

2023 ICEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 13-15, 2023

(Tentative, 8/31/2023)

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

- 7:30-10:30am Exhibitor Setup
- 10:30 am Registration, Exhibits Open for Viewing
- 11:00 am AGC Social with Conference Attendees
- 12:00 pm Opening Luncheon with AGC
- 1:00 pm Afternoon Session
Presiding – Cathy Nicholas, Black Hawk County
ICEA – Paul Geilenfeldt, President, Marshall County
IHRB – Lee Bjerke, Iowa County Engineers Service Bureau
FHWA – Tim Marshall, Division Administrator
ISRMSA – John Runneberg, President, Pocahontas County
ICEOO – Janet Payne, Vice President, Buchanan County
APWA – Scott Sovers, President, City of Iowa City
- 1:30 pm ICEA Business Meeting
- 1:45 pm Keynote Address: A Different Kind of Career: Under Cover in the CIA – Jim Olson
- 2:45 pm Refreshment Break
- 3:15 pm Local Systems, Session A
Presiding – Nicole Moore, Iowa DOT
- 4:45-6:15 pm Vendor Reception

Thursday, December 14, 2023

- 7:30 am Continental Breakfast; Exhibits Open
- 9:00 am to 11:15 am Morning Concurrent Sessions
- Session A – Bridge and Culvert Design and Inspection**
Presiding – Aaron Putnam, Polk County
- 9:00 am Basics of SIIMS –Kevin Vrchoticky, Iowa DOT
- 9:45 am NBIS and Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory – Scott Neubauer, Iowa DOT
- 10:30 am Update on Bridge and Culvert Standards – Steve Seivert, Iowa DOT

Session B – Employee Programs and Public Relations

Presiding – Cole Budach, Dickinson County

- 9:00 am Building a Team Culture – Brad Ketels, Linn County
9:30 am Discussion of County Public Relations Approaches
10:00 am Employee Recognition and Engagement Initiatives – Jaime Horbach, Iowa Select Farms
10:30 am County Employee Safety Programs – Mike Raner, Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission (NWIPDC)/SHIELD

Session C – Safety Activities, Programs, and Measures

Presiding – Jonathan Bullock, Boone County

- 9:00 am County Experience with E-Ticketing – Nick Roethler, Kossuth County; and Others
9:30 am Traffic and Safety Bureau Update – Jan Laaser-Webb and Greg Karszen, Iowa DOT
10:00 am Sign Replacement Program Update – Mary Beth Sprouse, Iowa DOT
10:30 am Pedestrian/Bicyclist Roadway Safety Measures in Rural Areas – Nicole Oneyear, FHWA – Iowa Division

Session D – Construction Materials and Practices

Presiding – Bryan Horesowky, Muscatine County

- 9:00 am W-Beam Bridge Rails for Low-Volume Rural Roads: Issues and Solutions – Scott Rosenbaugh, Midwest Roadside Safety Facility, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
9:45 am Bio-Asphalt Uses and Application Testing – Joel Fantz, Fayette County and Chris Williams, Iowa State University
10:15 am Deck Sealing Applications – Brian Keierleber, Buchanan County and Ryan Brennan, Black Hawk County
10:35 am Seal Coating and Other Preservation Techniques – Eric VandeZande, Denco Highway Construction Corporation
11:00 am Photos for County Engineers
(for new engineers and those who need an updated photo)
11:15 am Exhibitor/Participant Opportunities
11:45 am Awards Luncheon
 - MCEA Update – Brian Pogodzinski, MCEA President, Houston County, MN
 - NACE Update – Jeff Blue, NACE President, Champaign County, IL
 - Technical School Scholarship Awards
DMACC and Hawkeye Community College

1:00 pm Roundtables
Subjects collected by the DOT Local Systems Bureau
Note: Refer to room assignment handout in your folder for county assignments & topics

2:00 pm Concrete Sundaes & Exhibitor/ICEA Prize Drawing
2:30 pm Exhibits Close/Tear-down
2:30-4:30 pm **Engineers Program**
Presiding – Ben Daleske, Tama County

RAGBRAI: Past, Present, and Future – Matt Phippen, RAGBRAI Ride Director
Panel Discussion: Railroad Coordination with Locals – Jacob Rzewnicki, BNSF Railroad; Larry Lloyd, CPKC Railroad; Kevin Donahue, CN Railroad; and, Kelli O'Brien, UP Railroad

Tips and Tricks to Develop Individual County Grant Applications – Lindsey Schroeder, ICEASB;
Joel Fantz, Fayette County; and, William Rabenberg, Clay County
BrR Software and Mapping Demonstration – Geoffrey Trees and Carolyn Kois, ProMiles

2:30-4:30 pm **Technicians Program – Getting the Job Done (Projects and More Projects)**
Presiding – Dalton Marsh, Webster County

Our new normal is that most of us are involved with a lot of construction projects, many of us have new staff or may be new to the job ourselves, and a lot of the systems we use have been or are being updated, altered, or changed entirely. This session will focus on getting the job done. It will consist of a presentation/discussion about organization and time management work/life skills (Speaker: Krisdeena Jansen, GLUTREK Engagement and Development). This will be followed up by a panel and/or roundtables to answer/discuss pre-submitted and “live” questions related to issues encountered when working to get the job done (e.g., project documentation, AutoCAD needs, construction inspection, etc.)

5:00 pm Reception & Cash Bar
Students arrive for Banquet

5:30 pm **Banquet and Evening Program**
Invocation – JD King, Page County
Introduction of Past Presidents – Paul Geilenfeldt, Marshall County, ICEA President
Technician Awards
Introduction of Students and Scholarship Presentations:
Iowa State University
University of Iowa
Introduction of New County Engineers
ICEA Award Presentations

Friday, December 15, 2023

7:30 am Breakfast

8:15 am General Session
Presiding – Casey Stickfort, Clayton County

8:15 am Challenges for Engineering Ethics in an Age of Big Data and AI – Laura Grossenbacher, College of Engineering, University of Wisconsin – Madison

9:15 am Concrete Initiatives and Innovations Update – Greg Mulder, Iowa Concrete Paving Association

9:45 am Asphalt Initiatives and Innovations Update – Royce Fichtner, Asphalt Paving Association of Iowa

10:15 am Mental Health & Suicide Prevention in the Construction Industry – Vince Hafeli, Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC

11:15 am **Local Systems, Session B**
Presiding – Nicole Moore, Iowa DOT

11:45 am **Adjourn**