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# Wyoming Engineering & Surveying Society

## Newsletter

Summer/Fall 2023

### The 104th Annual Wyoming Engineering and Surveying Society Convention - February 7-9, 2024 in Laramie, WY

**WES Members** - As September starts to slip away and Fall is upon us, your WES Board is actively planning and preparing for the 104th Wyoming Engineering & Surveying Society Convention. We'd like to encourage you to block out February 7-9, 2024, on your calendar as we prepare to gather in Laramie for the annual convention and social event of the year. The convention will be held at the UW Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center. The Board, convention committee, standing committees, and executive director are working hard to make this year's convention an exciting and successful event.

As there are not enough sleeping rooms available in a single facility, we have reserved rooms at both the:

Hilton Garden Inn, 229 E Grand Avenue - (307)745-5500 at \$99/night; and,  
Holiday Inn, 204 30<sup>th</sup> St – (307)721-9000 at \$99/night.

Please make your arrangements at either of these facilities now by calling the number provided above and letting them know you are with the Wyoming Engineering & Surveying Society.

**PRESENTATION ABSTRACTS ARE BEING ACCEPTED!** We need your help as we prepare the program for the 104<sup>th</sup> Convention. The official Call for Presentation and Presenter Information Form is attached at the end of the Newsletter and can also be found on the WES website, [wyomingengineeringsociety.org](http://wyomingengineeringsociety.org) under the CONVENTION Menu item. Please send your abstracts to [bdorr@cheyennebopu.org](mailto:bdorr@cheyennebopu.org) by October 31, 2023. We are planning to provide seven presentations focusing on surveying in coordination with PLSW. This is an excellent way to share your expertise with your peers in a friendly, educational, and social setting. Peer-to-peer programming is essential to the success of WES and this event.

We need your help, and we encourage YOU to get involved. We are doing great things in Wyoming and the surrounding states, and we want to hear about your research, projects, creative solutions, etc. – we want

to hear YOUR story! Please consider topics, projects, state of the art, new technology, etc. that you have been involved in and come present to your Wyoming Engineering & Surveying Society colleagues.

As we continue to move forward with providing a live session and recording presentations for viewing potential at a later date, we will be requesting volunteers to help with setting up the virtual component of each presentation. We need your help as a volunteer, please reach out to Shelby Carlson, Bryce Dorr, or Jeff Young at the contact information included at the top of this newsletter.

As we have done in past events, we will include:

- An interesting and informative Keynote Address,
- Professional society, board, and membership meetings,
- Professional land surveying educational content through PLSW,
- ASCE engineering professional development classes on Friday February 9<sup>th</sup>, and
- a Scholarship Lunch to celebrate and recognize the achievements of the students that WES scholarships help to support.

I encourage you to **send your presentation abstract to Vice President and Program Committee Chair, Bryce Dorr, as noted above ASAP.** We will be finalizing the program in November, so we need to have presentation information in hand by October 31, 2023.

The Board encourages your feedback and intends to include a session to hear from our membership on what key services they want the future of their Wyoming Engineering & Surveying Society to provide. Feel free to contact any of us directly with your thoughts, suggestions, and concerns and we hope to hear from you at this event at the 104<sup>th</sup> Convention. Never forget that the Board is here to serve you, and we value your input.

**Presidential Project of the Year Award Program** – The request has recently been emailed and project submittals are due by January 5, 2024. Please see the recent email from Gary Grigsby, Executive Director, and the application and instructions can also be found on WES's website, [wyomingengineeringsociety.org](http://wyomingengineeringsociety.org). Separate awards are presented under the categories of engineering projects and surveying projects. WE want to hear from you – please submit exciting and innovative projects that have been completed during the 2023 year.

#### **WES Business –**

Gary Grigsby's has decided to move on to new endeavors, and the 104<sup>th</sup> Convention will be his last as the Executive Director. The WES board has hired Ann Marie Taylor as our new Assistant Executive Director for this year and Executive Director starting in April 2024. You have all known Ann Marie as the friendly, helpful, do-it-all individual that operated the registration desk for the past many years. Ann Marie will be helping us to move WES toward our new goals as identified at this year's convention. Please welcome Ann Marie as her training period is effective as of October 1, 2023.

Following the 2024 convention, Gary will have served as the WES Executive Director for nine successful years and has graciously offered to assist Ann Marie with the transition. Please take time prior to and at the 104<sup>th</sup> Convention to thank Gary for his service to the Society.

Respectfully submitted by:

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