

Joint Meeting of Midwest Region CESUs
September 2-3, 2009

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

Location: Depot Café-meeting room, NMRMA, 350 East Third Street

Moderator: Jerrilyn Thompson, GL CESU

1:00 to 1:45 pm: Welcome

Jerry Enzler, Executive Director, NMRMA

- Introduction
- History and overview of NMRMA

1:45 to 3:15 pm: Session I. CESU Updates

- National CESU Network Update (30 minutes), Tom Fish
- GR CESU Update (20 minutes), Tony Prato
- GL CESU Update (20 minutes), Stella Collier
- GP CESU Update (20 minutes), Christine Lockert

Need to determine some common elements for the individual CESU presentations.

3:15 to 3:45 pm: Break

3:45 to 4:00 pm: Charge for second day

Tony Prato, GR CESU

4:00 to 5:00 pm: Walk-through Museum Tour

5:00 to 7:00 pm: Welcome Reception/Mixer

Dinner on your own

Thursday, September 3, 2009

Location: Meeting 6: Grand River Center, part of Grand Harbor Resort, 500 Bell Street, Dubuque

7:00 to 8:00 am: Breakfast & Networking: River Side Room

Morning Moderator: Chris Barnett (GR CESU)

8:00 to 8:30 am: Welcome

Gary Vequist, Associate Regional Director, Midwest Region of the National Park Service, Omaha, NE, Update on NPS Midwest Region.

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8:30 to 11:50 am: Session 2. River issues and challenges

(Each speaker has 30 minutes for their presentation, followed by 10 minutes for questions & answers)

8:30 to 9:10 am: Biological issues and challenges facing big rivers in the Midwest, Robb Jacobson, Acting Chief, River Studies Branch, Columbia Environmental Research Center, USGS, Columbia, Missouri

9:10 to 9:50 am. Historical and cultural issues and challenges facing Midwest Rivers, Mae Davenport, Assistant Professor, Department of Forestry, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

9:50 to 10:30 am: Break: River Side Room

10:30 to 11:10 pm: Management issues and challenges facing scenic and recreational rivers in the Midwest, Mike Madell, superintendent of Missouri National Recreational River (Nebraska and South Dakota), NPS

11:10 to 11:50 am: Management issues and challenges facing big rivers in the Midwest, Ken Lubinski, River Ecologist and Science Director, USGS, La Crosse, Wisconsin

12:00 am to 1: 00 pm: Lunch: River Side Room

Afternoon Moderator: Jerrilyn Thompson (GL CESU)

1:00 to 2:30 pm: Session 3. Reaction and discussion of issues and challenges

- Cooperator panel (panel of university coordinators and federal agency representatives responds to: issues and challenges raised by speakers), 45 minutes
- Speaker panel (panel of speakers reacts to cooperator panel's responses and answers questions from audience), 45 minutes

2:30 to 3:30 pm: Session 4. Ideas and suggestions for potential future collaboration and funding needs

Meeting participants identify and discuss ideas and suggestions for potential future collaboration and funding needs

3:30 to 4:00 pm: Break: River Side Room

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm: Wrap-up, Tony Prato

Summary of issues, challenges, opportunities, and recommendations

4:30: Adjourn