



The mission of the Midwest Hydro Users Group (MHUG) is to promote safe, reliable, economical, and environmentally responsible hydropower in the Midwest by providing members with opportunities to learn, share information, and network with others in the industry.

## **2022 Fall Conference Agenda**

October 4 – 5, 2022

Radisson, La Crosse, WI

### **October 4, 2022**

- 9:00 – 12:00 Open House Tour of Angelo Hydro
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch – Radisson, La Crosse
- 1:00 – 4:30 Owners Meeting, Moderators: Virgil & Rob – Radisson, La Crosse
- 4:45 – 7:00 Reception – La Crosse Queen (**Board at 4:45, launch at 5:00 PM**)

### **October 5, 2022**

- 8:00 – 8:30 Registration/Networking/Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 - 9:00 Welcome, Safety Share, & Introductions
- 9:00 – 9:10 Treasurers Report – Jamie Nuthals
- 9:10 – 9:55 Pumped Storage in a Topographically Challenged World, Doug Spalding, Nelson Energy
- 9:55 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 11:00 What's Our Succession Plan? Growing a Hydro-Ready Workforce, Moderator: Ellen Faulkner, Ayres
  - (1) YiYing Xiong, Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center, UW-Madison
  - (2) Rob Vyvyan, Alliant Energy
  - (3) Janel Hestekin, Professor at UW Platteville
  - (4) Morgan Misner, UW Platteville Student
  - (5) Janelle Pogodzinski, J.F. Brennan Company
- 11:00 – 12:00 FERC Update – Kevin Griebenow, Brian Bartos
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

- 1:00 – 2:00 Lightning Rounds
1. What the Inflation Reduction Act means for You and other NHA Updates, Dianne Lear, NHA, Retired
  2. Replacement Options for Aging Small Hydro, Christian Porse, Mavel
  3. Section 106 Historic Preservation & Hydropower, Sarah Beimers, MN SHPO
- 2:00 – 2:20 Break
- 2:20 – 2:50 MHUG Committee & NHA Liaison Updates
- 2:50 – 3:10 The Angelo Story, Chris Cutts, ReNewHydroPower
- 3:10 – 4:10 Lightning Rounds
1. Comprehensive Assessments - A Small Project Approach, Scott Klabunde, Hydro Partners
  2. Justice League: New Approaches to Environmental Justice at FERC, Kelly McVane, HDR
  3. Public Safety Review of Safety Incidents - Lessons Learned, O&M and Dam & Public Safety Committees
- 4:10 – 4:30 Hot Topics & Closing Remarks