

ICWP'S ANNUAL MEETING SEPT. 29 – OCT. 1, 2015 LITTLE ROCK, AR



The 2015 ICWP Annual Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas was a big success! The meeting began with a tour of two regionally important water management projects: the Bayou Meto pump station and the Murray Lock and Dam. The Bayou Meto project goal is to conserve groundwater by utilizing and delivering excess surface water to irrigation needs in the delta region of Arkansas. The Murray Lock and Dam on the Arkansas river is unique as it not only serves its intended navigation purpose, but also as support for the “Big Dam Bridge”, a 4300 ft. pedestrian bridge that connects Little Rock with North Little Rock.

Our meeting was held at the [Heifer International headquarters](#) with a [meeting program](#) that focused on two main themes: drought planning and mitigation and groundwater management. Speaker presentations are available [here](#). The drought panel provided best practices from national, regional and state water management agencies. The audience also discussed recent “drought tournaments” that simulate plausible drought conditions and “score” mitigation responses and strategies. The groundwater management panel discussed the continued development of the National Groundwater Monitoring network in addition to state groundwater governance structures and monitoring advancements. Thursday afternoon, the annual Members Business Meeting was held to elect new Directors and new Officers for the coming year.

We hope you’ll consider attending an upcoming ICWP meeting! Our meeting offers a great opportunity to reconnect with professional colleagues from across the country, to refresh your awareness of shared concerns and potential solutions –and to make new friends who share your commitment to good governance and the protection of our water resources.

Upcoming Meetings:

The 2016 Washington Roundtable, Co-hosted by the Western States Water Council, will be held from March 21 – 24 at the Grand Hyatt.

The 2016 ICWP Annual Meeting will be held in Minneapolis-St. Paul with the date to be determined soon.