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To: CSWEA Executive Committee
From: Bill Marten, Chair, Technical Program Committee
RE: Update on Technical Program Committee Activities
Date: May 14, 2007

As noted in my January 22, 2007 report, the Technical Program Committee (Committee) reviewed 83 abstracts in developing the 2007 Annual Meeting Technical Program. Of these abstracts, 41 were selected for the program. The program was broken out into three concurrent sessions on Wednesday morning and afternoon, three concurrent sessions on Thursday morning, and two concurrent sessions on Thursday afternoon. In addition, a third session was reserved on Thursday afternoon for presentations by CSWEA's student competition winners (Student Paper, Student Design and Stockholm Junior Water Prize), which Dan Busch and the Students and Young Professionals Committee are coordinating.

Committee members will moderate each of the technical sessions, and the Students and Young Professionals Committee is currently in the process of recruiting and assigning assistant moderators to each session, to help with directing folks to appropriate seating, dealing with room lights, etc. Our goal is to recruit university students or young professional members to serve in these roles, as a way of getting them more exposure to our organization.

The only significant change since the January 22 report is that one of our selected speakers, Greg Kester of Wisconsin DNR, had to cancel his presentation. Our committee considered replacing his presentation from the remaining abstracts, but concluded that none of the remaining abstracts would be a good fit in that slot and as a result decided to leave the presentation slot open.

The committee has been working closely with the Local Arrangements Committee in terms of assigning rooms for each session and other final details. Similar to last year, our plan is to have a single laptop computer assigned to each session, with all presentations loaded onto that computer so we can avoid the inconvenience and potential delays in changing computers between speakers.

Finally, I'd once again like to acknowledge the outstanding support of my fellow Committee members Jason Benson, Dr. Bill Boyle, Scott Fronek, Pavel Hajda, Steve Reusser, and Beth Vogt. They have done a great job in soliciting, reviewing and selecting abstracts again this year, which should result in another quality technical program.

I would also like to acknowledge the help of the Local Arrangements Committee and the Students and Young Professionals Committee, especially Paul Nehm and Dan Busch, in coordinating the functions of our committees.