



2014 Joint Convention

NOVEMBER 23-25 - HOLIDAY INN CONFERENCE CENTER - KEARNEY, NE

LODGING INFORMATION

Please contact Holiday Inn Conference Center directly to reserve a room and be sure to identify yourself as an NWRA/NSIA Annual Convention attendee to receive the group rate of \$84.95 (plus tax.) Rooms will be held for the convention until October 21, 2014.

Holiday Inn Conference Center
110 Second Avenue
Kearney, NE
1-855-496-8637, Ext.101
\$84.95 plus tax per night
(NWRA/NSIA rate)

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On behalf of the Nebraska Water Resources Association (NWRA) and Nebraska State Irrigation Association (NSIA), we would like to invite you to attend the 2014 Nebraska Joint Convention. The convention will take place at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Kearney, Sunday, November 23 through Tuesday, November 25.

The NWRA and NSIA are excited to be co-hosting the 2014 Nebraska Joint Convention. The conference committee has worked hard to bring in a great line-up of national and local speakers with a wide variety of topics.

On Sunday evening NWRA and NSIA will hold separate Board of Directors meetings.

On Monday the NSIA annual members meeting will be held and the conference will then kick-off with a welcome from Senator Galen Hadley. During Monday's General Session, water professionals from Nebraska and other states will deliver their perspectives on

state water planning and the impact such planning has on ensuring water sustainability for the future.

On Tuesday morning the NWRA annual members meeting will be held. Tuesday's General Session will feature discussions on how effective water management begins with grass roots level involvement. Grass roots involvement is where water and management potential originate and historically this is where water development investment has occurred; so the session will provide an overview of what data is available and how water development investment have impacted Nebraska's economy.

The convention offers a two-day tradeshow featuring all the latest products, services, and equipment. Also, learn about educational opportunities and programs.

If you have any questions regarding the show, please contact Amy Prenda or Kylie Schildt at the NWRA office.

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2014

7:00 p.m. NSIA Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 p.m. NWRA Board of Directors Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. REGISTRATION

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. NSIA Annual Members Meeting

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Opening Session - Welcome: Senator Galen Hadley

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **History of Water Planning in Nebraska**
Speaker(s): Lee Orton, J.D., Executive Director, Nebraska State Irrigation Association
 Robert D. Kuzelka, AICP, Associate Professor Emeritus, School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. BREAK

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **State Water Planning by Other States – The Benefits of and Lessons Learned**
Speaker(s): Lisa Beutler, Executive Facilitator, California Water Plan and Water Resources Group
 Carlos Rubinstein, Chairman, Texas Water Development Board
 Harry LaBonde, P.E., Director, Wyoming Water Development Office

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. LUNCH
Nebraska Water Balance Alliance - Roric Paulman, Board Chair, Nebraska Water Balance Alliance

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Water Planning by Nebraska Department of Natural Resources**
Speaker(s): James C. Schneider, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **State Water Planning by Other States – Lessons Learned**
Speaker(s): Lisa Beutler, Executive Facilitator, California Water Plan and Water Resources Group; Carlos Rubinstein, Chairman, Texas Water Development Board; Harry LaBonde, P.E., Director, Wyoming Water Development Office; Lee Orton, J.D., Executive Director, Nebraska State Irrigation Association; Robert D. Kuzelka, AICP, Associate Professor Emeritus, School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; James C. Schneider, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. BREAK

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Water Planning and Integrated Management by Natural Resource Districts**
Speaker(s): Glenn Johnson, General Manager, Lower Platte South NRD

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. RECEPTION - Hosted by Holiday Inn Convention Center - Entertainment by Kearney High School Orchestra, Director Dave Klein

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. DINNER
Performance Based Water Conservation: Creating a Link between Profitable Irrigation and Sound Watershed Management
 John T. Heaston, The Nature Conservancy

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2014

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. REGISTRATION

7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. NWRA Annual Members Meeting

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. NWRA Board Meeting

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Water Data Collection Reports**
Speaker(s): Dana Divine, Survey Hydrogeologist, Conservation and Survey Division, School of Natural Resources, UNL
 Jesse Bradley, P.G., Division Head, Integrated Water Management, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, Robert Swanson, Director, USGS Nebraska Water Science Center, Marty Link, Acting Water Quality Division Administrator, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, Dustin Wilcox, Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:30 a.m. – 12:15 a.m. **Water Planning – “At the Grass Roots”**
Speaker(s): Lee Orton, Nebraska State Irrigation Association; Eric Thompson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics and the Director of the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Suat Irmak, Ph.D., M.E., B.E., Department of Biological Systems Engineering, University of Nebraska; Ted Tietjen, Nebraska Water Balance Alliance; Joe Wahlgren, Wahlgren Farms; Nick Lapaseotes, Lapaseotes Farms; Michael Jacobson, Chairman, President and CEO, NebraskaLand National Bank and NebraskaLand Financial Services

The planning and coordination for this panel was provided by the Nebraska Water Balance Alliance and the Cooperative Extension at the University of Nebraska. The Associations thank them for their work.

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Update on the Natural Resources Commission** - Scott Smathers, Natural Resources Commission

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(Please Print)

NAME _____ MEMBER (NWRA____) (NSIA____)

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REGISTRATION FEE BEFORE NOVEMBER 12 _____ X \$220 \$ _____

REGISTRATION FEE AFTER NOVEMBER 12 _____ X \$255 \$ _____

ADDITIONAL MEAL TICKETS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - LUNCH _____ X \$40 \$ _____

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - DINNER _____ X \$60 \$ _____

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - LUNCH _____ X \$40 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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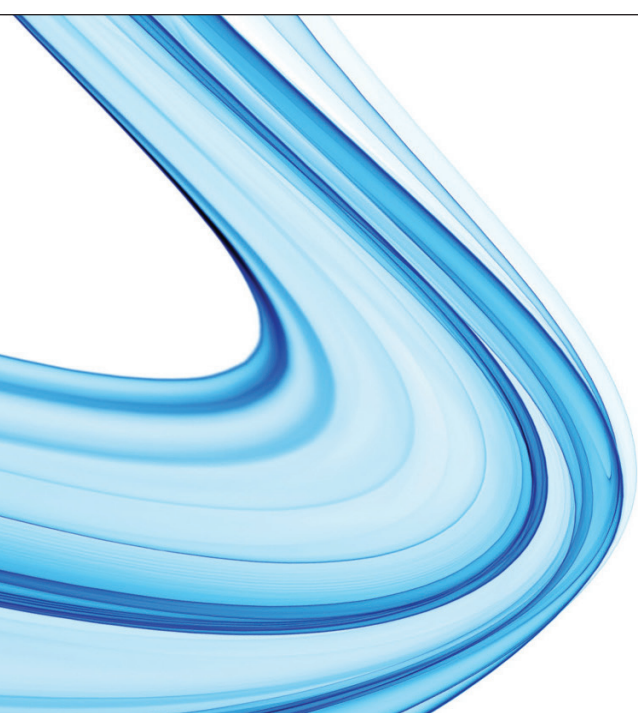
It is preferred that payment in full by check or money order accompanies the registration form. Registrants who do not send a check or money order with their registration forms and do not cancel will be invoiced for \$255. A cancellation and/or refund request must be received in writing by November 12.





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The NWRA is a member in the National Water Resources Association (National WRA) and have two board members that actively participate in the National WRA. The National WRA is a nonprofit federation of state organizations concerned with the appropriate management, conservation, and use of water and land resources on a national scope. As a member of the NWRA you will also have the benefit of membership in the National WRA, which provides you with timely information on what is happening at the national level in Congress and with the EPA, federal funding, FERC, the Water Resources Development Act and the Endangered Species Act. You will also receive Irrigation Leader magazine and Water News Daily that will provide you with the latest news articles, press releases and discussions about western water related issues.

NWRA MEMBERSHIP

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The NSIA is the oldest association of water resources interests in Nebraska. Established in 1893 to encourage stewardship and wise development and management of the state's water, the organization has contributed education and information to citizens; supported development of scientific and technical water research; cooperated with other water interest organizations; monitored and provided input into laws and regulations governing water; and provided mutually beneficial programs among and for its members.

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