



THE SPIGOT

from the NORTH DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

28th Annual Water Systems Expo & Conference Feb. 18-20 • Ramada Plaza & Suites, Fargo

TUESDAY, FEB. 18

Registration opens at 8 a.m. in the Crystal Courtyard

7:45 a.m. PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR – Crystal Courtyard
Tour the manufacturing plants of GPK Products, Inc., and Northern Pipe Products

1:30 p.m. OPENING CEREMONIES – Symphony Hall
- Official Opening – Michele Schommer, President of NDRWSA
- Welcome to Fargo-Moorhead – Charley Johnson, Fargo-Moorhead Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Keynote Address – NDRWSA National Representative John Bearman
- Legislative Forum – Moderator, State Representative Jon Nelson
- Motivational Speaker – Cole Carley, *Change, Challenge, and Charles Darwin*

3:00 p.m. EXHIBIT HALL OPENS – Crystal Ballroom
Displays of products and services covering all aspects of water and wastewater system operation and maintenance. Come and take a look at what is new in the water and wastewater industries.

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

5:00 p.m. LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION AND EXHIBITOR APPRECIATION – Exhibit Hall
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.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

7:45 a.m. BUFFET BREAKFAST – Exhibit Hall
Breakfast is included with full registration. Extra tickets may be purchased for \$16.

8:30 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS
A. Operation & Maintenance Track – Exhibit Hall: Exhibitor Demonstrations
B. Board of Directors Track – Mozart I Room: Roundtable Session

11:00 a.m. METER CHANGE-OUT FINAL ROUND – Exhibit Hall

11:30 a.m. PRIZE DRAWINGS – Exhibit Hall
Your last chance to visit the exhibits. The exhibit hall will close at noon.

Noon PIZZA BUFFET LUNCHEON – Crystal Courtyard
Pizza buffet is included with full registration. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$16.

1:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A. Operation & Maintenance Track A – Bach Room:
1:00 p.m. – Going Digital: Treatment Facility Logs and Reporting Gets a Facelift – Brian Barclay, AE2S
1:35 p.m. – Cleaning Mechanisms for Water Quality – Bob Cashion, Blue Earth Labs
2:10 p.m. – Wastewater Lagoon Dredging Process – Troy Fercho, SRS Crisafulli, Inc.
2:45 p.m. – Coffee Break
3:00 p.m. – Automatic Flushing – Harold Mosley, Mueller Company
3:35 p.m. – Inspecting Cured-in-Place Pipe Rehab Projects – Todd Stelmacher, Visu-Sewer, Inc.

B. Operation & Maintenance Track B – Brahms Room:
1:00 p.m. – Grease Control and Aquatic Plant Management – Gary Syverson, Team Laboratory Chemical Corp.
1:35 p.m. – Cured-in-Place Manhole, Lift Station and Culvert Lining Systems – Jim Swain, SuperTec Infrastructure Technologies, Inc.
2:10 p.m. – Hydrant Maintenance – Chris Ruskamp, American Flow Control
2:45 p.m. – Coffee Break
3:00 p.m. – Fixed Integrated Treatment Technologies (FITT) for the Purpose of Treatment – Lucas Staus, Bio-Microbics
3:35 p.m. – IDT: AMR/AMI Technology Update – Angelo Polsinelli, Dakota Pump & Control, Inc.

C. Board/Manager Development Track – Mozart I and II Room:
Payin' the Cost to be the Boss; Change can be a Monster; and Retirement: Dead End or Rebirth?
– Cole Carley, Cole Carley Communicates

- 5:30 p.m. **SOCIAL HOUR – Crystal Courtyard**
 6:30 p.m. **AWARDS BANQUET – Crystal Ballroom –**
 Included with full registration. Additional tickets available for \$35.
 - Awards Ceremony – Honoring the Best in the Business
 - Corporate Elite and Diamond Sponsor Recognition
 - 2014 Water Taste Contest Final Judging
 - Scholarship Live Auction

THURSDAY, FEB. 20

- 7:45 a.m. **BUFFET BREAKFAST – Crystal Ballroom II**
 This event is included with full registration. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$16.
- 7:45 a.m. **Safety Track – Etude Room:**
Defensive Driving in Winter Conditions – Learn how driving conditions should change the way you drive. Learn the defensive driving solutions for dealing with other drivers. A Safety Council certified instructor will use multi-media techniques to offer you a new approach to learning accident prevention skills. Satisfactory completion of the course could entitle you to an insurance discount and a point reduction on your driver's license. Limited to 35 participants. Sign up at the registration desk before Thursday. This session will start promptly at 7:45 a.m., and breakfast will be served in the classroom.

- 8:30 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- A. Operation & Maintenance Track C – Bach Room:**
 8:30 a.m. – *Denitrification via MBBR* – Eric Larson, Wexco Environmental
 9:05 a.m. – *CertainTeed Restrained Joint Pipe* – Lyle Ranstrom, Ferguson Waterworks
 9:40 a.m. – *Water Well Asset Management* – Ryan Baum, Utility Service Co., Inc.
 10:15 a.m. – Coffee Break
 10:30 a.m. – *Successful Operation of Membrane Water Treatment Plants* – Steve Ahlschlager, Moore Engineering
 11:05 a.m. – *Rule and Regulation Update* – Greg Wavra, North Dakota Department of Health
- B. Board/Manager Track – Brahms Room:**
 8:30 a.m. – *Lawsuits: Is your System Protected?* – Justin Overman, Howalt McDowell Insurance
 9:15 a.m. – *Rate Planning in the Hustle and Bustle of Western North Dakota: Williams Rural Water District Case Study* – Shawn Gaddie and Mark Owan, AE2S
 10:00 a.m. – Coffee Break
 10:10 a.m. – *Financial Sustainability* – Julia McCusker, CoBank
 10:55 a.m. – *Funding Crumbling Infrastructure* – Naeem Qureshi, Progressive Consulting Engineers, Inc.
- 11:45 a.m. **CLOSING SESSION AND GRAND PRIZE DRAWING – Bach Room – Must Be Present To Win!**

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Name – to be used on name badge _____

Title – to be used on name badge _____

Representing: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

The fees listed are for members only – please call 701-258-9249 if you wish to become a member.

**Room reservations are available at the following locations:
 Ramada Plaza & Suites 701-277-9000 and
 Expressway Suites 701-239-4303.
 Ask for the Rural Water block.**

Online registration is now available at www.ndrw.org
 or mail completed form and payment to:
**NDRWSA, 2718 Gateway Ave., Suite 201,
 Bismarck, ND 58503**

A. Package/Full Registration (\$200)

Includes: training sessions, breaks, social hours, exhibit hall, and ALL MEALS

On or before Feb. 7: \$200 _____
 After Feb. 7: \$225 _____

B. Partial Registration (\$120 plus meals)

Includes: training sessions, breaks, social hours, and exhibit hall
Individual costs if package/full registration is not selected:

On or before Feb. 7: \$120 _____
 After Feb. 7: \$145 _____
 Breakfast Buffet (Feb. 19): \$16 _____
 Pizza Buffet (Feb. 19): \$16 _____
 Awards Banquet (Feb. 19): \$35 _____
 Breakfast Buffet (Feb. 20): \$16 _____

C. Spouse/Guest Registration

Name: _____
 Please indicate any meals your spouse/guest is planning to attend.
 Breakfast Buffet (Feb. 19): \$16 _____
 Pizza Buffet (Feb. 19): \$16 _____
 Awards Banquet (Feb. 19): \$35 _____
 Breakfast Buffet (Feb. 20): \$16 _____

D. Pre-Conference Tour (Feb. 18): \$15 per person

Name(s): _____

Total fees for registration, meals, and tour _____

Cancellation Policy: When you register for the Expo, we make arrangements for your arrival. In the unlikely event you have to cancel your registration, the following cancellation policy will be applied. By registering to attend the event, you are complying with the cancellation policy. A **\$40 administrative fee** will be charged on all refund requests on or before **Feb. 7**. There will be no refunds for cancellations received after **Feb. 7**.