**Mid-West Annual Meeting Overview**

***December 7-9, 2021***

***Grand Hyatt Hotel***

***Denver, Colorado***

**Tuesday, December 7, 2021**

8 a.m. Registration Opens

9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Mid-West Resolutions Committee Meeting (open to all members)

10 a.m. Friends of Mid-West Coffee and Cooking Demonstration

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 Western State Power Corporation Meeting

Noon ***Mid-West Member Welcome Luncheon***

Jim Horan, Executive Director, Mid-West Electric Consumers Association

Tracey LeBeau, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration

1:00 – 1:30 First Session: Drought Impacts on the Lower Colorado

* Leslie James, Executive Director, Colorado River Energy Distributors Association (CREDA)

1:30 – 1:45 Break

1:45 – 2:15 State of the States

* Member State-Wide Association Updates

2:15 – 2:30 Video 1: Camille Touton, Commissioner, United States Bureau of Reclamation

2:30 – 2:45 Break

2:45 – 3:15 Second Session: The Impacts of Customer Advanced Funding

* Mike Ferguson, General Manager, Western States Power Corporation

3:15 – 4:00 Third Session: New Hydropower: Rock River Project

* Ray Wahle, SVP of Resource Development, Missouri River Energy Services

4:00 – 4:30 Fourth Session: FERC and the Federal Power Program

* John McCaffrey, Senior Regulatory Counsel, APPA

*4:30 - Adjourn for the day*

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021**

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 Fifth Session: The Macro Grid Initiative

Barbara Tyran, Director of the Macro Grid Initiative

American Council on Renewable Energy

8:30 – 9:00 Sixth Session: Market Expansion in the West

* Tom Christensen, SVP Transmission and Engineering, Basin Electric Power Cooperative
* Mary Ann Zehr, VP Transmission Business Strategy, Tri-State Generation and Transmission

9:00 – 9:30 Seventh Session: Electric Vehicle Usage in the Upper Great Plains

* Tom Davlin, Manager Projects Engineering, Lincoln Electric System

9:30 – 9:45 Video 2: Senator Jon Tester (D-MT)

9:45 – 10:15 Coffee Break Sponsored by Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC)

10:15 – 10:45 Eighth Session: Perspective from D.C.

* Sam McDonald, Legislative Affairs Director, NRECA

10:45 – 11:00 Video 3: Jaime Pinkham, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (USACE)

11:00 – 11:15 President’s Report: Tim Peggram

11:15 – 12 State Caucuses – Nomination of Mid-West Directors

12 – 1 ***Luncheon & Simonton-Graves Award***

1 – 1:30 Ninth Session: Restoration and Recovery in the Missouri River Basin

* Dr. Joe Bonneau, Manager, Missouri River Recovery Program, USACE

1:30 – 2 Tenth Session: Cyber Challenges in the Upper Great Plains

* Dr. Kyle Cronin, Associate Professor of Cyber Operations, Dakota State University

2:00 – 2:30 Break

2:30 – 3:00 Eleventh Session: Corps of Engineers Hydropower Policy

* Daniel Rabon, National Hydropower Business Line Manager

3:00 – 3:30 Twelfth Session: Congressional Action on Water and Wildlife

* Kiel Weaver, Staff Director, House Natural Resources Committee Water, Oceans and Wildlife Subcommittee

3:30 – 3:45 Video 4: Senator Kevin Cramer (R-ND)

3:45 – 4:00 Break

4:00 – 5:00 Mid-West Business Meeting

Election of Directors

Review and Adoption of Mid-West Resolutions

Review and Adoption of Proposed By-Law Changes

Other Business

*5pm - Adjourn for the Day*

6:00 p.m. ***Members’ Reception***

**Thursday, December 9, 2021**

7:30 – 8:00 a.m. ***Members’ Breakfast***

8:00 – 9:00 Final Session: Mid-West Annual Report

* Jim Horan, Executive Director, Mid-West Electric Consumers Association

*9am - Adjourn*