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The Indiana State Section of the American Water Resources Association

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Dear Members and Friends of IWRA,

Congratulations to 2016 IWRA President Joe Schmees and his team for an excellent symposium on ***“Evaluating the Restoration of Indiana’s Water Resources.”*** The presentations were highly informative and the Thursday afternoon field trip to view BMPs in LaGrange and Steuben Counties was highly enjoyable (especially the Amish horse and buggies driven by children. ☺).

The 38th Annual Indiana Water Resources Association Symposium will be held June 28-30, 2017 at the Turkey Run Inn at Turkey Run State Park, Marshall, Indiana. The theme of the symposium is ***“Threats To and From Indiana’s Water Resources.”***

The 2017 symposium committee is seeking oral presentations on a wide range of topics including: **Infrastructure:** Public water supply, treatment, distribution, sewage treatment, CSO's, lead pipes, and lead in domestic drinking water (Flint issues). **Public Health and Safety:** Floods, dams and levees, infrastructure failures, toxic algae blooms, arsenic, mercury, and other water contaminants. **Water Supply:** Droughts, status of surface-water and groundwater resources, spills, contamination, and other threats. **Energy Production:** Fracking, mining, emissions, mercury. **Ecosystem Health:** Invasive or endangered species, sedimentation, pollution. **Climate Change:** Effects on agriculture, floods, droughts, water supply, public health, and research needs. In addition to these “theme” topics, we would love to hear about water-resource issues and activities in your area of expertise.

A call for abstracts will be distributed by email soon. Please share the call with colleagues that might be interested in our symposium. Students are especially encouraged to present at the symposium. The IWRA Student Scholarship Fund will cover travel, lodging, and registration expenses for students to present at the symposium.

Officers for 2017 are:

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We would like to thank Kathleen Fowler and Mark Hopkins for their long service to IWRA. Kathleen has served as IWRA Treasurer since 1994 and Mark Hopkins has served as IWRA webmaster for nearly that long. Your service to IWRA is much appreciated. Thank you Ben Sperl for taking over IWRA webmaster duties.

We thank those individuals that supported the IWRA Student Scholarship Fund in 2016: Jody Arthur, Don Arvin, Tony Bailey, Bob Barr, Mark Basch, Siavash Beik, Sarah Brichford, Thomas Bruns,

Martha Clark Mettler, Kathleen Fowler, Jeff Frey, Art Garceau, Bob Gillespie, Rosemarie Hansell, Joe Ketterman, Ginger Korinek, Sally Letsinger, Jim Luckiewicz, Jeff Martin, John Mundell, John Noel, Gretchen Quirk, Ben Reinhart, Chris Ritz, Martin Ryan, Joe Schmees, Michael Sears, Cheryl Silcox, John South, Harold Templin, Jerry Unterreiner, Troy Weaver, John Wilson, and Lorraine Wright. Your support of the scholarship fund is critical for enabling student participation at our meetings.

We welcome the following new members to IWRA: Matt Baker, Kara Prior, Andrew Pappas, Erin Petrie, Matt Meersman, Nayereh Ghazanfarpour, Ben Reinhart, Ursula Mahl, Sheila Christopher, Cassie Hauswald, Dustin Graves, Margaret Gitau, Scott Minor, Bill Blomquist, and Jeremy Webber. Thank you for your support!

Last year IWRA recognized these colleagues for their outstanding work: **Manuela Johnson**, Indiana Department of Homeland Security and chair of Indiana Silver Jackets, received the Charles Harold Bechert Award. **Karissa Bash, Kenyari Keith, Allyse Turner, and Paige Williams**, IUPUI Department of Journalism and Public Relations, received the Outstanding Achievement Award Academic Sector; **Todd Feenstra**, Tritium, Inc., received the Outstanding Achievement Award Private Sector; and **James Sullivan**, IDEM Office of Water Quality, received the Outstanding Achievement Award Public Sector. Congratulations to our 2016 award winners!

Please submit a nomination for the IWRA Charles Harold Bechert Award and/or the IWRA Outstanding Achievement Awards for presentation at the 2017 symposium. The Bechert Award celebrates lifetime achievement of excellence in water resources, whereas the IWRA Outstanding Achievement Awards honor individuals who have contributed significantly to the goals of IWRA:

Promotion of research and technical, social, economic, advances in all aspects of water resources; Collection and dissemination of water-resources information through publications, symposia, and other media; Relating the needs of water-resource institutions for specialized services or guidance to qualified professionals; or Initiating and maintaining lines of communication in the water-resources community.

Nomination forms are available at the IWRA website:

http://iwra.info/IWRA_award_nomination_form.pdf

Please send your nominations to Mark Basch, IWRA Awards Committee, mbasch@dnr.IN.gov, 317-232-0154. The nomination deadline is May 17, 2017.

An IWRA membership form and dues request was emailed on January 18 to the folks on our list. The form is at <http://iwra.info/2017/2017.Memform.1page.pdf>. **Please support IWRA and our student scholarship program.** Thank you for your support!

Please contact me if you have questions about the meeting, student scholarships, membership, or anything else. I look forward to networking with you at Turkey Run!

Regards,

Jeff Martin
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