

2012 InAWWA Annual Conference Program

It is already the time to begin preparing for the AWWA Indiana Section Annual Meeting to be held at the Marriott Hotel Downtown Indianapolis in February 2012. It is my honor to assemble the program for the 2012 conference. The Indiana section takes great pride in presenting an exemplary program which provides continuing education in a wide variety of subject matter benefiting the Water Industry at all levels. We strive to improve this program every year to ensure that the content is current, educational, interesting, stimulating as well as practical while providing the latest cutting edge technology available to our members.

Supplying clean and safe drinking water requires such a wide, diverse range of subjects and topics, this includes everything from resource protection and watershed planning to asset management, water distribution, process evaluation and design, equipment repair and maintenance, customer service, job safety, rate making and capital financing and much more in between. The broad range of content at the Annual Conference provides the knowledge that is required by water professionals throughout Indiana in order to meet the challenges that they encounter over the course of any given day. I feel this is the reason why the Annual Section Meeting continues to provide great value regarding the day to day activities of the drinking water business. Here we obtain information that cannot be obtained in any other venue.

The Indiana Section endeavors to continue to improve this program each year to be more comprehensive, yet interesting and entertaining. This is a tall order considering the diversity of our members and audiences. Our attendees include operators, supervisors, managers, mayors, vendors, engineers, contractors and more.

This is why I am asking for your input as to the needs and interests of our membership in order to compile a program that contains the subject matter and content that will meet these criteria taking next year's program to a higher level, improving the skills of the water professionals so they are able to better serve both our customers and the general public, with the safest and very best water that we as an industry can provide.

I ask each and every one of you to contact me, letting me know what interests you, and what tools, skills and training you need to have in order to do your job better. You may email me at duanegilles@gmail.com, fax me at (812) 421-2116, call me at (812) 305-6684 or mail it to me through the postal service at 1931 Allen's Lane, Evansville, IN 47720.

Thank you in advance for your help in the development of next year's program. A program that will provide education and valuable content while holding the audience's interest, one that will inspire us to take this information to the field, improving the quality of drinking water in the state of Indiana.

Duane A. Gilles
Program Chair

**104rd ANNUAL MEETING
INDIANA SECTION
AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
February 21-23, 2012
Marriott Hotel – Downtown
Indianapolis, Indiana**

The Program Committee is requesting abstracts for presentations during the Indiana Section AWWA Annual Meeting, to be held **February 21-23, 2012** at the **Marriott Hotel in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana**. The theme for the 2012 meeting, “**Success thru Service**”, will focus on serving pure water throughout Indiana. Anyone interested in presenting at the meeting is encouraged to submit an abstract.

The program will likely include sessions covering regulatory, distribution, production, safety, financial and a host of other topics that will help to enhance our education program. This year the program committee is requesting papers specific to proactive approaches, long and short range planning, mentoring, and new this year, a track dedicated to wastewater will be included. Presentations should be 30 or 60 minutes in length, which should include a few minutes for questions and answers at the end of the presentation. We will also consider full or half day workshops.

All of the requested information on the abstract form is essential for attaining Continuing Education credit approval from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) as well as Professional Development Hours. Please submit all abstracts and requested information **by June 4, 2011** to:

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The submittal form can be found on www.inawwa.org. If you have any questions, please contact me at (812) 305-6684. Thank you for your interest and support of the Indiana Section AWWA.

Sincerely,
Duane A. Gilles
Program Committee Chair

ABSTRACT INSTRUCTIONS

Abstracts should be between 100 and 200 words, typed, and double-spaced. Any bibliographic material, graphs, sketches, tables, etc., may be included at this time. This Abstract Submittal Form, or a photocopy of the form, must be the cover sheet for each abstract submitted. Only complete submittals will be accepted. Abstracts may be considered for more than one session.

Abstracts and speaker bios must be in Word or PDF format only. Please send each abstract and speaker bio as a separate attachment to an e-mail. All abstracts must be received by Duane Gilles no later June 4, 2011.

Criteria for selection of abstracts include the following: originality, technical content, significance of work, and abstract quality.

All selected presenters/presentations will be notified on or before August 27, 2011. Upon selection as a presenter, you will be required to provide your completed "Power Point" presentation, in its electronic format, to Duane Gilles by October 29, 2011. Failure to do so will result in a substitute paper being selected. Presentation rooms will be provided with the audio visual (AV) equipment requested by the presenters on this abstract form. The speaker should note on the abstract form all AV equipment needed for the presentation. Every attempt will be made to accommodate all your audio-visual equipment needs.

ABSTRACT SUBMITTAL FORM (Please submit abstract using this form as a cover page.)

TITLE OF PAPER: _____

SPEAKER: _____

BUSINESS TITLE: _____

CO-AUTHOR(S): _____

COMPANY AFFILIATION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

AV EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: _____

TIME REQUIRED FOR PRESENTATION: _____

(30 or 60 minutes / Full or Half Day Workshop)