

29th Annual Water Systems EXPO & Conference
February 11-13, 2015
Best Western Ramkota – Bismarck

WEDNESDAY – February 11

Registration opens at 8:00 AM at the Dakota Ballroom Entrance

9:00 SRF OLD & NEW – Governor’s Room

This session will provide an overview of the entire SRF program as well as provide information on upcoming programmatic changes. New and experienced individuals working with SRF loans will gain from this session.

2:00 OPENING CEREMONIES – Missouri Ballroom

Official Opening – Jon Nelson, President of NDRWSA

Honored Guest – Governor Jack Dalrymple

Special Message – Senator John Hoeven

Special Guest – Bill Davis, Acting State Director USDA Rural Development

Welcome to Bismarck-Mandan – Sheri Grossman, COO of Bismarck-Mandan Convention and Visitors Bureau

Keynote Address – Michele Schommer, National Representative

3:00 EXHIBIT HALL OPENS – Dakota Ballroom

Displays of products and services covering all aspects of water and wastewater system operation & maintenance. Come and take a look at what is new in the water and wastewater industries.

4:00 METER CHANGE-OUT COMPETITION PRELIMINARY ROUND – Exhibit Hall

5:00 LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION AND EXHIBITOR APPRECIATION – Exhibit Hall

Your legislators have been invited to join us for some rural water hospitality. It is also a great time to say thank you to our exhibitors for their support.

6:30 EXHIBIT HALL CLOSES

THURSDAY – February 12

7:45 BUFFET BREAKFAST & EXHIBIT HALL OPENS – Exhibit Hall

Breakfast is included with full registration. Extra tickets may be purchased for \$15.

8:30 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A. **Operation & Maintenance Track – Exhibit Hall:** Exhibitor Demonstrations

B. **Board of Directors Track – Heart Room:** Roundtable Session

11:00 METER CHANGE-OUT FINALE – Exhibit Hall

11:30 EXHIBIT HALL PRIZE DRAWINGS – Exhibit Hall

Your last chance to visit the Exhibits – The Exhibit Hall will close at 12:00 PM

12:00 PASTA BUFFET LUNCHEON – Courtyard

Pasta buffet is included with full registration and additional tickets may be purchased for \$15.

1:00 SPOUSE/GUEST TOUR – Heritage Center & State Capitol (see insert) - \$10

1:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A. **Operation & Maintenance Track A – Heart Room:**

1:00 – Rural Water: Moving Forward or Repeating the Past – Julia McCusker, CoBank

1:35 – Leak Detection for Large Diameter and PVC Pipe – Ron Rappard, Utility Service Co., Inc.

1:50 – Mueller Hydrant & New Generation 350 PSI Gate Valve – Doug Kilanowski, Mueller Company

2:25 – Coffee Break

- 2:45 – *OpWorks* – Brian Barclay, AE2S
- 3:20 – *Water & Wastewater Technology Program* – Bruce Emmil, BSC National Energy Center of Excellence
- 3:35 – *Top of the Tower* – Shawn Mulhern, KLM Engineering, Inc.
- 4:10 – *Cured in Place Pipe* – Mitchell Hoeft, Insituform Technologies USA, LLC

B. Operation & Maintenance Track B – Sheyenne Room:

- 1:00 – *Pretreatment of Problem Waste Streams & Simple, Passive Phosphorous Removal* – Eric Larson, Wexco Environmental
- 1:35 – *Outside Diameter Chart and Connection Options* – Rich Pawlicki, A.Y. McDonald Manufacturing Company
- 1:50 – *Grease Control & Aquatic Plant Management* – Gary Syverson, Team Laboratory Chemical Corp.
- 2:25 – *Coffee Break*
- 2:45 – *Winter Operations for Water Tanks & Towers* – Rich Kemmis & Chad Edwards, Maguire Iron, Inc.
- 3:20 – *Manhole Rehabilitation Options* – Todd Stelmacher, Visu-Sewer, Inc.
- 3:35 – *IDT: AMR/AMI Technology Update* – Nick Polsinelli & Darin Waldner, Dakota Pump & Control, Inc.
- 4:10 – *Sewer Evaluation and Rehabilitation* – Todd Stelmacher, Visu-Sewer, Inc.

C. Board/Manager Development Track – Cannonball Room:

- 1:00 – *Open Meeting & Open Records* – Sandra DePountis, ND Assistant Attorney General
- 2:00 – *Bringing Changes in a Rural System: A Cultural Clash (Part A)* – Deb Nelson, DLN Consulting, Inc.

5:30 SOCIAL HOUR – Courtyard

- 6:30 AWARDS BANQUET – Dakota Ballroom** – Included with full registration. Additional tickets available for \$35.
- Awards Ceremony – Honoring the Best in the Business
 - Corporate Elite & Diamond Sponsor Recognition
 - 2015 Water Taste Contest Final Judging
 - Scholarship “Live” Auction & Equipment Fund Bucket Raffle Drawing

FRIDAY – February 13

7:45 BUFFET BREAKFAST – Courtyard

This event is included with full registration and additional tickets may be purchased for \$15.

8:30 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A. Operation & Maintenance Track C – Grand Pacific & Patterson Room:

- 8:30 – *Cleaning Mechanism for Water Quality* – Joe Schmidt, Hawkins, Inc.
- 9:05 – *Macro & Alpha Product Lines* – John Nelson, Romac Industries
- 9:40 – *Mapping with Locators* – Andrew Carey, Compass Tools, Inc.
- 10:15 – *Sampling Protocols and Procedures* – ND Department of Health Staff
- 11:15 – *Rule and Regulation Update* – Greg Wavra, ND Department of Health

B. Board/Manager Track – Lamborn Room:

- Bringing Changes in a Rural System: A Cultural Clash (Part B)* – Deb Nelson, DLN Consulting, Inc.
- Decision Making Manual* – Eric Volk, NDRWSA

C. Safety Track – Governor’s Room:

- Confined Spaces* – Safety Concerns of Excavation Trenches & Areas – Bill Wuolu of KLJ

11:45 CLOSING SESSION: GRAND PRIZE DRAWING – GRAND PACIFIC & PATTERSON ROOM – BE PRESENT TO WIN!