



Annual Meeting

February 8-10, 2016

Program

Sunday, February 7, 2016

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Board meeting with light dinner provided – (Hotel George, Inspiration Room)

Monday, February 8, 2016

7:15 am – 5:00 pm

Registration Desk Open – (Hotel George, Gallery)

7:15 am

Breakfast Buffet Available – (Hotel George, Leader's Room)

7:30 am – 8:30 am

New Directors Breakfast [All NIWR Members Invited] – Richard Cruse (IA), NIWR President – All Institution directors and support staff are invited to sit down with new directors and staff members – (Hotel George, Inspiration Room)

MORNING MODERATOR: Dan Devlin (KS)

8:30 am – 8:45 am

Comments and Update from Van Scoyoc Associates to NIWR Membership [NIWR Members Only] – Leslee Gilbert (Van Scoyoc Associates) – (Hotel George, Leader's Room)

8:45 am – 10:00 am

Welcome, Meeting Overview, Introductions, and NIWR Update – (Hotel George, Leader's Room)

- Meeting Overview and Introd.: 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 – (Hotel George, Leader's Room)

10:15 am – 11:30 am

Panel Discussion-Update on Water Challenges and Opportunities from Perspective of Federal Programs – (Hotel George, Leader's Room)

- Suzanne van Drunick, EPA ORD, National Program Director, Safe and Sustainable Water Resources
- Bob Pietrowsky, COE, Director, Institute for Water Resources
- Jim Dobrowolski, USDA NIFA, National Program Leader, Water, Rangeland, Grassland Ecosystem Programs, Division of Environmental Sciences
- Tom Torgersen, NSF, Program Officer in the Division of Earth Sciences

11:30 am – 11:45 am

UCOWR-NIWR Partnership Update – Sharon Megdal (AZ), Doug Parker (CA) – (Hotel George, Leader's Room)

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

NIWR Networking Plated Luncheon – (Hotel George, Main Dining Room)

AFTERNOON MODERATOR: John Peckenham (ME)

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

USGS Perspective on NIWR – (Hotel George, Leader's Room)

- Don Cline, USGS, Associate Director for Water
- Suzette Kimball, USGS, Director
- Jerad Bales, USGS, Chief Scientist for Water

2:30 pm – 3:15 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 – (Hotel George, Leader's Room)

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Coffee Break – (Hotel George, Leader's Room)

3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

USGS WRRRI program reporting and updates – Earl Greene (USGS) – (Hotel George, Leader's Room)

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 – (Van Scoyoc Associates, The Capitol Room; 101 Constitution Ave. NW, Suite 600 West; Phone: 202-638-1950)

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

7:15 am – 11:00 am

Registration Desk Open – (Hotel George, Gallery)

7:15 am

Breakfast Buffet Available – (Hotel George, Leader's Room)

MODERATOR – Kaye Brubaker (MD)

8:00 am – 9:00 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. – Beth Boyer (PA), John Peckenham (ME), Garey Fox (OK), Jerry Kauffman (DE), Brian Miller (IL), Jennifer Hauxwell (WI), Lindell Ormsbee (KY), and Aly El-Kadi (HI) – (Hotel George, Leader's Room)

9:00 am – 9:30 am

NIWR Mission and Vision – John Peckenham (ME) – (Hotel George, Leader's Room)

9:30 am – 10:15 am

NIWR-Sea Grant Partnership Potential – Earl Greene (USGS), Darren Lerner (HI), Susan White (NC) – (Hotel George, Leader's Room)

10:15 am – 10:30 am

Coffee Break – (Hotel George, Leader's Room)

10:30 am – 11:15 am

NIWR Survey Results – Wyatt Cross (MT) – (Hotel George, Leader's Room)

11:15 am – 11:30 am

Final guidance before departing for Capitol Hill Visits – Leslee Gilbert (Van Scoyoc Associates) – (Hotel George, Leader’s Room)

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, 2016

7:15 am – 11:00 am

Registration Desk Open – (Hotel George, Gallery)

7:15 am

Breakfast Buffet Available – (Hotel George, Leader’s Room)

MODERATOR: Todd Jarvis (OR)

8:00 am – 8:30 am

Website Update: Introducing the new NIWR.info – Andrew Stacy (WV) and Tamara Vandivort (WV) – (Hotel George, Leader’s Room)

8:30 am – 9:15 am

USGS-NIWR Partnership Committee update – Susan White (NC) – (Hotel George, Leader’s Room)

9:15 am – 10:00 am

Capitol Hill Debriefing – Leslee Gilbert (Van Scoyoc Associates) – (Hotel George, Leader’s Room)

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Coffee break – (Hotel George, Leader’s Room)

10:15 am – 11:00 am

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11:00 am – 11:45 am

Business Meeting, Wrap-Up, and Adjournment – (Hotel George, Leader's Room)

- 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 – (Hotel George, Inspiration Room)

Flash-Talk Sessions

The following Institutes have provided topics in advance to be presented during the scheduled Flash-Talk Sessions:

Delaware Water Resources Center (Gerald Kauffman)	Water Science and Policy Research in the Delaware and Chesapeake Bay Watersheds
Hawaii Water Resources Research Center (Aly El-Kadi)	Water Resources Research Program in American Samoa and The 2015 Water Sustainability Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii.
Idaho Water Resources Research Institute (Mark Solomon)	Stakeholder Engagement and Cooperative Research Development
Illinois Water Resources Center (Brian Miller)	
Kentucky Water Resources Research Institute (Lindell Ormsbee)	Benefits of a Sabbatical with your State Environmental Protection Cabinet
Maine Water Resources Research Institute (John Peckenham)	Leveraging Maine's WRRRI Program via Stakeholder-Engaged, Interdisciplinary Research
Oklahoma Water Resources Research Institute (Garey Fox)	Enhancing Student Water Research and Education Experiences
Pennsylvania Water Resources Research Center (Beth Boyer)	USGS Internships with PA-WRRC
Tennessee Water Resources Research Center (Thanos Papanicolaou)	Connecting Landscapes with Rivers: Challenges and Future Directions
Wisconsin Water Resources Institute (Jennifer Hauxwell)	Wisconsin's New Water Resources Policy Fellowship

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Mid-Atlantic Region: Kaye Brubaker, University of Maryland

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Southeast Region: Kirk Hatfield, University of Florida

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee

Great Lakes Region: John Lenhart, Ohio State University

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Pacific Northwest Region: Todd Jarvis, Oregon State University

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