
ASSOCIATION OF POWER BIOLOGISTS



2015 Annual Meeting Announcement

October 7th – 9th, Laughlin, Nevada

56th Association of Power Biologists Annual Meeting

Dear APB Members,

We are finalizing plans for the Association of Power Biologists 56th Annual Meeting to be hosted by the United States Bureau of Reclamation. Attendees will be exposed to presentations and social opportunities with industry professionals around the region engaged in aquatic and terrestrial resource management.

The 2015 APB Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 7th – 9th, 2015 at the Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino Laughlin, Nevada. On October 7th, the meeting will start with registration from 10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m. President's opening remarks will be at 12:00 p.m. The afternoon session is scheduled for presentations by utility professionals engaged in project research, protection, mitigation, and compliance. That evening, the APB opening night social will begin at 8:00 p.m. at Riverside Hotel and Casino with bowling, appetizers and beverages.

On the morning of October 8th, we will depart for a tour of the United States Bureau of Reclamation's Lower Colorado Multi-Species Conservation Plan Implementation. The tour will highlight fisheries issues at the Project as well as habitat and wildlife management issues (see full tour summary below). The tour will conclude with a banquet at Pints Brewery in Laughlin.

The meeting will continue on Friday, October 9th with more presentations by utility professionals and a business meeting. The meeting will wrap up at noon.

The Edison Electric Institute has graciously offered to provide financial support to our organization again this year. With their support, the annual meeting fee will be only \$50.

APB is excited to now offer online meeting registration and payment options. Please visit <http://www.powerbiologists.org/register/> to register. Once there, you may pay either by PayPal, request to have an invoice sent, or commit to paying by cash or check at the meeting.

Presentations and New Membership

If you would like to be a presenter at the 2015 APB Annual Meeting, please start thinking about topics to present. We encourage existing and potential members to step forward to discuss topics relevant to utility relicensing and compliance. A lot of new and interesting challenges have been met by utility resource managers in recent years and APB membership are anxious to hear about your successes (and failures). If you are interested in presenting, please contact Dan Cramer at 503-630-8127 or dan.cramer@pgn.com.

New members are encouraged to apply and are welcome to attend the 2015 APB Annual Meeting. An application and membership requirements are appended to this announcement. New applications can be mailed to Dan Cramer, APB Secretary (Portland General Electric, Co., 33831 S. Faraday Rd., Estacada, OR 97023 or Dan.cramer@pgn.com).

2015 APB Annual Meeting Tour Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program



In April of 2005, the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program (LCR MSCP) documents were signed by the U.S. Department of Interior and representatives from 41 different non-Federal entities in Arizona, California, and Nevada. These documents culminated 10 years of planning among the partners, resulting in a program that balances dam operations and water use on the LCR along with conservation of native species and their habitats. The LCR MSCP describes conservation measures for 31 native species, including birds, fish, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects and plants once commonly found along the Colorado. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is the lead agency for the LCR MSCP and is responsible for implementing these conservation measures.



The 2015 APB Annual Meeting Tour will consist of a trip by boats down the Colorado River beginning in Laughlin, Nevada and concluding in Lake Havasu City Arizona. Along the way we will be visiting sites where conservation measures are being implemented to protect and enhance native fish, riparian wildlife

species and habitat. The tour will include the beautiful Topock Gorge and adjacent Topock National Wildlife Refuge.

Lodging

The Aquarius Casino Resort is holding a limited number of rooms for the Association of Power Biologists October 6th– 9th, 2015 at the discounted rate of \$32.99/night (plus taxes and fees). **Please call 1-800-662- 5825 no later than September 22nd to guarantee your room with credit card information.** Be sure to ask for group code “**C-SRP15**”. You can learn more about the Aquarius by visiting their website at www.aquariuscasinoresort.com.

For those of you traveling to the meeting by plane your best option will be to fly into Las Vegas, Nevada. From Las Vegas you will have the option to either take a shuttle or rent a car to get to Laughlin. Travel time by car to Laughlin is approximately 90 minutes.

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We look forward to seeing you in October!

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS

APB members are encouraged to apprise other professional utility biologists of the role and function of APB which is reflected in the following four basic principles of the Association's Constitution:

1. To render maximum service to the power production and distribution industry through the application and practice of fish and wildlife science in accordance with the highest biological principles.
2. To encourage the employment of qualified practicing biologists with power companies.
3. To assemble and disseminate information of value to the membership.
4. To promote understanding and cooperation between fish and wildlife agencies and power producers.

Pursuant to Section II of the Constitution, persons interested in becoming members of APB must then meet the requirements as stated below:

1. Any person gainfully employed by an industry engaged in the active production and/or distribution of electricity.
2. Holding at least a Bachelors of Science Degree in a recognized discipline of the biological sciences.
3. Actively working on the solution of biological problems or the study of biological factors that are or may be affected by an existing or proposed industry facility.
4. Have been employed in the utility industry for not less than two years or have attended two meetings.
5. Prospective member must be in attendance at the annual meeting in which proposed for membership.

An APB member in good standing must sponsor prospective members who either meet the above qualifications or wish to attend a meeting as a guest. The sponsor must complete the attached application form and submit it to any APB Officer prior to the annual meeting.

Questions may be directed to any APB Officer.

REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE AT APB MEETING BY NON-MEMBER

- I. _____ Recommended for Membership
_____ Recommended for Membership Candidate
_____ Request for invitation as guest

II. Request to attend:

- _____ Opening session only (Wednesday)
_____ All sessions including tour

III. Information on non-member

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Title:

How long with organization?

Present responsibilities and project:

Educational History:

Title of presentation (if appropriate):

IV. Name of Sponsoring APB Member: