IDAHO WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

86th Annual Convention

January 16-19, 2023
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Boise, Idaho

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Dan Davidson, Past President

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Heather Rice – Randy Hillman – Randy Brown
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NWRA Appointments
Directors: Dan Davidson & Aaron Dalling
NWRA Groundwater Caucus: Heather Rice
Policy Development Committee: John Simpson

Committee Chairs
Legislative: Ron Platt – Resolutions: Barney Metz
Education: Heather Rice – Water Quality: Jason Brown
Rural & Urban Affairs: Jay Barlogi

Nominating & Awards: Julie Sievers

Monday, January 16

Committee Meetings – Juniper Room	
1:00	**Resolutions Committee** Barney Metz, Chair
2:00	**Legislative Committee** Ron Platt, Chair

Tuesday, January 17

Committee Meetings – North Star Room	
9:00	**Education Committee** Heather Rice, Chair
10:00	**Water Quality Committee** Jason Brown, Chair
11:00	**Rural & Urban Affairs Committee** Jay Barlogi, Chair
Lunch – On Your Own **12:00**	

General Session – Juniper/Laurel Rooms

***CLE CREDITS (Pending)**

1:00*	**Reclamation Funding Update** Leah Meeks, Regional Water Cons. Prog. Specialist *Bureau of Reclamation* David Denton, Regional Resources Manager *Bureau of Reclamation* Nicole Carson, Planning and Project Management Manager *Bureau of Reclamation* Rebekah Triolo, Project Mgr., Regional. Basin Study Cord. *Bureau of Reclamation*

	Melinda Hernandez-Burke, Native Am. Affairs Prog. Coord. *Bureau of Reclamation* Cavan Gerrish, Water Quality/Title XVI Coordinator *Bureau of Reclamation*
2:15*	**A Highway Runs Through It: Road Construction Projects & Water Infrastructure** Greg Curtis, Superintendent *Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District*
2:45	**Modernizing the Boise River** Mike Meyers, Watermaster *Water District #63* Julie Bushell, CEO *Ethos Connected, LLC*
3:30	**Networking Break**
3:50*	**Idaho's Domestic Exemption Statutes: Is it Time for a Change?** Shelley Keen, Water Allocation Bureau Chief *Idaho Department of Water Resources* Mat Weaver, Deputy Director *Idaho Department of Water Resources* TJ Budge, Partner *Racine Olsen* Rob Harris, Partner *Holden, Kidwell, Hahn & Crapo, PLLC* Chris Bromley, Partner *McHugh Bromley*

Meet & Greet Reception
Immediately Following Session

Tamarack Room
Sponsored by Western States Equipment

Wednesday, January 18

General Session – Juniper/Laurel Rooms

Session Chair: Randy Brown, Southwest Irrigation District

8:30	**IWUA Annual Update** **President's Report** Randy Brown, President **NWRA Report** Aaron Dalling, NWRA Director **Committee Reports** Rural & Urban Affairs, Jay Barlogi Water Quality, Jason Brown Legislative, Ron Platt Education, Heather Rice Resolutions, Barney Metz **Executive Director's Report** Paul Arrington, Executive Director/General Counsel
9:30*	**Bureau of Reclamation Report** Jennifer Carrington, Regional Director *Columbia-Pacific Northwest Region, Bureau of Reclamation*
10:00	**Networking Break**
10:20*	**IDWR Updates** Gary Spackman, Director *Idaho Department of Water Resources*
10:50*	**IWRB Updates** Jeff Raybould, Chair *Idaho Water Resource Board*
11:20*	**D.C. Update** Mark Limbaugh, President *The Ferguson Group*
11:50	**Lunch – On Your Own**

General Session – Juniper/Laurel Rooms

Session Chair: Ron Platt, Wilder Irrigation District

1:30	**Water Supply Outlook** Erin Whorton, Water Supply Specialist *USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service* Jeremy Dalling, Upper Snake Water Management Lead *Upper Snake Field Office, Bureau of Reclamation* Ryan Hedrick, Middle Snake Water Ops Lead *Middle Snake Field Office, Bureau of Reclamation*
2:30*	**Internal Controls – Best Management Practices** Cheryl Guiddy, Partner *Harris CPAs*
3:30	**Adoption of 2023 IWUA Resolutions** **Ice Cream Break** Sponsored by Idaho Central Credit Union **District Caucuses & Election of Directors** *Juniper/Laurel Rooms* **Groundwater Caucus** *Opal Room* Randy Brown, Chair **Business Member Caucus** *Emerald Room* Hal Anderson, Chair

IWUA Legislative Banquet

Laurel/Ponderosa/Tamarack Rooms

5:30 - Social

6:15 - Legislative Banquet

Thursday, January 19

IWUA Board Meeting
Ponderosa Room

7:00 a.m. (Breakfast Served)

Election of Officers
New & Retiring Directors Invited

Concurrent Session #1
Juniper/Laurel Room
Session Chair: Barney Metz, Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District

9:00	**Attracting & Retaining Employees in a Difficult Labor Market** Justy Thomas, HR Business Partner *Veolia* David Johns, Assistant General Manager *Veolia*
10:00	**Hot Button Employment Issues Every Organization Should Know** Tammy Middleton, HR Risk Manager *ICRMP*
11:00	**Networking Break**
11:20*	**The Law of the Ditch: Recent Decisions by the Idaho Supreme Court** David Claiborne, Partner *Sawtooth Law Offices, PLLC*

Concurrent Session #2
Cinnabar Room

9:00*	**Wheaton's Law: The Ethics of Kindness in your Legal Practice** Meghan Carter, Deputy Attorney General *Idaho Office of the Attorney General*
9:30*	**Legal Ethics in the Practice of Water Law** Norm Semanko, Managing Shareholder *Parsons Behle & Latimer*
10:30*	**Major Question Doctrine – Supreme Court Decision in *West Virginia v. EPA*** Garrett Kitamura, Attorney *Parsons Behle & Latimer*
11:00	**Networking Break**
11:20*	**(IN JUNIPER / LAUREL ROOMS) Law of the Ditch: Recent Decisions by the Idaho Supreme Court** David Claiborne, Partner *Sawtooth Law Offices, PLLC*

IWUA Awards Lunch
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Ponderosa/Tamarack Rooms

Julie Sievers, Chair
IWUA Nominating & Awards Committee

Barney Metz, Toastmaster
Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District

Awards Lunch Sponsor: D.L. Evans Bank

NOTES

Convention Critique Sheet
January 16-19, 2023

Please rate the following on a scale of 1 to 5
(1 being poor and 5 being excellent)

How would you rate the Convention, overall? _____

How would you rate the Convention facilities? _____

Of the topics covered, which were the most interesting to you.

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Which speakers did you enjoy listening to the most?

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What improvements you would like to see at future conventions?

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What topics are you interested in learning about at future meetings?

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