

NIWR

2016 Annual Meeting Agenda 21 December 2015 DRAFT

Sunday, February 7, 2016

5:00 to 7:00 pm

Board meeting with light dinner provided (Hotel George location TBA)

Monday, February 8, 2016

7:15 am to 5:00 pm

Registration Desk Open (Prefunction Area)

7:15 am

Breakfast Buffet Available (Hotel George location TBA)

7:30 am to 8:30 am

New Directors Breakfast (all invited) [Members Only]

Richard Cruse (IA), NIWR President

All Institution directors and support staff are invited to sit down with new directors and staff members.

8:30 am to 8:45 am

Comments and update from Van Scoyoc Associates to NIWR Membership [Members Only], Leslee Gilbert

8:45 am to 10:00 am

Welcome, Meeting Overview, Introductions, and NIWR Update

Meeting Overview and Introductions: NIWR President-Elect Stephen Schoenholtz (VA)

NIWR Update: NIWR President Rick Cruse (IA)

Reflections on NIWR 2014-15: NIWR Past-President Sharon Megdal (AZ)

10:00 am - 10:15 am

Coffee Break

10:15 am – 11:30 pm

Panel Discussion-Update on Water Challenges and Opportunities from Perspective of Federal Programs

- Suzanne van Drunick, EPA ORD, National Program Director, Safe and Sustainable Water Resources (confirmed)
- Bob Pietrowsky, COE, Director, Institute for Water Resources (confirmed)

- Jim Dobrowolski, USDA NIFA, National Program Leader, Water, Rangeland, Grassland Ecosystem Programs, Division of Environmental Sciences (confirmed)
- Tom Torgersen, NSF, Program Director, Hydrologic Sciences (tentative)

11:30 am – 11:45 pm

UCOWR-NIWR Partnership Update

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

NIWR Networking Plated Luncheon (Location in Hotel George TBA)

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

USGS Perspective on NIWR

- Don Cline, USGS, Associate Director for Water (confirmed)
- Suzette Kimball, USGS, Acting Director (confirmed)
- Jerad Bales, USGS, Chief Scientist for Water (confirmed)

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

USGS WRRRI program reporting and updates – Earl Greene

3:15 pm – 3:30

Coffee Break

3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

VA Representative Rob Wittman, Committee on Natural Resources –Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee, Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans Subcommittee – presentation on water from federal legislative perspective (confirmed)

4:15 pm – 4:30 pm

Wrap-Up and Adjourn for the Day

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Evening Reception

Hor d'oeuvres and beverages provided

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Tuesday, February 9

7:15 am – 11:00 am

Registration Desk Open (Prefunction Area)

7:15 am

Breakfast Buffet Available (Location in Hotel George TBA)

8:00 am – 8:45 am

Flash-Talk Session I - NIWR success stories – 5-minute presentations on success stories. WRRRI directors and staff are invited to share programs and processes that have enhanced the WRRRI program in their state. Comments limited to five minutes; Institutes that requested time during registration will be given first priority and other comments will be taken as time allows.

8:45 am – 9:30 am

NIWR Strategic Plan Revision – John Peckenham (ME)

9:30 am – 10:15 am

USGS-NIWR Partnership Committee update - Susan White (NC)

10:15 am – 10:30 am

Coffee Break

10:30 am – 11:15 am

NIWR Survey Results – Wyatt Cross (MT)

11:15 am – 11:30 am

Final guidance before departing for Capitol Hill Visits, Leslee Gilbert from Van Scoyoc

Lunch on your own

Afternoon Capitol Hill Visits

For dinner, Institutes are encouraged to meet with other Directors and Staff from Institutes in their region. A participant directory is available in your conference packet.

Wednesday February 10

7:15 am to 11:00 am

Registration Desk Open (Prefunction Area)

7:15 am

Breakfast Buffet Available

8:00 am – 8:30 am

NIWR.net Website Update – Andrew Stacy or Tamara Vandivort (WV)

8:30 am – 9:15 am

NIWR-Sea Grant Partnership Potential – Earl Greene, Darren Lerner (HI), Susan White (NC)

9:15 am – 10:00 am

Capitol Hill Debriefing, Leslee Gilbert

10:00 am -10:15am

Coffee break

10:15 am -11:00 am

Flash-Talk Session II - NIWR success stories – 5-minute presentations on success stories. WRRRI directors and staff are invited to share programs and processes that have enhanced the WRRRI program in their state. Comments limited to five minutes; Institutes that requested time during registration will be given first priority and other comments will be taken as time allows.

11:00 am – 11:45 am

Business Meeting, Wrap-Up, and Adjournment

Rick Cruse (IA), NIWR President, John Tracy (TX), NIWR Treasurer, Stephen Schoenholtz (VA), NIWR President-Elect

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Board Meeting with lunch (Location in Hotel George TBA)