

**APRIL 25 & 26, 2024 ♦ HILTON PAPER VALLEY ♦ APPLETON, WI**  
**2024 AWRA ANNUAL MEETING**

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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.



# MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

You are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Section of the American Water Resources Association (AWRA). The meeting will be held at the Hilton Paper Valley hotel in Appleton, on April 25 & 26, 2024. This later date was selected to avoid spring breaks and competing conferences. We are planning plenary, oral and poster sessions, plus lightning talks (see below), addressing both surface water and groundwater issues in Wisconsin. A preliminary program and registration materials will be available on our website in February 2024.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING WRAP-UP

After a year of work, we are excited to announce that the board of directors has approved our first strategic plan. The plan identified three main strategies:

- **Build organization capacity**
- **Broaden backgrounds and experiences**
- **Focus on improving Wisconsin AWRA's offerings**

We invite you to review the strategic plan executive summary on our website at: [wisconsinawra.org/strategic-plan](http://wisconsinawra.org/strategic-plan). We are planning to present an overview of the strategic plan to the membership at the annual meeting.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

We are soliciting posters and presentations for sessions on hydrogeology, watershed management, hydrology, limnology, aquatic toxicology, water chemistry, aquatic ecology and water use, particularly work in or relevant to Wisconsin water resources. Please specify your preference for oral or poster presentation or lightning talk when you submit your abstract. Oral presentations are slated for 15 minutes of speaking time. This may change based on the number of submissions.

## CHAired SESSIONS

Members are invited to organize chaired sessions. If you have a session in mind

### 5-MINUTE LIGHTNING TALKS

We encourage attendees to submit lightning talks. Lightning talks provide a brief, focused and informal medium for sharing ideas, and are limited to 5 slides. Lightning talk abstracts are limited to 5 sentences. Lightning talks may be submitted in addition to regular presentations, but must be topically different. If you have questions, contact Anna Fehling or Nic Buer (see sidebar).

or want more details, contact the technical co-chairs for more information (see sidebar). Examples of past sessions:

- Climate Change and Water Resources Management
- Web-based Dashboards and Decision Support Systems for Water Resources
- Socio-Political Dimensions of Water Resources
- Environmental Justice—A Water Resources Perspective

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts are limited to 1500 characters with spaces and must be submitted online at [wisconsinawra.org/2024-annual-meeting](http://wisconsinawra.org/2024-annual-meeting) by the Dec. 22, 2023, deadline. Contact Anna Fehling or Nic Buer (see sidebar) with questions.

## STUDENT AWARDS

The AWRA Annual Meeting is designed to create a student-friendly atmosphere. Students are strongly encouraged to present and discuss Wisconsin-related research in all aspects of water science and policy. To encourage excellence in student oral and poster presentations, up to four awards of \$200 will be offered. If you are a graduate or undergraduate student and would like to be considered for an award, please indicate your interest on the abstract submission form. Students submitting abstracts for poster presentations to be considered for an award will be asked to provide a PDF of their posters one week in advance of the conference for preliminary judging.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINATIONS

Here's your chance to recognize the outstanding contributions of AWRA members! This honor is presented at the annual meeting to an individual or group affiliated with the section who has made exceptional contributions in protecting and enhancing Wisconsin's water resources. Include in your nomination a narrative describing the nominee's contributions and contact information for both yourself and the nominee. Nominations should be sent to Aaron Pruitt at [wisconsinawra@gmail.com](mailto:wisconsinawra@gmail.com) by Dec. 22, 2023. For more information, contact Aaron or visit the [AWRA website](http://AWRA website).

## OFFICER ELECTIONS

Section elections for president elect, vice president, secretary, and director at large will be held at the business meeting (during lunch at the conference). If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, contact Meg Haserodt at [mhaserodt@usgs.gov](mailto:mhaserodt@usgs.gov) by Dec. 22, 2023.

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- **Plenary Session**
- **Student Awards**
- **AWRA Distinguished Service Award**
- **Student Career Luncheon**
- **Lightning Talks**
- **Chaired Sessions**

## DATES

April 25 & 26, 2024  
11:00 AM Thursday to  
12:00 PM Friday

## LOCATION

Hilton Paper Valley  
333 W. College Avenue  
Appleton, WI 54911  
Phone: (920) 733-8000

[hilton.com/en/hotels/atwvpvhh-hilton-appleton-paper-valley/](http://hilton.com/en/hotels/atwvpvhh-hilton-appleton-paper-valley/)

## SUPPORT FROM

- American Water Resources Association, Wisconsin Section
- University of Wisconsin Water Resources Institute
- Center for Watershed Science and Education, UW–Stevens Point
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- U.S. Geological Survey Upper Midwest Water Science Center
- Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey
- Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin

## ABSTRACTS DUE

December 22, 2023

## TECHNICAL CO-CHAIRS

- Anna Fehling, [anna.fehling@wisconsin.gov](mailto:anna.fehling@wisconsin.gov)
- Nic Buer, [nbuer@usgs.gov](mailto:nbuer@usgs.gov)

## WEBSITE

For additional information,  
please visit our website!

[wisconsinawra.org](http://wisconsinawra.org)

*Photos by Meg Haserodt. Game Lake in Langlade County, Wis., and Little Platte River near Platteville, Wis.*