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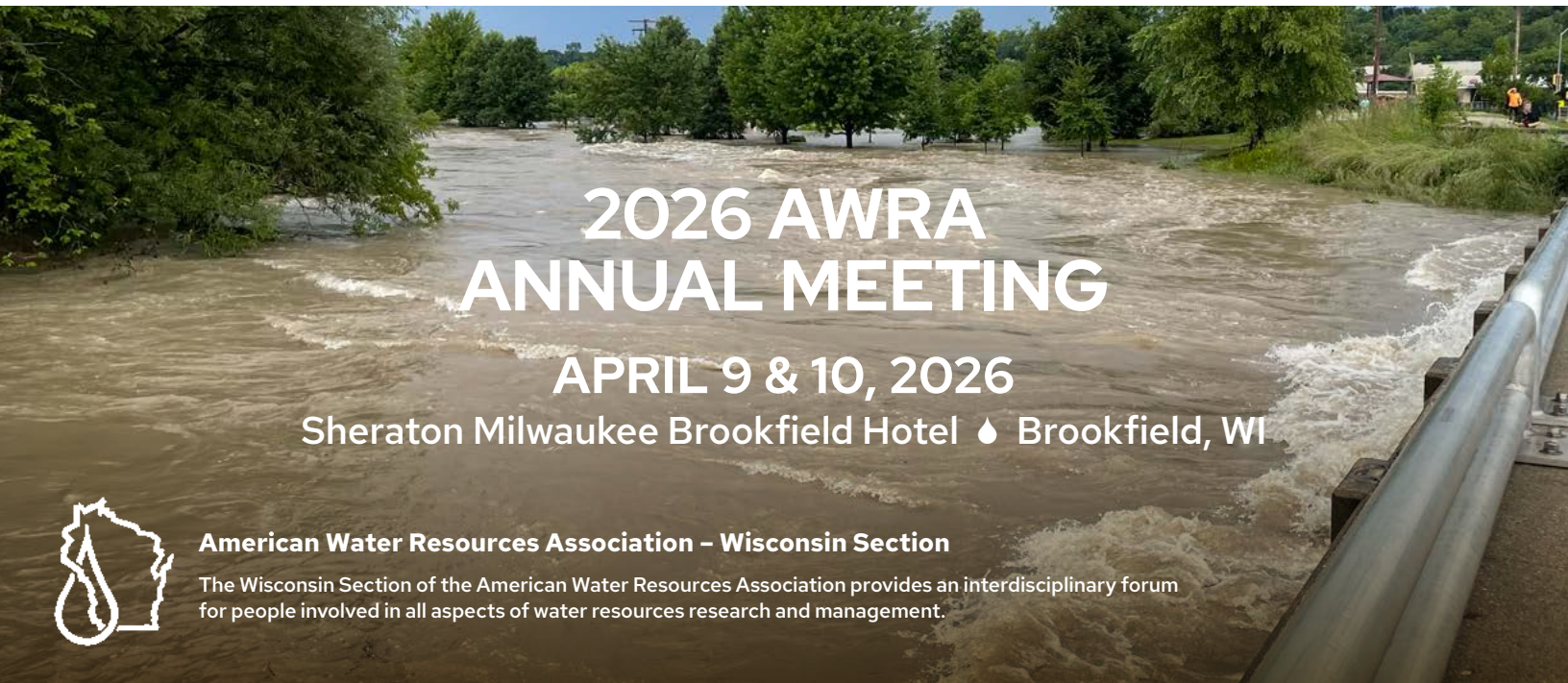
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**American Water Resources Association – Wisconsin Section**

The Wisconsin Section of the American Water Resources Association provides an interdisciplinary forum for people involved in all aspects of water resources research and management.

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## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

You are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Section of the American Water Resources Association (WI AWRA). The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel in Brookfield, April 9-10, 2026. Registration is now open at [wisconsinawra.org/2026-annual-meeting.html](https://wisconsinawra.org/2026-annual-meeting.html). We look forward to seeing you there!

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The theme of this year's conference, **WI AWRA at 50: Honoring Our Past, Shaping our Future**, celebrates a major milestone for our organization. We will reflect on our history, recognize individuals who have supported the organization, and discuss the future of water resources in Wisconsin. We have another excellent year of talks and posters from industry professionals, state and federal agencies, educators and students sharing case studies, regional groundwater and surface water trends, water regulations, and cutting-edge research on groundwater and surface water interactions, water quality, impacts from agriculture and urban land uses, and much more. This year's technical program also has a special focus on water resources of the Milwaukee area, with three sessions organized by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and the US Geological Survey.

#### Plenary Sessions

This year's lunch plenary session will feature a panel discussion on coordination across various water organizations in the state. We expect the discussion to contribute to the "shaping the future" component of the conference theme. For the evening plenary, Shaili Pfeiffer of the

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will share an overview of the Great Lakes Compact and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, two complementary and collaborative efforts to protect the Great Lakes.

#### Student Career Workshop

Students are invited to participate in a career workshop on Friday, April 10 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. The workshop will include Q&A and a discussion of job opportunities by a panel representing a range of career choices for water resources professionals. The workshop is free and includes lunch. Students can sign up during registration. Spots are limited, so sign up early!

#### Officer Elections and Volunteer Opportunities

Elections for vice president, secretary, and two general board officers for technical program and student engagement will be held at the business meeting. We also have volunteer opportunities with student engagement, technical program, and marketing committees. If you are interested in learning more about board positions or volunteering with the organization, contact chapter president Matt Diebel ([mdiebel@usgs.gov](mailto:mdiebel@usgs.gov)).

#### Looking for Student Assistants

Four student assistants are needed to help with conference setup, run the projectors, and do other tasks at the annual meeting. If you are interested, please select that option on the registration form. Student assistants will need to arrive at the conference venue by 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, and are required to attend and assist with both days of the conference. In exchange, they will receive a refund on their registration fees. A board member will follow up with interested volunteers to fill the four positions.

#### Professional Development Hours

Professional Development Hour certificates will be available for Wisconsin licensed professional engineers. If you need a certificate, please indicate this when you register.

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

A complete program schedule with abstracts will be available at: [wisconsinawra.org/2026-annual-meeting.html](https://wisconsinawra.org/2026-annual-meeting.html).

### LODGING

The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel in Brookfield. Rooms at the hotel can be reserved until March 26, 2026 at the AWRA conference rate (\$110 for a single room and \$139 for a double room). You must indicate that you are attending the AWRA meeting (Group Code **AWR**) to receive these rates. Please call 262-364-1100 to make your room reservation. Rooms are tax exempt with proper identification.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

	Until March 13	After March 13
<b>General</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Student</b>	<b>\$110</b>	<b>\$150</b>

Registration includes lunch and dinner on Thursday, refreshment breaks on both days, program abstract book, and AWRA Section dues.

For registration or program information contact chapter president Matt Diebel at [mdiebel@usgs.gov](mailto:mdiebel@usgs.gov).

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