



**Annual Meeting**  
**Coeur d'Alene Resort**  
**Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**  
*March 25-27, 2025*

**MEETING MINUTES**

**WESTERN REGIONAL BOILER ASSOCIATION**  
**Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

**Registration of Members and Vendors, along with Vendor Hall booth setup.  
Dinner Reception was held in the Vendor Hall for everyone.**

## **WESTERN REGIONAL BOILER ASSOCIATION**

**Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

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**Presentation #1 [Columbia Water Technology](#)** –Greg McGiffney

*[“Particulate Interference and Treatment Within a Recirculating Cooling Water System”](#)*

**Presentation #2 [Nationwide Boiler Inc.](#)** – Scott Best

*[“A Deep Dive into Deaerators”](#)*

**Presentation #3 [Curtiss-Wright](#)** – Danko Kobziar

*[“Engineered Tube Plug Solutions”](#)*

**Presentation #4 [Detroit Stoker Company](#)** –Bob Morrow

*[“Preparation & Execution of Grate Inspections and Repair outages”](#)*

**Presentation #5 [Victory Energy](#)** – Bryce Davis

*[“Enhanced Heat Recovery with Condensing Economizers”](#)*

**Presentation #6 [Xylem/Evoqua Water Solutions and Technologies](#)**

– Marcus Cole

*[“A Practical Review of Water Reuse Technologies and Strategies”](#)*

**Presentation #7 [Applied Control](#)** – Amber Graviet

*[“Preventative Maintenance for Control Valves”](#)*

**Presentation #8 [Babcock & Wilcox](#)** – Stephen Dutkiewicz

*[“Industrial Package Boilers – Design Considerations for New Boilers and Hydrogen Firing Potential”](#)*

## **WESTERN REGIONAL BOILER ASSOCIATION**

**Thursday, March 27, 2025**

**Presentation #9 Nalco Water** – Scott DiGirolamo and Luke Avetian  
*“Boiler water tools for accelerating solutions”*

**Presentation #10 Integrated Global Services**  
– Pete Castiglione and Eric Church  
*“Efficiency and Reliability Solutions”*

**Presentation #11 Spartan Controls** – Nikhil Nagpal  
*“The Greenest Fire: Combustion with Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) fuel”*

**Presentation #12 AirStream Systems Inc.** – Andrew Webster  
*“Fan reliability and vibration analysis”*

**Presentation #13 ProcessBarron** – Bill Hunter  
*“Efficiency benefits of a Backpressure STG”*

### **Member and Vendor Round Table**

#### **Topics discussed included:**

- Fuel handling bin plugging.
- Employee retention/training.
- Heat exchange buildup – cleaning?
- VFD; trying to eliminate dampers on fans.
- Difficulties with keeping CO emissions in check.

### **General Discussion**

- Drawings for vendor prizes and WRBA laptop grand prize (won by Greg Dezarn)
- Benefits of creating an online forum for members (we’re working on this!).
- Agenda tweaks for those traveling on Tuesday: Lisa recommended registration running later (5 pm?) and reception starting at 6:30 and everyone agreed.
- Placement of Round Table in the agenda: general consensus of Members was that they would like it on the first day, early in agenda.

**Conference ended with a dinner cruise on Lake Coeur d’Alene.**