



## 2019 Spring Midwest Hydro Users Group Meeting

### Wausau, Wisconsin

### May 14-15, 2019

Cost: \$45 per person from member companies, students, and regulators; \$90 per person from non-member companies. Registration fee includes lunch on both days! Listed speakers/moderators are free.

#### Meeting Agenda

#### Tuesday, May 14

**MHUG Special Meetings – Jefferson Street Inn – 201 Jefferson Street, Wausau, WI 54403**

9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

**MHUG Owners Meeting<sup>1/</sup> - Jefferson Ballroom**

**Moderators:** Josh Petersen, Dakota County and Amanda Blank, Alliant Energy

<sup>1/</sup> *Must be owner/operator of hydro facility to attend*

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

**Networking Lunch provided for participants Jefferson Street Inn – Jefferson Ballroom**

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Workshops**

1:00 – 2:45 p.m.

**O&M Topics – Water Management**

**Speaker: O&M Committee**

2:45 – 3:15 a.m.

**Break**

3:15 – 5:00 p.m.

**Regulatory and Legislative Topics – Project Boundary Amendments**

**Speaker: Regulatory and Legislative Committee**

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**MHUG Welcome Networking Reception – All are welcome to meet at the Jefferson Street Inn – Stevens Reception Area – Sponsored by Barr Engineering**

*Dinner on your own*

#### Wednesday, May 15

**MHUG General Meeting -Westwood Room at Westwood Conference Center, 1800 Westwood Center Boulevard, Wausau, WI**

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

**Registration/Networking/Continental Breakfast**

8:30 – 8:40 a.m.

**Welcome and Meeting Overview Presentation & Introductions**

**Speaker: Jae Houtman, Wisconsin Public Service – MHUG President**

8:40 – 9:00 a.m.

**Wisconsin River Licensing**

**Speaker: Ben Niffenegger, WVIC and Jamie Nuthals, WEC Energy Group**

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

**Treasurer Report**

**Speaker: Josh Petersen, Dakota County – MHUG Treasurer**

9:15 – 9:35 a.m.

**Federal Legislation/Regulatory Update**

**Speaker: John Clements, Van Ness Feldman LLP**

9:35 – 9:45 a.m.

**WDNR, WDNR Leadership and Future Plans**

**Speaker: Cheryl Latch, WDNR**

9:45 – 10:00 a.m.

**Morning Break**

10:00 – 11:45 a.m.

**Lightning Speakers**

- 10:00 – 10:25 a.m.      **Generator Brushes**  
**Speaker:** Scott Klabunde, Hydro 911
- 10:25 – 10:50 a.m.      **Drone Data Collection and ArcGIS 3D Image Technology**  
**Speaker:** Matt Wachholz, Golder
- 10:50 – 11:15 a.m.      **Improving Decision-Making with Streamflow Forecast Tools**  
**Speaker:** Yiyong Xiong, RTI International
- 11:15 – 11:40 a.m.      **DNR Sturgeon Management Plan**  
**Speaker:** Ryan Koenigs, WDNR
- 11:45 – 12:45 p.m.**      ***Networking Lunch – Buffet Lunch Provided at Westwood Center***
- 12:45 – 1:15 p.m.      **MHUG Committee/Business Update**  
**Moderator:** Nora Rosemore, Minnesota Power  
**Committee Reports**
- O&M – Dan Olson, Voith
  - Dam and Public Safety – Jeff Anderson, Mead & Hunt
  - Regulatory and Legislative – John Clemens, Van Ness Feldman LLP  
    – Lesley Brotkowski, TRC Solutions
  - Communications and Membership – Rory Alsberg, Americas Energy Services
  - Strategic Planning – Scott Klabunde, Hydro 911
- 1:15 – 1:45 p.m.      **Dam Safety and Compliance Q/A w/FERC – an Interactive Discussion**  
**Speaker:** John Zygaj, Regional Engineer, FERC-CRO or Others
- Introduction – FERC Division of Hydropower Licensing**  
**Speaker:** Nick Ettema, FERC Fisheries Biologist, FERC-CRO
- 1:45 – 2:45 p.m.      **ODSP Audit Process - an Interactive Discussion**  
**Moderator:** Carson Mettel, Mead & Hunt
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m.**      ***Afternoon Break***
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m.      **Women in Hydropower Mentorship Program**  
**Speaker:** Whitney Hansen, Barr Engineering
- 3:15 – 3:30 p.m.      **MHUG Board Nominees**  
**Speaker:** Jae Houtman, Wisconsin Public Service - MHUG President
- Virgil Schlorke – Upper Peninsula Power Company
  - Jamie Nuthals – WEC Energy Group
  - Daniel Langlosi – GE Renewable Energy
- 3:30 – 3:45 p.m.      **Overview of Fall NHA/MHUG Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Josh Petersen, Dakota County – MHUG Treasurer
- 3:45 – 3:55 p.m.      **Hot Topics – Meeting Feedback and Topics for Future Meetings**  
**Moderators:** Kim Hansen, Kleinschmidt & Yiyong Xiong, RTI International (MHUG Board Members)
- 3:55 – 4:00 p.m.      **Closing Remarks**  
**Speaker:** Jae Houtman, Wisconsin Public Service - MHUG President

**Lodging:** A block of 10 rooms has been reserved at the Courtyard Marriott, and a block of 30 rooms at the Jefferson Street Inn for the convenience of those that would like to stay the nights of May 13 or 14. The reduced room rate is \$139.00/night for the Courtyard Marriott and \$129 (plus \$3 for parking) at the Jefferson Street Inn. You are responsible to make your reservations directly with either hotel. Reservations must be made by April 13th to get the block rate. When making your reservation please indicate that you are with the “Midwest Hydro Users Group.”

- Courtyard by Marriott – 1000 S. 22nd Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401 – Phone: (715) 849-2124
- Jefferson Street Inn – 201 Jefferson Street, Wausau, WI 54403 – Phone: (715) 845-6500