

Young Professionals Report: Nikkiy Bestgen

On Friday June 9th I assisted with IRWA Registration and Set Up and worked closely with Carmelita Delgado (YP President) and other volunteers for the conference. It was great to meet some of the steering committee for the Alaska event! It was wonderful to help bag stuff and ribbon tie!

On Saturday June 10th I assisted in setting up and helping with IRWA YP Welcome Event. 150 people attended the YP event. It was a wonderful event. It was great that we had a good representation from our Region! Liberty Core Consultants of Region 3 were the Prime sponsor! Volkert Region 3 and Region 6 sponsored along with Percheron and Gloria Snodgrass from Region 2.

On Sunday June 11th I worked the IRWA YP booth from opening 10am to 2pm. Attended opening ceremony and then IRWA Caucus Region 3 meeting. We did get a Region 3 photo that was sent around. It was wonderful to be in attendance and thank all the sponsors and people that helped get me there! Was it not for the scholarship I might not have been able to attend. I appreciated being able to thank Lou Ann for her years of service and to welcome our new Regional chairs. It is always so exciting to be present for the passing of the torches. It is also important to thank those that helped get us to where we are today. Our Region has wonderful leadership and we are very lucky to see everyone so involved. Michelle did an excellent job of explaining the voting process for the directors meeting and the updates around the room were nice to share.

On Monday June 12th I attended the IRWA Awards lunch and afternoon sessions - Utilities Roundtable Panel.

On Tuesday June 13th I attended the SRWA breakfast. What an amazing speaker the story of not only that hockey team but the coach and nation was incredible. It was an incredible experience. Attended 930am Effective Encroachment Evaluations, attended 11am You Got This! Our very first streaming session!!! So amazing. I am so grateful to Carol Brooks for helping to make a first time goal of the YP's. Attended 130p FERC 1000 Strategies for Project Development. That evening had the honor of attending the Executive IRWA Hospitality Suite. At the Leadership Appreciation and Recognition Reception YP's were recognized for efforts. After the reception I attended the Canadian Hospitality suite and enjoyed some wonderful networking!

On Wednesday June 14th I attended the 8am Leadership session called Strategic Thinking Imagineering our Future. I did have to leave early to attend the 930a YP Session on Tips and Trips by Lisa Harrison.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity provided to me by Region 3. I thank all sponsors and voting board that allowed for me to experience this education conference. I welcome any questions or comments or suggestions thank you so much Region 3!

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