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2023 MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

Middleton, Wisconsin

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

- 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM **Hydro Project Tour of 31-MW Prairie du Sac Project**, owned by Alliant Energy
Prairie du Sac Dam is the widest dam on the Wisconsin River.
Bus departs from the Marriott Madison West at 7:30 AM sharp
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM *Lunch (included in Event Registration); boxed lunches available Atrium*
- 2:00 – 4:30 PM **Asset Owners Only Meeting**
Superior Room
Any Regional Meeting registrant that works for an owner/operator of hydroelectric projects is welcome to participate.
Moderated by Robert Vyvyan, Alliant Energy
- 4:30 – 5:30 PM **Dialogue and Discussion: Basin-Scale Planning**
Superior Room
Any Regional Meeting registrant is welcome to participate; attendance by asset owners is highly encouraged.
Discussion Leaders: Cheryl Laatsch, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and John Suloway, Gomez and Sullivan
- 2:00 – 4:00 PM **Student Gathering at University of Wisconsin-Madison – @ Wisconsin Energy Institute, 1552 University Ave, Madison, WI**
Expose students, faculty, and career advisors to the hydro technology and to the opportunities for careers in the industry post graduation; This will be a great opportunity to meet your next generation of employees! RSVP for this when you register
Transportation will not be provided by NHA.
[Campus Parking Map](#) – [Map of Wisconsin Energy Institute](#)
- 5:30 – 7:00 PM *Networking Welcome Reception*
Atrium

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Wednesday, April 26, 2023

8:00 AM	<i>Registration Desk Opens; Networking Coffee Superior Room</i>
8:30 – 8:45 AM	Opening Remarks <i>Included recap of the April 25 Student Gathering at UW</i> Rory Alsberg, MHUG Malcolm Woolf, NHA
8:45 – 9:05 AM	Welcome and Insights about Hydro’s Role at Alliant Energy Kathryn Wilhelm, Alliant Energy
9:05 – 10:00 AM	How to Manage Workforce Challenges Moderator: Rory Alsberg, J.F. Brennan Company <i>Working with Union Labor</i> , Aaron Zimmerman, State of Wisconsin Union Ryan Grondin, WE Energies Dawn Barber, CR Meyer Amanda Lutz, Mead & Hunt
10:00 – 10:30AM	<i>Morning Networking Break</i>
10:30 – 11:20 AM	Q&A with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Chicago Office Regional Engineer Facilitator: Lesley Brotkowski, Kleinschmidt Associates Speaker: Kevin Griebenow, Regional Engineer, Chicago Regional Office, FERC Brian Bartos, Fisheries Biologist in the Division of Hydropower Compliance and Administration, FERC
11:20 – 11:40 AM	Updates and Announcements from Midwest Hydro Users Group (MHUG) Virgil Schlorke, Vice President, MHUG Bethany Kelly, Barr Engineering
11:40 – 12:30 PM	Where are my Parts? Solutions to Supply Shortage Challenges Moderator: Melvin Lopez, L&S Electric Jeff Steiber, J.F. Brennan Company Mark Kayser, Minnesota Power Nick Smith, American Babbitt Bearing Steve Parker, ANDRITZ
12:30 – 1:30 PM	<i>Networking Lunch Mendota Room</i>
1:30 – 1:45 PM	Updates and Announcements from the National Hydropower Association (NHA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How NHA is working to help “Ring the Cash Register” for members and the industry- Digital Ad Campaign in the Midwest

1:45 – 2:45 PM

Show Me the Money!

What Funding is Available to Projects in the Midwest?

Facilitator: Elizabeth McCormick, Troutman Pepper

- *Special Presentation on the Hydroelectric Incentives Program*, Luciana Ciocci, Stakeholder Engagement Lead, Hydroelectric Incentives Program, Grid Deployment Office, Office of Infrastructure, U.S. Department of Energy
- Update on NHA's work to get tax credit for existing hydropower and other Federal support, Malcolm Woolf, NHA

2:45 – 3:15 PM

Afternoon Networking Break

3:15 – 4:10 PM

Dam Safety Inspections under FERC's Part 12 Requirements: Lessons Learned

Moderator: Jeff Anderson, Mead & Hunt

Whitney Hansen, Barr

Matt Ryan, Minnesota Power

Kevin Griebenow, FERC

4:10 – 5:00 PM

Hot Topics

Moderator: Ellen Faulkner, Ayres Associates

- *Going Batty: What the Endangered Species Act Listing of Bats Means for Hydro* – Mike Drain, Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District
- *Going with the Flow: The Value of Flexible Hydropower Operation* – Mark Christian, EPRI
- *Wind! Solar! Pumped Storage! Opportunities for Development and Working Together* – Marty Weber, HDR

5:00 PM

Closing Remarks; Meeting Wrap-up