University of Wisconsin
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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 Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, on February 28 & March 1, 2019. Our theme this year is “Clearing the Waters: Effective Science and Communication.” We are planning plenary, oral and poster sessions, plus lightning talks (see below), addressing both surface water and groundwater issues in Wisconsin. We look forward to seeing you at what we’re sure will be an exciting meeting. A preliminary program and registration materials will be available in January 2019. For updates, visit the AWRA website (state.awra.org/wisconsin/2019meeting.html).

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 be sure to 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 copy 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 Mike Parsen at michael.parsen@wgnhs.uwex.edu or 608-262-9419 by November 20, 2018. For more information, contact Mike or visit the AWRA website.

OFFICER ELECTIONS
Section elections for President Elect, Vice President, Treasurer and Director at Large will be held at the business meeting. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving in one of these positions please contact Andy Leaf at aleaf@usgs.gov or 608-821-3912 by November 20, 2018.

CALL FOR PAPERS
We are soliciting posters and presentations related to the theme as well as for general sessions on research related to hydrogeology, watershed management, hydrology, limnology, aquatic toxicology, water chemistry, aquatic ecology, climate change and water use. Please specify your preference for oral or poster presentation or lightning talk when you submit your abstract. Oral presentations will be scheduled in 20-minute time slots, including 5 minutes for questions.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION
The deadline for receipt of abstracts is 12:00 midnight Friday, November 9, 2018. Abstracts should be limited to 1500 characters including spaces and submitted online at state.awra.org/wisconsin/2019meeting.html. Contact Gretchen Bohnhoff at bohnhoffg@uwplatt.edu if you have questions.

LIGHTNING TALKS
Do you have a short, hard-hitting, thought-provoking and inspiring talk that you want to WOW the audience with? “Lightning talks” are five-minute presentations that will require you to challenge the audience with your wisdom and insight. Please sign up early as spaces are limited!

Top photo: Discussion at UW–Madison, 2016; photo by UW–Madison.
Bottom photo: Eric Carson at Wyalusing State Park, WI, 2018; photo by Ken Bradbury.