


Dear Attendee:

Please join us for our
2021 Annual Fall Conference
in **Fort Wayne, Indiana** on
October 20th & 21st.



Here's what you can expect this year:

-  A hospitality gathering on Tuesday evening promising fun and camaraderie, along with food and drinks!
-  Earn up to **10 Water and Wastewater CEUs**, and receive a **FREE Conference T-Shirt!**
-  An Exhibit Hall filled with exhibitors — where you can see all the **new products** related to our industry and hear about new and exciting **services offered to utility professionals.**
-  Each day offers an **administrative track** of classes in addition to **water and wastewater tracks.**
-  The **“Best Tasting Water in Indiana” Taste Test and Luncheon** on Wednesday will declare one utility's water the tastiest in Indiana! Winners from the 4 regional taste tests throughout the state will compete.
-  **Plan on having some fun during the reception in the Exhibit Hall on Wednesday evening.** As classes conclude for the day, we invite everyone to gather in the exhibit hall for games, drinks, and food!
-  Later Wednesday evening, join us for a **hospitality** event at the host hotel. We'll have snacks, drinks, friends and a lot of fun!
-  The **Annual Membership Meeting** on **Thursday** will include **board elections for THREE positions.** Registration forms to vote or to run for the board are inside and also on our website.
-  **Tours of Fort Wayne's Water & Wastewater Plants** will be hosted **daily!**
-  Be sure to be there for Thursday's **Sportsman's Raffle GRAND PRIZE DRAWING - Worth over \$1,500!**

You **really** don't want to miss out on this year's Fall Conference - so, **don't hesitate to make your plans to attend.**

We look forward to seeing you on **October 20 & 21** at the **Grand Wayne Convention Center**
120 W. Jefferson Blvd. in Fort Wayne!

Fall Conference



October 20 & 21
Fort Wayne, IN



Technical Sessions

What follows is a *tentative* list of topics and invited speakers.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Water Session

Managing Sewer and Water Assets with GIS
Ben Hill, Diamond Maps

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Wastewater Session

TN/Nutrients - What's missing? Part 1
Pat Beamon - Brenntag North America

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Water Session

Manganese: A Not So Innocent Drinking Water Contaminant
Jason Bradley - AdEdge Water Technologies

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Wastewater Session

TN/Nutrients - What's missing? Part 2
Pat Beamon - Brenntag North America

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Water Session

News from Regulatory Land
Matt Prater, Travis Goodwin, Stacy Jones, Lucio Ternieden, & Liz Melvin - IDEM

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Wastewater Session

Ask IDEM a Question
Becky Ruark - IDEM

1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Water Session

Siting and Permitting of New Public Supply Wells
Katelynn Shail - Peerless Midwest

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Wastewater Session

Seasonal Changes
Barb Smith - Wastewater 101

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Water Session

Chemical Shortages / Outages... Are You Ready?
Dave Harvey - Water Solutions Unlimited

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wastewater Session

Emergent Pollutants (PFAS, etc.)
Rick Rockford - Environmental Response Solutions

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Water Session

How Can I Improve Pressure in My Water System?
Jeremy Schmitt, Commonwealth Engineers, Inc.

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Wastewater Session

Lead and Copper in the Waste Stream: Effects on Drinking Water & Wastewater Utilities
Jim Collins - Brenntag Mid-South

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Water Session

Starting Your System's Lead Service Line Inventory
Stacy Jones & Hayden King - IDEM

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Wastewater Session

Chemical Phosphorous Removal
Kristine Harvey - Water Solutions Unlimited

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Water Session

Concrete and Plant Rehabilitation
Marc Hansen - Suez

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Wastewater Session

Avoiding Dangerous Curves with Pressure Sewers
Keith McHale - Environment One Corporation

1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Water Session

The Importance of Water Audits
Sherri Winters - Alliance of Indiana Rural Water

1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Wastewater Session

Nitrogen Control in Wastewater
Bob Holden - Wessler Engineering

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Combined / General Session

Mentoring New People in the Water & Wastewater Industry
Tony Wood - Town of Osgood

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Noon **Board of Directors Meeting**

to 3:00 pm **On-Site Registration**
8:00 pm **Info Desk Open**

to 6:00 pm **Pre-Conference Hospitality Event**
8:00 pm (fun, food, & drinks)

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

to 7:00 am **Information Desk Open**
5:30 pm in Lobby

7:30 am **Opening Remarks**
Coffee & Donuts

7:30 am **Exhibit Hall Opens**

to 8:00 am **Staggered Training Sessions**
12:15 pm

to 9:00 am **Staggered Breaks in Exhibit Hall**
12:15 pm

to 12:15 pm **LUNCH in Exhibit Hall**
1:00 pm **Water Taste Test**

to 1:00 pm **Staggered Breaks in Exhibit Hall**
3:00 pm

to 1:15 pm **Staggered Training Sessions**
4:00 pm

to 3:45 pm **Reception in Exhibit Hall**
5:15 pm Fun, Food, & Drinks

to 8:00 pm **Hospitality Room - Hilton Hotel**
10:00 pm

Thursday, October 21, 2021

to 7:00 am **Information Desk Open**
3:00 pm in Lobby

to 7:00 am **Hot Breakfast Buffet in Exhibit Hall**
8:30 am

7:30 am **Annual Membership Meeting**
WIN a Kindle Fire!

to 8:00 am **Staggered Training Sessions**
12:15 pm

to 9:00 am **Staggered Breaks in Exhibit Hall**
11:15 am

to 12:15 pm **GRAND PRIZE DRAWING**
12:30 pm in Exhibit Hall

to 12:15 pm **Lunch - On Your Own**
1:15 pm

to 1:15 pm **Concurrent Training Sessions**
2:15 pm

to 2:15 pm **Break - Shotgun Raffle**
2:30 pm

to 2:30 pm **General Session**
3:30 pm

5 TOTAL CONTACT HOURS WEDNESDAY

5 TOTAL CONTACT HOURS THURSDAY

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Registration Rates

Full Registration

Two (2) days of technical sessions; and Pre-Conference Hospitality Event (Tues.); Exhibit Hall Access, Taste Test Luncheon (Wed.); Reception (Wed.); Hospitality Room Event (Wed.); Hot Breakfast Buffet (Thurs.)

Wednesday ONLY

Technical sessions; Exhibit Hall Access; Taste Test Luncheon and Reception; Hospitality Room Event

Thursday ONLY

Technical Sessions; Exhibit Hall Access; Hot Breakfast Buffet

Spouse / Guest Registration

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PLEASE INDICATE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES PLANNING TO ATTEND WEDNESDAY'S LUNCHEON.



Please list any dietary restrictions:

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Total \$

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Administrative Track Offerings

Administration Sessions

What follows is a tentative list of topics and invited speakers.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Board and Council Responsibilities

Allie Terrell & Gerry Harstine
ServLine by HomeServe

Board/City Councils' responsibilities with regards to the water utility is crucial to the success and sustainability of their community. There are many issues facing water utilities today such as aging infrastructure, reduced revenue, maintaining water quality, etc.. We will discuss the responsibilities of board and council members & finish with solutions and tools that are available to assist in their fiduciary responsibilities.

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Recruiting, Retaining and Succession Planning for Utilities – Need to Know for Utility Board Members and Supervisors (Part 1)

Tonya Bronleewe - Wichita State University
Environmental Finance Center

Elected officials and others responsible for ensuring utility compliance, safety and reliability must recruit and retain qualified operators and managers. As retirement looms for many senior utility personnel, succession planning is also important. In this session attendees will learn keys for ensuring a quality "pipeline" of talent, important reasons why employees decide to stay in their job or leave and cover key considerations for succession planning to ensure continuity of reliable utility services.

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Recruiting, Retaining and Succession Planning for Utilities – Need to Know for Utility Board Members and Supervisors (Part 2)

Tonya Bronleewe - Wichita State University
Environmental Finance Center

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Strategic Planning and Budgeting for Setting Rates

Todd Gardner - BBP Water Corp.

How to utilize your water audit and other information you already have available in preparing for rate setting.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Right Balance: Utility Rates & Aging Infrastructure

Rochelle Owen - USDA Rural Development
Kimberly Blanchett - Barnes & Thornburg, LLP
Gary Smith - Reedy Financial Group, P.C.
Bill Harkins - Indiana State Revolving Fund

Please join our panelists for an in-depth discussion about how deferred maintenance and stagnate utility rates have led to many communities to receiving mandates from Federal and State agencies. In a post-pandemic world, cities and towns are faced with the requirement for a substantial rate increase at a time when their constituents are still reeling from the effects of the global pandemic. To facilitate the discussion on this critical and pertinent subject, we have brought in the experts to explain the various funding options that may be available.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

American Rescue Plan – Funding Sources and Eligible Uses

Jeffrey Rowe - Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC

This presentation will provide information on the eligible uses of Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) based on the Interim Final Guidance from the U.S. Treasury. The session will also explore other funding sources that are now available for utility infrastructure projects as a result of the ARP and strategies to maximize these funding sources.

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Sustainable Communities

Allie Terrell & Gerry Harstine
ServLine by HomeServe

Putting together a community plan will aid you in identifying goals as well as how much funding will be required. You will have to decide how to structure your economy and ensure you have the proper infrastructure to support your community now and in the future. It is crucial for local water/wastewater utilities to be ahead by not only providing clean water, but also providing quality protections and services. We intend to show how water is the critical building block for all aspects of a sustainable community and discuss trends in the water industry.

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Employee Benefits; Cutting Through the Clutter

Josh Estelle - McGowan Insurance Group

This session will provide the audience an update on the group health insurance market and other employee benefits while sharing the education and information necessary to make the process as productive and efficient as possible.

1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Risk and Resilience for Small Utilities

William Etzler - Abonmarche

A risk and resilience self assessment primer for utilities with less than 3000 customers. Even though not required for utilities with less than 3000 population utilities should still assess their vulnerabilities and develop a plan to address them.

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

IFA Regional Planning Meeting

Drinking water and wastewater utilities and other interested parties can, for example, identify regional drinking water and wastewater priorities, discuss topics of regional interest, and investigate avenues of possible collaboration. (Fulfills yearly attendance requirement.)

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Importance and Challenges of Mentorship for Water and Wastewater Professionals for Today and Tomorrow

Tony Wood - Town of Osgood

Industry leaders from Federal, State, Trade Organizations, Lobbying Organizations, and through utility's themselves, all have recognized the need for a growth and workforce development for water and wastewater professionals. In this session we will explain the importance of mentoring for continuity for the utility.

Admin. / Regional Districts

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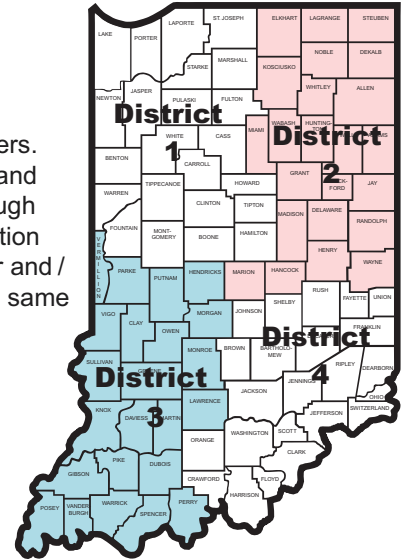
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Administrative Sessions Registration Form

ALLIANCE OF INDIANA RURAL WATER BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

The Board of Directors of the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water shall be composed of nine (9) members. By dividing the State into quarters consisting of twenty-three (23) counties each, four (4) directors and five (5) directors at large. Each member shall be elected for a three-year term and shall serve through the year his / her term expires. Only Managers, Certified Water and / or Wastewater systems operation specialists, or those actively involved with the overall operation and management of member water and / or wastewater utilities may serve on the Board of Directors. No more than one (1) director from the same member system may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time.

There are THREE Director seats up for election this year. (These seats are currently represented by: Tim Doersam - District 3, Currently Vacant - 4, and Brad Colter - At-Large.)



As a duly elected Board Member or Manager of the:

_____ (Official name of system member)

_____ District # / Position Running for

I nominate the following person to be considered for a position on the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Board of Directors.

Name: _____ Title: _____

How long has nominee served his / her system? _____

Please list nominee's certifications, civic involvement, skills, affiliations and involvements that would benefit the Alliance. (use additional pages, if needed):

Signature and Title

Date

Candidates should be willing to devote a considerable amount of their time to issues affecting the association. Please have nominee read and sign the following commitment to serve.

COMMITMENT TO SERVE

If elected to the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Board of Directors, I will attend meetings, serve on committees, etc., be actively involved in the Alliance and commit to the following:

- Participate in 80% or more of the Board of Directors meetings
- Attend the Annual Membership Meeting
- Attend either the Spring or Fall Conferences, both if possible
- Attend at least one (1) NRWA Rural Water Rally during each three-year term
- Attend at least one (1) NRWA Annual Conference during each three-year term

 Nominee's Signature

 Date

Deadline: To be considered for a position on the Alliance Board, signed nominations must be received in the Alliance office by October 7, 2021.

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE OF INDIANA RURAL WATER

FROM: Tom Speer, PRESIDENT

DATE: August 18, 2021

**TOPIC: ALLIANCE OF INDIANA RURAL WATER
39th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**YOU MUST FILL OUT AND SUBMIT
A DELEGATE FORM BY 10/23
IN ORDER TO VOTE!**



The annual membership meeting of the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. on **Thursday, October 21st at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana.**

During this meeting, three (3) members of the Alliance Board of Directors will be elected to fill three open Director seats. I will appoint a nominating committee to present a slate of candidates at the annual meeting.

Any voting member of the Alliance, who wishes to be considered for election, may submit their name on the nomination form.

Any voting member who follows these guidelines shall have their name placed on the ballot as seeking a position as a Director of the Board. Per the Alliance by-laws, (see 2021 Resource Directory) **THERE WILL BE NO NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR AT THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.** All directors elected at the membership meeting shall serve a three (3) year term. Terms shall be based on calendar years, commencing on January 1 following the election.

✓ **In order to cast votes for potential board members, complete the certification of delegate form below and return by email, fax, mail or in person by Wednesday, October 20 at 9:00 a.m.**

CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES

Article VI, Section 5, Voting:

“Each Active Member shall be entitled to one (1) voting delegate, in person, on each matter submitted to the delegates at each annual or special meeting. Only one (1) vote per person. No employee of the Alliance may vote for a member system. All matters presented to such annual or special meetings shall be decided by a majority vote there at. There shall be no voting by Proxy.”

As a member utility representative of the:

Official name of member system

I hereby certify the individual listed herein is the designated official voting delegate / alternate to the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Membership Meeting scheduled for 7:30 a.m., Thursday, October 21, 2021 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and that the delegate meets the criteria of the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water by-laws under Article VI, Section 6, which states:

“Each delegate / alternate shall be an active user or employee of the system he / she represents.”

Delegate Name _____

Alternate Name _____

Signature

Title

Date

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Registration Form Inside!

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