
Board Member 1					
Board Member 2					
Board Member 3					
Board Member 4					
Board Member 5					
Board Member 6					
Board Member 7					
Board Member 8					
Board Member 9					
Board Member 10					
Board Member 11					

Question 8. If your answer was sometimes, seldom, or never, what would improve your likelihood of attending?

Question 8	Content	Time of Year	Other
Board Member 1			
Board Member 2			
Board Member 3			
Board Member 4			
Board Member 5			
Board Member 6			
Board Member 7			
Board Member 8			
Board Member 9			
Board Member 10			
Board Member 11			

Question 9. What training and education would be most beneficial for you at the **Annual Conference**? (Please rank from 1 to 7)

Question 9	Watershed governance	Board management	Working with staff	Budgeting finances	Working with county boards and legislators	General watershed management	Other
Board Member 1							
Board Member 2							
Board Member 3							
Board Member 4							
Board Member 5							
Board Member 6							
Board Member 7							
Board Member 8							
Board Member 9							
Board Member 10							
Board Member 11							

Question 10. Minnesota Watersheds offers watershed management training for new and experienced board members (Your Role in Watershed Management; Your Role in Watershed Planning and Implementation; Your Role as a Government Official; Your Role as a Drainage Authority) at the Annual Conference. We are considering offering this training at other times of the year. What time of year would you suggest?

Question 10	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Board Member 1				
Board Member 2				
Board Member 3				
Board Member 4				
Board Member 5				
Board Member 6				
Board Member 7				
Board Member 8				
Board Member 9				
Board Member 10				
Board Member 11				