



Indiana Water Resources Association

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**The Indiana Section of the American Water Resources
Association**

Dear Members and Friends of the IWRA,

Happy New Year. We now usher in 2004, marking the 25 anniversary of the Indiana Water Resources Association. As we hope for a good 2004, let's look back at a very successful 2003 and thank Tracy Branam, the president of IWRA in 2003, for all his hard work in making last year so rewarding for the membership of the IWRA.

The highlight of last year's activities was our Spring meeting (June 18-20), a multi-day field trip through the Whitewater River watershed near Richmond, Indiana. We were exposed to many locations of historic and geologic interest, such as the Whitewater Canal, the Brookville Reservoir and Dam, the town of Metamora, Hayes Arboretum, Thistlethwaite Falls, Happy Hollow, and the G Street Bridge. Thanks also to the folks at the Connersville water treatment plant for showing us their facility. Pictures from this event are still available on the web page.

Our activities in 2003 concluded with our fall meeting on October 10th. The day began with a business meeting at the Jasper campus of Vincennes University, during which the following officers were elected:

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After the business meeting was concluded, we headed for an overeating contest at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant in Jasper, apparently one of Tracy Branam's regular stops! Finally, we spent the rest of the afternoon having a very pleasant behind-the-scenes tour of the Splashin' Safari water park that is part of Holiday World in Santa Claus, IN. Will Koch, president of Holiday World, showed us how water at the park is handled, cleaned, and distributed during normal operations.

Again, I thank Tracy for his hard work during 2003, and especially for his most notable achievement, the production of the nifty new IWRA logo you see at the top of this page and on our web page.

The IWRA also owes gratitude to those who contributed in 2003 to the IWRA Student Scholarship fund. Hopefully some exciting things will come out of this scholarship fund in the near future. Donors during 2003 were:

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This new year will be a special one for the IWRA, as it is our 25th anniversary. An announcement and Call for Papers for our Spring 2004 meeting has already been released by e-mail, but a paper copy is included with this letter. Our meeting this year is a symposium and will be held June 23-25 at the Strongbow Inn and Conference Center in Valparaiso. The main topic is "**Watershed Science, Management and Education on All Scales**". I invite you to submit a presentation for this conference on the main topic or any other that may be of interest to the IWRA. Instructions for submittal are on the Call for Papers. We are particularly interested in student presentations and offer scholarships to support these presentations. Instructions for abstract submission and scholarship application are in the Call for Papers. We will be joined at the conference by Bob Moresi, President of the American Water Resources Association, as the AWRRA is also celebrating an anniversary (their 40th). Another special guest will be Dr. Stephen Clifford of the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston, TX; he will be our dinner speaker on Wednesday June 23, and will talk to us about water on Mars.

A block of hotel rooms (\$75 + tax per night, includes breakfast) is available at the Courtyard by Marriott, adjacent to the Strongbow Inn and Conference Center. Rooms may be reserved by calling (219) 465-1700. Be sure to mention you are with the IWRA block unless you can get a rate on your own that's cheaper. Rooms will be held until June 1.

Information about registration will be forthcoming. Keep checking the IWRA web page for updates on the conference. Note that we now have a mailing list available to IWRA members that will also be used to distribute information about the IWRA and the spring meeting. To subscribe, send a message to majordomo@valpo.edu with the text "subscribe iwra-L" in the body of the message.

Last, but not least, a membership form is included here for your convenience. The mailing label for all IWRA mailings will show your membership status at the time of the mailing. The label for this mailing, for example, shows if you were a member of IWRA in 2003. Please renew your membership, or consider joining if you have not done so already.

I am available at (219) 464-5183 or ken.luther@valpo.edu for any questions about the IWRA.

Sincerely,

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