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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. Not really, but, since we're on our 6th snow, Kane thinks it's pretty awesome! Grant, not so much!

Harvest is complete here at Curtis Family Farms. I was beginning to think that would never happen; fall tillage is 90% done, nitrogen application is about 30% complete, and will have to wait until these 60 degree days that we're going to have in January and February....wink, wink! We were able to complete some of our larger tiling jobs between harvest rains for some of our neighbors and still have a couple further distance jobs to complete into 2020. Wait, did I just say 2020...weren't we supposed to have hover boards, flying cars and the ability to go "Back To The Future" by now!

Speaking of 2020, we've got quite a few things planned for the next couple months to start 2020 off right! The IDOT Trucking Regulations Workshop Series will be coming to your area the end of January or early February, providing a great opportunity for you and your employees to brush up on the important points of the trucking side of your company (see pg. 24). And the 2020 Illinois LICA Annual Convention & Members' Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 19-22, 2020 at the Crowne Plaza Springfield (see pgs. 13-18). While many of the same aspects of conventions past remain (i.e. tours, education, trade show, hospitality), the Convention Committee also has a few new activities up their sleeve for the new location. Hope you can make time in your busy schedules to join us.

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BOARD & MEMBERS' MEETING SCHEDULE

Unless changed by the Board during the year, the ILICA business meetings are scheduled as follows:

Feb. 22, 2020 - Board/Members' Meeting (Winter Conv.):
Crowne Plaza, Springfield

March 14, 2020 - Regular Meeting of the Board:
TBD

Exact location, committee meeting times & other details will be published in the ILICA News and sent to members via mail and/or email.

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Area 7 - Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-
Area 8 - Norm Kocher	A	A	A	A	A	P
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ILLINOIS' SECOND NUTRIENT LOSS REDUCTION STRATEGY BIENNIAL REPORT RELEASED

Significant Investments Being Made with Measurable Progress in Reducing Nutrient Loss

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (November 18, 2019)

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Directors of the Illinois Department of Agriculture and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced today the release of the state's second Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRS) Biennial Report. This document describes the continued progress being made in Illinois to reduce nutrient losses from multiple sources to improve water quality not only in Illinois waterways, but also in the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico.

"The report illustrates all facets of agriculture coming together to promote best management practices," said John Sullivan, Department of Agriculture Director. "The next step is transitioning more farmers from awareness of nutrient loss practices to application."

"The 2019 Biennial Report describes some the dramatic reductions in total phosphorus discharges from some of the largest wastewater treatment facilities in the state," said Illinois EPA Director John Kim. "We've already nearly met one of our 2025 goals of 25% reduction of phosphorus from the point source sector, and we look forward to continued nutrient reductions."

These reductions are being realized as a direct result of investments by wastewater treatment facilities to meet more stringent nutrient permit limits. Illinois officials expect to see continued progress in meeting the long-term goal of 45% reduction in nutrients as additional planned wastewater treatment facility upgrades occur.

The Illinois NLRS was first released in 2015. The Strategy's goal is to reduce the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus in Illinois waterways by 45%. Interim goals include reducing the amount of phosphorus by 25% and nitrogen by 15% by 2025. Implementation efforts are led by Strategy partners in the Policy Working Group and other sector committees, guided by the Illinois Department of Agriculture and Illinois EPA, with assistance provided by the University of Illinois Extension. The Illinois NLRS is part of a broader effort being implemented by states in the Mississippi River Basin to reduce the amount of nutrients entering the Gulf of Mexico, which causes a "dead zone" of oxygen-depleted water.

During the reporting period of 2017-2018, the agriculture sector invested more than \$59 million in nutrient loss reduction for research, outreach, implementation and monitoring. These contributions have come from Agriculture Water Quality Partnership Forum members and other agriculture related organizations that are working toward reaching the goals set forth in the Illinois NLRS. During that same period, over 84,000 peo-

ple attended field days, conferences, or workshops to learn about practices that can be implemented to reduce nutrient loss from farm fields.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture administers the state-funded Partners for Conservation program in cooperation with the states' 97 Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The program provides technical and financial incentives to Illinois landowners for the construction or adoption of conservation

practices that reduce soil erosion and nutrient loading from non-point agricultural sources and improve water quality. Popular practices include conservation tillage, cover crops, grass waterways, field buffers, streambank stabilization structures, and various other similar practices.

Illinois EPA issues National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits to wastewater treatment facilities (point sources) to regulate the amount of pollutants that can enter Illinois waterways. By the end of 2018, Illinois EPA had issued 65 NPDES permits to wastewater treatment facilities limiting the total phosphorus concentrations to 1.0 mg/L. The Agency expects the number of permits with a total phosphorus limit to grow substantially in the coming years. Data also shows some facilities without permit limits are reducing their nutrient loads by optimizing existing equipment. During the reporting period of 2017-2018, the point source sector invested over \$224 million dollars in nutrient removal technologies and related activities.

The Illinois EPA, through its State Revolving Fund program, provides low interest loans to point source projects addressing water quality issues, including nutrient pollution. This program provided \$668,408,486 in loans from 2017-2018, with \$176,191,342 specifically spent on nutrient removal technologies. In addition, Illinois EPA's Section 319 grant program provides funding for nonpoint source projects designed to achieve nutrient reduction and provides \$3.5 million annually to projects mitigating agriculture and urban stormwater runoff.

The Full Biennial Report is available at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/waterquality/watershed-management/excess-nutrients/Pages/nutrient-loss-reduction-strategy.aspx>. This Biennial Report will be updated again in 2021. The agencies and organizations leading this effort will continue to collaborate and invest in programs that meet the goals of the Illinois NLRS.

Source: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/excess-nutrients/Documents/NLRS-Biennial-2017-2018-FINALPR.pdf>



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ILICA Ladies Page

Women are very efficient in multi-tasking. They can manage both professional and personal life with the same ease. Well, this is one of the basic differences between men and women. Various studies have also proven that women are better at multi-tasking than men. Though this is a very incredible quality, it somewhere affects the health of women. In order to perform every task of the day with equal efficiency, they forgot to take care of themselves. Thus, there has to be a special routine which every woman has to follow to keep herself healthy. True beauty comes from healthy living and with that in mind, we bring you the healthy habits for women throughout their day.

1. Start fresh with a new day.

You can't expect a better present with baggage of the previous day. You have to leave behind all the nagging things and start afresh. Don't stress your mind just after waking up. You have to plan your day and stressing about things only adds to your instability of mind. Let yourself relax a little bit before starting another busy day. Tune into your favorite music while you prepare for your day.

2. Drink a glass of water in the morning.

Drinking a glass of water right after waking up is one of the most beneficial healthy habits to adapt. Water clears your stomach and regular intake of early morning water can prevent you from numerous harmful diseases. It clears your stomach to increase its capacity to absorb nutrition efficiently. Early morning intake of water is one of the easiest ways to keep your skin ever glowing as it removes toxins from the blood. It is recommended to have four glasses of water, but you can start with one glass and increase your intake accordingly.

3. Decrease sugar intake.

Sugar does not contain many beneficial nutrients, vitamins or minerals. Sugar has harmful effects on metabolism which negatively affect your daily routine, making it tough for you to do your best. Moreover, sugar causes obesity and increases the risk of heart diseases. Also, it is addictive because its intake results in the release of Dopamine. So, don't get into the trap of this sweet evil and decreases its intake.

4. Regular exercise.

Well, this is something very obvious. Exercise is very important for the proper functioning of your body. It's not that tough to follow a regular exercise routine within your schedule. You don't need to hit the gym for hours, even a regular run would be great. You can also choose to do Yoga. Yoga is best for your external as well as your internal care. So, basic yoga would also be beneficial. Regular exercise also boosts your happiness and energy level. It helps you to attain good sleep at

night and it opens all the doors for your healthy living lifestyle. Moreover, regular exercise or Yoga makes your memory stronger than before.

5. Stop smoking

Smoking for women is twice as dangerous than for men. It affects their fertility, decreases bone density and also causes heart and lungs diseases. Also, women who smoke may hit menopause at an early stage of their lives. There's no reason to continue a bad habit which affects your whole body and may also prove to be harmful to your upcoming generations. Smoking also increases the risk of depression as women already have more chances to fall into depression. Also, avoid any other harmful drug for your own betterment.

6. Follow a good sleeping schedule.

Today, women have become so busy in managing office work and home that they don't get enough sleep. Good sleep is a major key to how efficient your next day would be. If you don't have a good sleeping routine, you'll always feel lethargic and irritated, on the other hand, a good sleeping schedule makes your body and mind fresh. Insufficient sleep also opens doors for many diseases such as heart disease, obesity, and diabetes. Regular good night sleeps make you more attractive, active and healthier.

7. Make laughing a daily practice.

Yes, in this modern life, everyone hustles to live their dream life but at that time of struggling, they forget to enjoy the moment. You have heard that 'Laughter is the best medicine,' it actually is. The most fun way to maintain a healthy lifestyle is to get a daily dose of laughter. Laughter improves the immune system, it has capabilities to instantly remove stress and anxiety. It is also known as the natural painkiller and surprisingly keeps diabetes under control. It also helps you to have a deep and peaceful sleep.

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SPRINGFIELD PLASTICS, INC. PRESENTS SIMMONS CANCER INSTITUTE WITH CHECK FROM 2019 DRAIN FOR THE CURE FUNDRAISER

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During the month of October, Springfield Plastics pledged to match donations up to \$25,000 dollar for dollar. All donations received will benefit cancer programs and research done at Simmons Cancer Institute at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield, Illinois. Established as one of the leading cancer facilities in the United States, the Institute serves patients by addressing their present and future cancer care needs through medical education, biomedical research, patient care and community service.

Jennifer Furkin, Vice President of Springfield Plastics reacted to the support the community has given by saying, “Cancer has affected everyone’s lives in many different ways, Springfield Plastics is no different. We have co-workers, family and friends all fighting this battle. We are so grateful that the community has partnered with us again in our campaign. We all want to make a difference when it comes to the fight against

cancer, so having more people spreading awareness benefits all of us. Our goal is not just to raise more funds each year, but to make sure people are talking to their doctors, knowing their family history and getting their mammograms and colonoscopies done. We can all contribute to this fight and it makes us at Springfield Plastics proud to be a part of such a giving community.”





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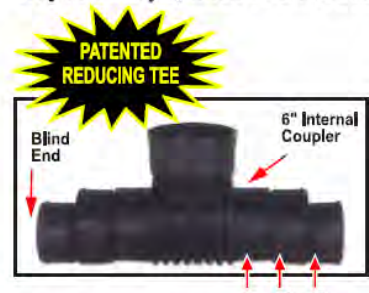
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Convention Agenda

Wednesday, February 19

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Registration

3 pm; 4:15 pm; 4:30 pm

Convention, Nomination, Awards Comm. Mtgs.

Thursday, February 20

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Registration

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Septic Training

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8:30 am - 11:30 pm

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum Tour

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10:00 am - 10:30 am

Morning Break

12:00 pm

Welcome Luncheon

Convention committee chairman welcome and new member recognition. Partner reports from Agricultural Drainage Management Coalition & Illinois Association of Drainage Districts.

Thursday, February 20 (Continued)

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Ladies Day Outing

Join the ILICA Ladies at Willow & Birch salon and get pampered! Massages, manicures, pedicures, facials, and hairstyles available.

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Trade Show

Visit over 35 industry vendors and chat with Associate members to check out all the latest equipment, technology, and product offerings.

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Afternoon Break

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

New Member Meet & Greet

Contractor and Associate members that joined the Association over the last 2 years are invited to attend this social event. Open bar and snacks provided, as well as a brief presentation on membership benefits.

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Hospitality Hour

Speculate over the 2019 award recipients with a drink.

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Awards Banquet

Help us recognize those individuals and entities that have contributed so much to the Association over the past year during this formal event. Friends and family welcome.

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Sponsored Entertainment

Kick back, relax, and have some laughs after the awards banquet with the evening's sponsored entertainment.

9:00 pm - 1:00 am

Associate Hospitality Rooms

Before you turn out for the night, pop on in to the Associate Hospitality Rooms to congratulate the 2019 award winners one more time. We know they would appreciate it!

Friday, February 21

7:30 am - 8:00 am

Devotions

Jump start your morning with scripture, testimony, and hymns.

8:00 am - 11:00 am

Registration

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Trade Show

Take advantage of your last opportunity to visit over 35 industry vendors and Associates to check out all their latest equipment, technology, and product offerings.

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ladies Activity

Join the ILICA Ladies for in-house crafts & activities

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Morning Break

12:00 pm

Luncheon

Partner reports from the Natural Resources Conservation Service & Illinois Farm Bureau

1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Equipment Rodeo

Think you have the best operator skills around? Put your skills to the test and compete against other seasoned operators for bragging rights during the equipment rodeo sponsored by Alta Equipment Company.

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Afternoon Break

Grab a sweet treat at the ice cream social.

4:30 pm

Associates Committee Meeting

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Hospitality Hour & Hors D'oeuvres

Grab a drink and a snack to recharge your brain ahead of the GAME NIGHT.

Friday, February 21 (Continued)

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Game Night & Bucket Raffle

"Maintain Your Competitive Edge" by competing at a number of games designed to challenge your skills. Out compete fellow contractors and members for your chance to win a custom Illinois LICA bean bag set! Between games visit with trade show exhibitors and enter raffle tickets on your choice of raffle items at the bucket raffle to bring home awesome prizes.

10:00 pm - 1:00 am

Associate Hospitality Rooms

Whether you are looking to unwind after a long day or merely looking for a brief night cap, check out the 3 Associate hospitality rooms for refreshments, snacks, and games.

Saturday, February 22

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Devotions

Jump start your morning with scripture, testimony, and hymns.

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Ladies Activity

Join the ILICA Ladies for in-house crafts & activities

9:00 am - 9:15 am

Final Regular Board of Directors Meeting

9:15 am - 12:30 pm

Members' Meeting

All attendees are encouraged to participate. Members will be given updates from our various committees, as well as have the opportunity to guide Illinois LICA through 2020.

10:45 am - 11:00 am

Morning Break

12:30 pm

Luncheon & Convention Committee Meeting

Saturday, February 22 (Continued)

2:00 pm

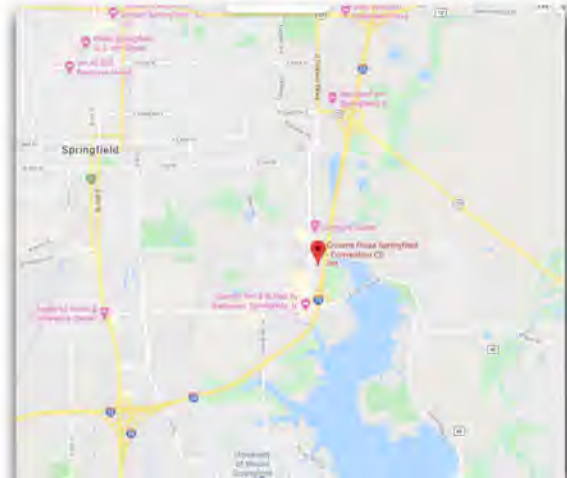
Strategic Planning: Session 2

Illinois LICA leadership is encouraged to participate in the final strategic planning session for the Association with Prins Insurance. Upon completion of the session discussions, Illinois LICA should have a clear road-map of goals and direction for the short and long term future of the Association.

Hotel Info

The Crowne Plaza Springfield is offering a room rate of \$123 per night for a standard king or a double queen, plus applicable state and local taxes. To take advantage of this block room rate, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/wv796lc>

Or call 1-800-227-6963 and simply ask for the IL Land Improvement Contractors Association room block. This rate will expire on **January 29, 2020**, so reserve your room as soon as possible.





Illinois LICA Annual Convention & Members' Meeting February 19-22, 2020

Crowne Plaza Springfield
3000 S Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield, IL 62703

Maintain Your Competitive Advantage

Pre-Registration Fee:
(By February 5, 2020)

Full Participation		One Day Participation	
Individual	\$205	Individual	\$100
Couple	\$315	Couple	\$155
Child (5 - 12)	\$90	Child (5 - 12)	\$55
<i>(Under 4 free)</i>		<i>(Under 4 free)</i>	

Late Registration:

Full Participation		One Day Participation	
Individual	\$250	Individual	\$120
Couple	\$360	Couple	\$185
Child (5 - 12)	\$115	Child (5 - 12)	\$70
<i>(Under 4 free)</i>		<i>(Under 4 free)</i>	

Please indicate which day(s), meals, and special events you plan to attend:

Thursday, Feb. 20:

- All Meals or
 - Lunch
 - Banquet
- Lincoln Museum Tour
- Ladies Outing
 - Massage Pedicure
 - Manicure Facial
 - Hairstyle
- New Member Meet & Greet
(new members & leadership only)

Friday, Feb. 21:

- All Meals or
 - Lunch
 - Dinner
- Ladies Activity



Saturday, Feb. 22:

- Lunch
- Ladies Activity
- Strategic Planning Session

Attendee Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Company Name: _____

Additional Name(s): _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ * Payable to: ILICA
 PO Box 474
 Brimfield, IL 61517
 Fax: 309.446.3744

**Septic Training fees not included,
Please complete Septic Registration Form.*

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 Call 1-800-227-6963 and simply ask for the IL Land Improvement Contractors Association room block
 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/wv796lc>

Reservation deadline: January 29, 2020



Special Dietary Needs:



Private Sewage Disposal Contractor Training



February 20, 2020

Crowne Plaza, Springfield, IL

Installer, Pumper, Portable Sanitation Technician CEU's

Chase Environmental Services and Illinois LICA are pleased to announce **ILICA members** are able to receive 3 CEU's required for the renewal of Illinois Septic Licenses at a **discounted rate of \$45 for single, \$75 for dual or \$105 for all 3 licenses** during the 2020 convention in Springfield.

Be sure to invite your septic service provider friends, too! Non-member attendees get to attend the trade show and lunch for FREE after the training. Plus, ILICA is again offering a single license class FREE for any non-members that join ILICA at the training.

Training Schedule:
8 am-12 pm: 3 Hour IDPH approved CEU course for Private Sewage Disposal Contractors
 (includes sign-in, breaks between sessions, sign-out, workshop evaluations and certificate distribution)

In addition to the septic training fees, the following Convention charges may apply:

8 am - 9 pm: ***Full Day Registration:** Trade Show, Breaks, Lunch, Banquet Dinner, and Entertainment **\$100.00**

8 am - 2 pm: **1/2 Day Registration:** Septic Training only, Lunch, Trade Show . . . **\$35.00**

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

IDPH Installation Contractor License #: **049** - _____

IDPH Pumping Contractor License #: **054** - _____

IDPH Certified Portal Sanitation Technician #: **901** - _____

	Single License Training - \$45	2 License Training - \$75	3 License Training - \$105
Septic Training:	\$ _____		
Convention Registration:	\$ _____		
Total:	\$ _____		

Please complete this form and mail it along with a check for your participation to:

Illinois LICA
P.O. Box 474
Brimfield, IL 61517

2020 IADD CONFERENCE

January 16th & 17th, 2020

The Illinois Association of Drainage Districts would like to invite all ILICA members to attend our Annual Conference in Bloomington on January 16th & 17th, 2020. This popular conference caters to the needs of drainage commissioners but would also be valuable to those working with drainage districts. Questions? Please call (217) 763-6300.

LOCATION:
DoubleTree Hotel
10 Brickyard Drive
Bloomington, IL 61701

AGENDA

Thursday, January 16th

- 12:00pm Registration & Trade Show Open
- 1:00pm Increasing On-Farm Productivity While Enhancing Water Quality: Multiple Management Options, Multiple Benefits
- 1:45pm Climate Change and Illinois Water Supply Issues
- 2:30pm Break
- 3:00pm The 3 Fates of Nitrates: 1 is GREAT; 1 we HATE; and 1 we TOLERATE
- 3:45pm Regulatory Panel
Representatives from regulatory agencies such as the US Army Corps of Engineers, IDNR and NRCS will discuss how their regulations apply to drainage districts.

- 9:45am Option A: Bridges, Roads and Drainage Districts: What you Need to Know...
- Option B: Hot Buttered Assessment Rolls: Kneading and Raising District Income
- 10:30am Break
- 10:45am Option A: Commissioner Responsibilities
- Option B: Sustainable Intensification of Agricultural Drainage
- 11:45am Illinois LICA Partner Report
- 12:00pm Luncheon
- 1:00pm Keynote Speaker - John Sullivan, Director, Illinois Department of Agriculture
- 1:30pm Attorney & Engineer Panel
- 2:30pm Break
- 2:45pm Option A: Managing the District's Records
- Option B: Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool (EcoCAT)
- 3:15pm Break
- 3:30pm Option A: Using Drones to Better Manage Your Drainage District
- Option B: Registering with the Illinois Comptroller

Friday, January 17th

- 7:00am Registration, Breakfast & Tradeshow Open
- 8:00am IADD Annual Business Meeting & Legislative Report
- 8:45am Option A: Communicating Effectively with Legislators
- Option B: Open Meetings Act Training/FOIA Info
- 9:30am Break

*Please Note: The agenda is subject to change without notice.

2020 IADD ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Company Name: _____

Person Attending: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

REGISTRATION FEES:

IADD and LICA Members: \$70
 (\$80 at the door)

Non-Members: \$100
 (\$110 at the door)

Please make checks payable to the IADD.
 Mail Registration form and check to: IADD, P.O. Box 943, Morton, IL 61550
 Registration is also available on-line at www.IADD.info

2020 National LICA Winter Convention

March 7-9 • Harrah's Las Vegas
Schedule of Events



Saturday, March 7

6:00 pm Executive Committee

Sunday, March 8

7:00 am - 5:30 pm Committee Meetings

8:00 am Opening Breakfast

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Executive Directors

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Associates' Night

Monday, March 9

8:00 am - 9:00 am Devotions

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Delegates & Board Meeting

12:30 pm Lunch

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm CNA Reception

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Annual Awards Banquet

Associates' Night

Sunday, March 8 • 7 pm - 10 pm

Join us for light appetizers and cocktails while you mingle with our exhibitors. National associates will be exhibiting their products and services

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- Oyster Bar
- Fulton Street Food Hall
- Flavors Buffet
- Starbucks
- Ben & Jerry's

Visit the concierge desk for sightseeing tours, entertainment tickets, and spa appointments.





2020 National LICA Winter Convention

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Registration Form

Company _____

City _____ State _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Names of Attendees (for Badges)

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

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Postmarked by **February 14, 2020**

Members, Spouses, Associates \$325

Number Attending _____ Total \$ _____

Youth: 13 Years & under **FREE**

Number Attending _____ Total \$ _____

Registration

Postmarked after **February 14, 2020**

Members, Spouses, Associates \$365

Number Attending _____ Total \$ _____

Youth: 13 Years & under (Under 3 Free) **FREE**

Number Attending _____ Total \$ _____

Registration Includes: Associates Night, Friday Breakfast & Lunch, Saturday Lunch, CNA Reception & Awards Banquet.

Hotel Information:

Harrah's Las Vegas
3475 S Las Vegas Blvd.; Las Vegas, NV 89109
\$179/night (plus taxes & resort fees)

Call: 1.888.458.8471

Group Name: Land Improvement Contractors
Reserve by: Friday, February 14, 2020

Calling on or before the deadline does NOT guarantee you will get the room rate. Make your reservations today, the block fills up fast.

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Refund Policy: For cancellations received prior to February 21, 2020 a \$30.00 charge will be deducted from the original amount paid. No registration payment will be refunded after February 21, 2020 unless there has been an emergency.



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If you are staying for CONEXPO
 (Tuesday, March 10th and on)
 You will book the remainder
 of your stay via the CONEXPO link.

CONEXPO - CON/AGG
 March 10 - 14th

LICA members will use a special link to register for their CONEXPO badge.
 Visit LICANational.org under "Events" to register for CONEXPO.

Be sure to register for CONEXPO by using that link ONLY. Anyone that registers via that link receive discounts on registration and education sessions.

LICA CONEXPO Registration	Standard CONEXPO Price
\$95.00 if registered by January 17	\$54.00 off standard price of \$149.00
\$149.00 if registered by March 9	\$46.00 off standard price of \$195.00
\$179.00 during the show	\$70.00 off standard price of \$249

LICA Discounted Education Tickets	Standard CONEXPO Price Education Tickets
\$495.00 All Session Pass & USB	\$100.00 off standard price of \$595.00
\$345.00 All Session Pass	\$50.00 off standard price of \$395.00
\$175.00 Day Pass Package	\$20.00 off standard price of \$195.00
\$59.00 Single Tickets	\$10.00 off standard price of \$69.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Illinois

IDOT Trucking Regulations Workshops/ Area Members' Meetings

Jan. 20, 2020: CIT Trucks - Rockford

Jan. 21, 2020: CIT Trucks - Peru

Jan. 22, 2020: Martin Equipment - Rock Island

Jan. 23, 2020: Martin Equipment - Tolono

Jan. 24, 2020: Martin Equipment - Springfield

Jan. 25, 2020: Richland Comm. College - Decatur

Jan. 27, 2020: CIT Trucks - Troy

Feb. 14, 2020: BM Truck Equipment - Olney

2020 ILICA Convention & Annual Mtg.

February 19-22, 2020

Crowne Plaza

3000 S Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield, IL 62703

Board Meeting: Saturday, Feb. 22 @ 9 am

Members' Meeting: Saturday, Feb. 22 @ 9:15 am

Strategic Planning: Saturday, Feb. 22 @ 2 pm

National

2020 LICA Winter Convention

March 7-9, 2020

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3475 S Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89109

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Call: 1.888.458.8471

Group Name: Land Improvement Contractors

Reserve by: Friday, February 14, 2020

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FREE IDOT TRUCKING REGULATIONS WORKSHOP SERIES

Made possible through an education fund donation from associate members United Fire Group and Prins Insurance, ILICA is excited to announce our winter workshop series. Held across the state in all 8 ILICA Areas, the IDOT Trucking Regulations Workshop series will focus on trucking safety scores, audits, load securement, CDL license requirements, weight regulations, axle loading, GVWR vs. license plate size, permit loads, etc. The series will also contain ILICA benefits updates, hands-on load securement walkarounds, and Associate member facilities tours. The series is FREE to ILICA members and \$10 for non-members (fee waived for non-members with personal invite from a current member).

Registration is available online at <https://www.ilica.net/education-workshops> and is strongly encouraged, as space will fill up fast. Registration forms are also in the mail, or members can call the office 309.446.3700 to register. **The general registration deadline is January 13th.**

Agenda

9 - 9:30 am: Registration

9:30 am - 12 pm

IDOT Trucking Regulations for Contractors

(Crossroads Safety Consulting)

CDL license requirements, physical requirements, load securement, weight regulations, hours of service and inspections, safety scores, audits

12 - 1 pm: Lunch Onsite

1 - 1:30 pm

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1:30 - 3 pm

Truck Maintenance, Load Securement Walkaround, Facilities Tours

(Location Specific)

Workshop dates, locations, and details are as follows:

January 20, 2020:

CIT Trucks Rockford - Loves Park, IL

January 21, 2020:

CIT Trucks Peru - Peru, IL

January 22, 2020:

Martin Equipment of Illinois - Rock Island, IL

January 23, 2020:

Martin Equipment of Illinois - Tolono, IL

January 24, 2020:

Martin Equipment of Illinois - Springfield, IL

January 25, 2020:

Richland Community College - Decatur, IL

January 27, 2020:

CIT Trucks Troy - Troy, IL

February 14, 2020:

BM Truck Equipment - Olney, IL

ILICA encourages all members to take advantage of this great education opportunity made possible through continued associate member support. And be sure to personally invite other contractors in your area that could also benefit from our educational programming.



FEATURED ILICA BENEFIT: FREE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FOR NEW CONTRACTOR MEMBERS

Are you a new contractor member that just joined the Association in 2019? If so, you are eligible to receive FREE full convention registration. That's right, all 3 days of meals, activities, and entertainment included! The Illinois LICA Annual Convention and Members' Meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Springfield on February 19-22, 2020. Come for the tours, trade show, education, equipment rodeo, and hospitality Thursday through Saturday...or just come on whichever day works best for your schedule! (see pgs. 13-18 for event details) Bring your spouse or partner along and have lunch and dinner on us! We look forward to seeing you there.

FREE

Illinois LICA 2020 Annual Convention

This card entitles a new active contractor member (or his/her company designee) to **one (1) FREE** full participation at the 2020 ILICA Convention: \$205 value!

Return this card with the convention registration form included in mailing by February 5, 2020.

Additional registrations may apply:

Spouse or child over 12:	\$110
Employees or partners:	\$205
<small>(one day pricing also available)</small>	



FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Holy moly! What a year 2019 was for ag, for construction, and for the Association. I will not reflect on the struggles of ag nor construction from the past year, as you are well aware of the subsequent impact that weather had on these seasons and windows of opportunity. What I will do in this brief note, however, is provide you some insight on important Association activities of the past year and, more importantly, the future.

Illinois LICA was busy in 2019. The Association successfully hosted many of its traditional events such as the Annual Convention, a golf outing, a member picnic, etc. And in other areas like education and field demonstration, Illinois LICA ramped up efforts by hosting a safety workshop series at three locations and by hosting or co-hosting four separate field demonstrations with partners. Relatively speaking, the Association saw a busy legislative year, too, supporting or opposing about four different bills and initiatives impacting everything from drainage districts to the trucking industry. Then around August, our administrative assistant of roughly 6.5 years, Lauri Schneider, left the Association for a full time position outside of the organization. (We wish Lauri the very best in her future endeavors and thank her for her years of service to the Association!)

So, how does an Association top a year like that, you may be asking yourself? Easy. First, hire great staff to continue to assist with administrative duties and event execution. We finally

accomplished this in November adding Michelle Gillespie of Toulon as our new Administrative Assistant, and she's doing awesome! (Be sure to give her a proper ILICA welcome when you see or speak with her next!) Second, simply expand good benefits and good programming for membership. In 2020, we will be growing education efforts with the IDOT Trucking Regulations Workshop series scheduled for stops in each of the 8 ILICA Areas. We will be increasing Association exposure to the ag community via more trade show events like the Gordyville Farm Show (Jan. 29-30), where we can showcase member services. We will continue investing in efforts such as online technology and resources to develop new education and training tools for our members, both in digital and print form, for roll-out in 2020. And Illinois LICA leadership will identify strategic goals and develop a plan for guiding the Association to the next level with the completion of the final strategic planning session during the Annual Meeting. Finally, to top it all off (or rather to begin the year), we will be moving the Illinois LICA headquarters from its current location in Brimfield to a remodeled space in Galva, IL (Henry Co.), which provides for more meeting space opportunities and relocates the office closer to your Executive Director's homeplace, as well as Michelle's.

As expected, 2020 will be even busier than the last year for Illinois LICA with new goals, new locations, new events, and new faces. With plenty of activity comes plenty of opportunity, and I hope to see you at one of our many Association endeavors soon!

SAFETY FEATURE: WORKING SAFELY IN COLD WEATHER



Workers exposed to extremely cold conditions are at risk of serious health problems, including hypothermia, frostbite, dehydration and muscle injuries.

Frigid temperatures can also cause additional pain for those who suffer from arthritis and rheumatism. To prevent injuries and illness as a result of winter weather, it's important to learn about the causes, symptoms and safety considerations to take so you are prepared to handle winter's worst.

Causes of Cold Weather Injuries

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), there is no exact temperature at which the environment becomes hazardous. Instead, factors such as low temperatures, wind speed and wetness contribute to cold-induced injuries and illness.

- Exposed skin freezes within one minute at -20° F when the wind speed is five miles per hour (mph), and will freeze at 10° F if the wind speed is 20 mph.
- When skin or clothing is wet, injury or illness can occur in temperatures above 10° F, and even above freezing (32° F).
- When the body is unable to warm itself, hypothermia and frostbite can set in, resulting in permanent tissue damage and even death.

Signs of Injury and Illness

If you or a co-worker have any of the following symptoms, get indoors and alert your supervisor or call for medical attention if they do not subside:

- Uncontrollable shivering
- Slurred speech
- Clumsy movements
- Fatigue
- Confused behavior
- White or grayish-yellow area(s) of the skin
- Skin that feels “waxy”
- Numbness

It's important to note that many people suffering from the warning signs of frostbite do not notice because the tissue is numb. Therefore, it is wise for employees to check on each other periodically.

Safety Considerations

To reduce the risk of cold-induced injuries:

- Layer clothing to keep warm enough to be safe, but cool enough to avoid perspiring excessively. It should also contain the following:
 - ◊ Inner layer – a synthetic weave to keep perspiration away from the body
 - ◊ Middle layer – wool or synthetic fabric to absorb sweat and retain body heat.
 - ◊ Outer layer – material designed to break the wind and allow for ventilation, such as GORE-TEX®.
- Wear a hat. Almost 40 percent of your body heat escapes from your head. If you wear a hard hat, add a winter liner that covers your neck.
- Place heat packets in gloves, vests, boots and hats to add heat to the body.
- Watch out for the effects of cold temperatures on common body functions, such as:
 - ◊ Reduced dexterity and hand usage
 - ◊ Cold tool handles reducing your grip force
 - ◊ The skin's reduced ability to feel pain in cold temperatures
 - ◊ Reduced muscle power and time to exhaustion

Discussion Date: _____

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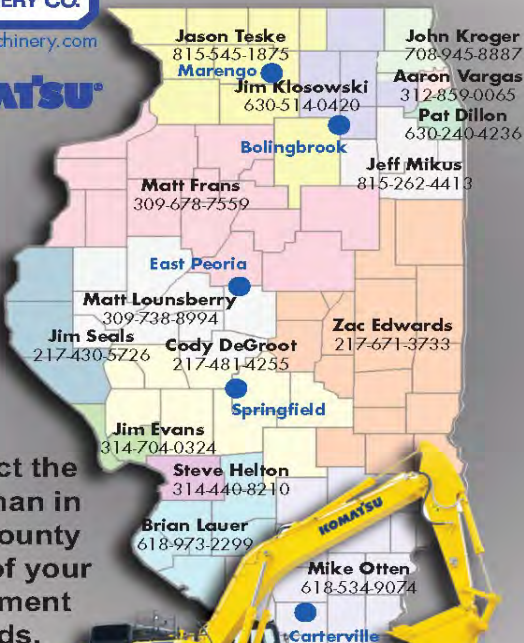


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