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.

MARCH 12 & 13, 2020 • CHULA VISTA RESORT • WISCONSIN DELLS, WI

WISCONSIN’S YEAR OF CLEAN WATER

University of Wisconsin
Water Resources Institute
1975 Willow Drive
Madison, WI 53706
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 Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells on March 12 & 13, 2020. Our theme this year is “Wisconsin’s Year of Clean Water.” We are planning plenary, oral, and poster sessions plus lightning talks addressing both surface water and groundwater issues in Wisconsin. The complete program and registration materials will be available at wisconsinawra.org/2020-annual-meeting.html.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

We are pleased to announce that Todd Ambs, the assistant deputy secretary of the Wisconsin DNR and Representative Todd Novak of Dodgeville have agreed to speak at the lunchtime plenary session on Thursday, March 12. Todd Ambs will speak about the intent and accomplishments of the “Year of Clean Drinking Water” as well as other clean water accomplishments and initiatives. Rep. Novak will speak about his work as chair of the Speaker’s Task Force on Water Quality.

Special breakout sessions:
- Climate change and water resources management
- Using isotopes to understand water quality from the source to the tap
- High Great Lakes water levels: science, hazards, and community resilience
- Emerging contaminants of concern
- Empirical data challenging hydrologic assumptions
- The Central Sands Lakes Study

General breakout sessions will cover topics including surface and groundwater quality, agriculture, hydrogeology, and urban hydrology.

An evening dinner session on Thursday will feature our presentation of the annual Distinguished Service Award and eight lightning talks followed by a poster session with a dessert buffet.

Officer Elections
Section elections for President Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, and Director-at-Large will be held at the luncheon business meeting. Biographies of each candidate will be in the program. We are always looking for volunteers to serve on the AWRA–Wisconsin Board or Conference Planning Committee. If you are interested or know someone you’d like to nominate, contact president-elect Mike Rupiper at miker@capitalarearpc.org.

Looking for Student Assistants
Student helpers are needed to run the projectors and do other tasks at the annual meeting. In exchange for helping out, students will receive a refund on their registration fees. If you are interested, please contact Mike Rupiper at miker@capitalarearpc.org by Feb. 28. Student assistants will need to arrive at the meeting location by 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, and are required to attend and assist with both days of the conference.

A complete program schedule with abstracts will be available Feb. 14th on the AWRA Wisconsin Section website: wisconsinawra.org/2020-annual-meeting.html.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Before Feb. 14 After Feb. 14
General $130 $150
Student $65 $85

Registration includes lunch and dinner on Thursday, refreshment breaks on both days, program abstract book and AWRA Section dues. Online registration is available at wisconsinawra.org/2020-annual-meeting.html.

For registration or program information contact Andrew Leaf at aleaf@usgs.gov.

LODGING

The meeting will be held at the Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI. Rooms can be reserved until Feb. 11, 2020, at the conference rate of $82 for a single room and $109 for a double. A limited number of group rooms are available upon request. You must indicate that you are attending the AWRA meeting to receive this rate—reference room block “E89464.” Please call the hotel directly at 1-855-725-0960. Rooms are tax exempt with proper identification.

STUDENT CAREER WORKSHOP

Students are invited to participate in a career workshop on Friday, March 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The workshop will include discussion of job opportunities by a panel representing a range of career choices for water resources professionals. The workshop is free and lunch will be provided. Students can sign up during meeting registration. Spots are limited; so sign up early!