



## *Indiana Water Resources Association*

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

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Dear Members and Friends of IWRA,

Our 29<sup>th</sup> Water Resources Symposium was held May 14-16, 2008 at the Radisson Hotel in Bloomington. The theme of the symposium was “**Nutrient Enrichment in Streams and Lakes: Causes, Effects, and Management.**” The symposium was another outstanding success led by President Jeff Frey and covered subjects relevant to Indiana and the rest of the Nation as nutrient criteria are being developed to protect streams and lakes. Part of the symposium included a discussion of the newly formed Indiana Water Monitoring Council.

The following officers were elected for 2009:

President: Dennis K. Stewart, IDNR (retired), dkstewart7@sbcglobal.net, 317-844-5683  
President-elect: Leighanne Hahn, Office of the State Chemist, hahnl@purdue.edu, 465-427-3472  
Secretary: Joseph Schmees, IDEM, JSchmees@idem.IN.gov, 317-308-3194  
Treasurer: Kathleen Fowler, USGS, kkfowler@usgs.gov, 317-290-3333 ext.137

A special thank you to Art Garceau for serving superbly as IWRA Secretary since 2005 and to Kathleen Fowler for her continuing service as IWRA Treasurer.

Let's continue the successes of IWRA symposiums, so please join us for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual IWRA Symposium which will be held May 6-8, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in Columbus. The theme of the symposium is “**Floods of 2008, Status of Flood Plain Management, and Management to Protect Levees and Dams in Indiana.**” The thrust of the symposium is to address the following: (1) Indiana has experienced record flooding and we are looking for papers on how these floods affected Indiana's surface and ground waters; (2) the status of Indiana's cooperative effort with FEMA to upgrade flood management in Indiana; and (3) management of the construction and/or rehabilitation of levees and dams in Indiana to provide protection to Indiana residents and facilities. Presentations are invited for the afternoon of May 6 and for the full day on May 7, 2009 (see the enclosed *Call for Papers*). A field trip is planned for Friday morning to selected dams damaged by the 2008 floods.

Please consider nominating a deserving candidate for the **Charles Harold Bechert Award**. This award is IWRA's lifetime-achievement award and is presented to a member of the Indiana water-resources community who has contributed significantly to water-resources activities in Indiana. Congratulations to Jim Stewart, the 2008 recipient of the Charles Harold Bechert Award and the retired Director of the USGS Indiana Water Science Center.

I am pleased to announce that IWRA has established a new award named the **Outstanding Achievement Award**. Three categories of Outstanding Achievement Awards were established: **Academic Sector, Private Sector, and Public Sector**. We hope to present these awards annually to individuals that have contributed significantly to the goals of IWRA including (1) the promotion of research

and technical, social, economic, and legislative advances in all aspects of water resources; (2) the collection and dissemination of water-resources information through publications, symposia, and other media; (3) relating the needs of management, educational, and governmental institutions for specialized services and guidance to qualified professionals; and (4) initiating and maintaining lines of communication in the water-resources community. Please take this opportunity to recognize outstanding contributions and achievements in your part of the water-resources community and send your nominations for IWRA awards to Mark Basch, IWRA Awards Committee, [mbasch@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:mbasch@dnr.IN.gov), (317) 232-0154. The nomination deadline is April 1, 2009.

The IWRA Student Scholarship Fund provided more than \$2,100 of financial support for student presentations this year. Many thanks to our student presenters: Allison Ameluxen, Jay Beugly, Aubrey Bunch, Emily Cross, Jeff Field, Kristin Gardiner, Maksym Gusyev, Sarah Roley, Nathan Smucker, and Nathan Utt.

The Student Scholarship Fund continues to be widely supported by our membership. I want to thank the IWRA members that contributed to the fund in 2008: Jody Arthur, Mark Basch, Siavash Beik, John Bell, Melody Bernot, Thomas Berquist, Keith Cherkauer, Martha Clark Mettler, Jacques Delleur, Herbert Eagon Jr., Paul Farmer, Larry Feazell, John Fisher, Kathleen Fowler, Jane Frankenberger, Val Frazee, Jeff Frey, Arthur Garceau, Bill Giles, Bob Gillespie, Jerry Goff, Raj Gosine, Michael Guebert, Henk Haitjema, Rosemarie Hansell, Jeff Healy, Ernest Johnson, Bill Jones, Joe Ketterman, Brett Lackey, Sally Letsinger, James Luckiewicz, Jeff Martin, Rhett Moore, Scott Morlock, Sarah Nerenberg, Greg Nethery, Lenny Noens, Greg Overtoom, Mark Reshkin, Monique Riggs, Chris Ritz, Paul Ruegamer, Joseph Schmees, Greg Schrader, Michael Sears, Stuart Shipman, John South, Jeff Spicer, Dennis Stewart, James Stewart, James Sullivan, Harold Templin, Ben Torrison, Jerry Unterreiner, David Wagner, Kathryn Watson, Troy Weaver, John Wilson, Pam Wolsiefer-Leak, and Lorraine Wright.

IWRA is fortunate to have a dedicated and growing membership. We welcome these new members for 2008: Srinivasulu Ale, Kristen Arnold, Tony Bailey, Melody Bernot, Samantha Cornwell, Jessica Dexter, Laura Esman, Jason Feder, Jeff Field, Rick Fielder, Tim Fields, Kristin Gardner, Lindsey Gilman, Reuben Goforth, Maksym Gusyev, Jill Hoffman, Scott Lowe, Lance Mabry, Hilary Madinger, Chetan Maringanti, Sherry Mitchell-Bruker, Shawn Naylor, Monique Riggs, Lisa Ritter-McMahan, Richard Roeper, Todd Royer, Joseph Schmees, Jonathan Schoer, Stuart Shipman, Shashank Singh, Doug Smith, James Sullivan, Piper Tittle, Ben Torrison, Elizabeth Trybula, Thomas Warrner, and Kathryn Watson.

One of the principal goals of IWRA is to facilitate communication in the water-resources community. To that end, a list of IWRA members from 2004-2008, their water-resource interests, and telephone numbers is enclosed.

In closing, I ask that you please take a moment to renew your membership in IWRA by completing the enclosed membership form for 2009. I also encourage you to continue to give generously to the IWRA Student Scholarship Fund. Thank you for supporting IWRA.

If you have any questions concerning the spring meeting, or IWRA in general, please feel free to give me a call at 317-844-5683 or email me at [dkstewart7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dkstewart7@sbcglobal.net). I look forward to seeing you at the 2009 spring symposium!

Sincerely,

Dennis K. Stewart  
IWRA President 2009