33rd Annual Water Systems EXPO & Conference
February 12-14, 2019

Tuesday - February 12

8:00 am  Registration Opens at the Crystal Courtyard
10:00  Pre-Conference Session - Board Basics, Effective Utility Management & Grassroots Advocacy
1:30 pm  Opening Session & 2019 Annual Board Meeting
  Official Opening - Jack Hancock, President of NDRWSA
  Welcome to Bismarck/Mandan - Sheri Grossman, Bismarck/Mandan Convention & Visitors Bureau
  National Update - Michelle Schommer, National Director
  Keynote Addresses - Clare Carlson, State Director of USDA-RD and David Glatt, Chief, Environmental Health Section, NDDoH
3:00  Exhibit Hall Opens
4:00  Meter Change-Out Competition: Preliminary Round - Exhibit Hall
4:30  Legislative Reception and Exhibitor Appreciation - Exhibit Hall
6:00  Exhibit Hall Closes for Evening

Wednesday - February 13

7:30 am  Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall/Exhibit Hall Opens
8:30  Concurrent Sessions:
  Board of Directors Track: Roundtable Discussions - Heart Room
  Operation & Maintenance Track: Exhibitor Demonstrations - Exhibit Hall
11:00  Meter Change-Out Competition: Final Round - Exhibit Hall
11:30  Exhibit Hall Prize Drawings
Noon  Exhibit Hall Closes/Buffet Luncheon
1:00  Concurrent Sessions:
  Operation & Maintenance Track A - Heart Room
    1:00 - Operators Role in Rate Setting - Carl Brown, President of GettingGreatRates.com
    1:35 - Cloud-Based GIS Data Management - Bartlett & West with Greater Ramsey RWD
    2:10 - Sludge/Grease Control & Aquatic Plant Management - Gary Syverson, Team Lab Chemical Corp
    2:45 - Coffee Break
    3:00 - Top of the Tower - Shawn Mulhern, KLM Engineering, Inc
    3:35 - EPA Region 8 Lead & Copper Rule Updates (Tentative)
**Operation & Maintenance Track B - Sheyenne Room**

1:00 - Hydrant Maintenance - Doug Kilanowski, Mueller Co

1:35 - Booster Station Rehabilitation - Wade Senger, Interstate Engineering

2:10 - Municipex: Water Service Tubing for the Future - Mark Mitchell, Ferguson Waterworks

2:45 - Coffee Break

3:00 - Renewal and Replacement Reserves Considerations for Water Systems - Miranda Kleven, AE2S Nexus

3:35 - GPS and GIS for Water Systems - James A Mertz, Bolton & Menk, Inc


**Board/Manager Development Track - Cannonball Room**

1:00 - A Case Study of Langdon Rural Water District and North Valley Water District - Geoff Slick, AE2S and Gordy Johnson, Northeast Regional Water District

1:35 - ND Open Meetings & Records Laws - Sandra DePountis, ND Assistant Attorney General

2:45 - Coffee Break

3:00 - Getting Great Rates - Carl Brown, President of GettingGreatRates.com

5:30 - Social Hour - Courtyard

6:30 - Awards Banquet - Dakota Ballroom:

  - Awards Ceremony - Honoring the Best in the Business
  - Corporate Elite & Diamond Sponsor Recognition
  - 2019 Water Taste Contest Final Judging
  - Scholarship “Live” Auction & Bucket Raffle Drawing

**Thursday - February 14**

7:30 am - Breakfast Buffet - Courtyard

8:30 - Concurrent Sessions:

**Operation & Maintenance Track C - Grand Pacific/Patterson Room**

  8:30 - Pipe and Manhole Rehabilitation Toolbox - Todd Stelmacher, Visu-Sewer

  9:05 - No Sweat: Condensation Control in Waterworks - Kevin Renslow, TNEMEC Company, Inc

  9:40 - Smart Metering - Gene Jordan, Core and Main

10:15 - Coffee Break

10:30 - Rules and Regulations Update - Greg Wavra, ND Dept. of Environmental Quality

11:05 - Small Systems Treatment and Distribution Panel

**Board/Manager Development Track - Lamborn Room**

  8:30 - SRF Program, DeAnn Ament - ND Public Finance Authority

  9:00 - Getting Great Rates, cont. - Carl Brown, President of GettingGreatRates.com

11:45 - Closing Session - Grand Prize Drawing - Must Be Present to Win - Grand Pacific/Patterson Room