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Wyoming Engineering & Surveying Society

Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2023

WES Members – Several members have reached out to the WES Board indicating that they never received our Summer/Fall 2023 newsletter. We have had complications with mass emails to our members recently and are searching for a solution. A big thank you to Ryan Waterbury for getting the newsletter on WES's social media, helping to share the information. This newsletter is being provided to share information that may not have been received by all our members previously as well as to provide new information regarding the 2024 Convention in Laramie.

To help us ensure you receive formal WES communication, please add the following two email addresses to your safe sender's list:

gngwestern@gmail.com and ann.marie.taylor2343@gmail.com

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

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/Hilton Garden Inn. 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 30th 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.

Tentative list of PRESENTATION for the 2024 Convention!

- Professional land surveying educational content through PLSW
- Geospatial Technology and its Uses
- The Importance of Performance Based Specifications in Geosynthetics
- How to Identify which Grant Program is Right for You
- Response Effort for June 2022 Yellowstone Flood
- Landowner Negotiations and Compliance with Uniform Act
- Rip Rap Sizing
- What do you expect with your WES Membership?
- Sustainability (Structural Focus)
- Utilizing Precision Survey and Machine Guidance to Open Mountain Pass Highways
- Panel Discussion - EJCDC ENGINEER STATUS DURING CONSTRUCTION
- Engineered Geosynthetic Solutions for Environmental & Infrastructure Challenges
- Snow Science and Avalanche Safety
- Engineers Week 2024 Planning Session
- AGS Technology and Wastewater Treatment
- GIS Supporting Disaster Response in the Utility Sector
- Troubleshooting Chip Seals and Paving
- Advanced Enviro-Septic Wastewater Treatment System
- Professional society, board, and membership meetings
- Field Trip
 - o Working on a field trip to the School of Energy Resources and the Civil Engineering and Physical Sciences to tour the facilities and exciting on-going research/work.
- UW WyoMotorSports Team static display and opportunity to visit with the students about their project and upcoming Spring competition.
- Keynote – tentative Shute Creek Project in western Wyoming

We need volunteer help for the 2024 Convention and for WES Committees and we encourage YOU to get involved. We need help for the registration table and room moderators. As we continue to move forward with providing a live session and recording presentations for viewing at a later date, we need volunteers to help with setting up the virtual component of each presentation. Please reach out to Shelby Carlson, Bryce Dorr, at wesofficers@gmail.com or by using the contact form on the website.

As has been done during past events, we will include:

- ASCE engineering professional development classes on Friday February 9th, and
- A Scholarship and Awards Ceremony Luncheon to celebrate and recognize the achievements of the students that WES scholarships help to support, WES Outstanding Student Engineer of the Year awards, WES Presidential Project of the Year, WES Honorary Members, Outstanding Engineer of the Year and ASCE Life Members.

WES Business –

Gary Grigsby's has decided to move on to new endeavors, and the 104th 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. 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 104th Convention to thank Gary for his service to the Society.

Respectfully submitted by:

Shelby Carlson - WES President