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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 (AWRA). The meeting will be held at the Paper Valley Hilton hotel in Appleton, Wis., on April 25 & 26, 2024. We are planning plenary, oral, and poster sessions addressing both surface water and groundwater issues in Wisconsin. The complete program and registration materials are available at wisconsinawra.org/2024-annual-meeting.html. We look forward to seeing you there!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

We have another excellent year of talks 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. There will be over 75 excellent presentations to deepen your knowledge and broaden your perspectives.

New Strategic Plan

Over the past year, the Wisconsin AWRA Board completed its first-ever **strategic plan** to assess where we are as a Wisconsin water science community, where we want to go, and how best to get there. Based on feedback from last year's conference, our main goals are to build organizational capacity, broaden the reach and inclusion of our community, and improve our offerings to members. A summary can be found on our website at wisconsinawra.org/strategic-plan.html. During the lunchtime session, the board will provide an overview of key strategic planning outcomes and propose our first steps to achieving those goals.

Keynote

For our evening dinner session, we are excited to announce **Dan Egan** as our plenary speaker! Dan covered the Great Lakes for many years as a

journalist at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and has since authored *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* and *The Devil's Element: Phosphorus and a World Out of Balance*. Dan's talk will be a conversation with AWRA's Matt Diebel about phosphorus, water quality, and Dan's perspectives on water in Wisconsin. The talk will be followed by a book signing at the poster session.

Coffee Hour Meet and Greet

Attendees new and old are invited to kick off the conference at a meet-and-greet on Thursday morning, April 25, starting at 9 a.m. Come catch up with old acquaintances, and introduce yourself to new colleagues! In particular, first-time attendees and students are encouraged to stop by for a chance to get to know fellow meeting-goers before the conference starts. Coffee will be provided.

Student Career Workshop

Students are invited to participate in a career workshop on Friday, April 26 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

Elections for president-elect, vice president, secretary, and director-at-large will be held at the luncheon business meeting. Biographies of each candidate will be printed in the program. We are always looking for volunteers to serve on the Wisconsin AWRA Board or Conference Planning Committee. If you would like to volunteer or nominate someone else, contact President-Elect Meg Haserodt at mhaserodt@usgs.gov.

Looking for Student Assistants

Students are needed to help with tasks at the annual meeting. If you are interested, please contact Matt

Diebel at mdiebel@usgs.gov by April 5. Student assistants will need to arrive at the meeting location by 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 25, 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 complete program schedule with abstracts will be available on the AWRA Wisconsin Section website: wisconsinawra.org/2024-annual-meeting.html.

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

LODGING

The meeting will be held at the Paper Valley Hilton in Appleton, Wis. Rooms at the hotel can be reserved until April 4, 2024, at the AWRA conference rate of \$98 for a single room and \$119 for a double room. A limited number of group rooms are available upon request. You must indicate that you are attending the American Water Resources Association meeting to receive this rate. Please call the hotel directly at 920-733-8000 to make your room reservation. Rooms are tax exempt with proper identification.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

| | Before March 29 | After March 29 |
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| General | \$180 | \$200 |
| Student | \$100 | \$120 |

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

For registration or program information, contact Aaron Pruitt at aaron.pruitt@wisconsin.gov.

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