The 47th Annual Hoosier Association of Science Teachers, Inc. (HASTI) Conference is scheduled for Feb. 14-18, 2018. This year’s theme is SCIENCE: Keeping it Real. Ginger Shirley, Conference Chair, selected her theme to focus on HOW we as educators KEEP SCIENCE REAL for our students daily in class and HOW we make concepts come alive for our students. Hoosier educators should recommit ourselves to making science REAL by making sure we are doing hands on science and investigations in our classrooms. As HASTI is returning to its ROOTS, we can focus on KEEPING ITS REAL by networking and making those connections with fellow teachers across the state.

We are returning to our “roots” by moving to a former location for HASTI conferences but under a new name – Wyndham – Indianapolis West. This location provides features that attendees seek – free parking, free WiFi, and a better location for networking.

All are encouraged to submit a program proposal supporting this theme as well as other science education topics. The portal for program proposals is now open. Visit: http://www.hasti.org/2018-Conference-Proposals. Deadline: October 20, 2017

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2018 HASTI Awards

At this year’s conference a special Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday evening, February 15, 2018 to honor the recipients of the 2018 HASTI Awards. Dr. David Crowther, NSTA president, will be our guest speaker for the evening. Each awardee will be honored at the banquet.

A new award sponsored by the McCabe Family will be given to an Indiana teacher who exemplifies Gene Stratton Porter’s love of the environment. Read more about this award on the HASTI website.

In addition awards will be given to teachers who demonstrate excellence at the elementary, middle school, high school, and college levels.

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This year’s conference will feature five Share-A-Thons: elementary, middle level, high school, pre-service educators and STEM lessons. Submit a lesson through the program proposal form and share a lesson with attendees. Each presenter will have a table to demonstrate their lessons. Door prizes will be offered during these sessions!

Another new feature is lunch being served in conjunction with the Thursday General Session speaker. This lunch along with the Friday lunch are included in the conference registration.

We expect a ballroom full of vendors to share their new products and opportunities with attendees. Their location will be right next to the break-out rooms!

The links for registration and hotel reservations will be provided later in October. Breakfast will be included with all Wyndham hotel reservations. A real perk!

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In addition, an awardee will be selected to receive the HASTI Distinguished Service Award.

As a current HASTI member, you can nominate a teacher for recognition. If you know of a teacher who exhibits a passion for and makes a difference in science education, consider nominating them for a HASTI award. Information on the awards and nomination forms can be found on the HASTI website at hasti.org.

Deadline for completed nomination forms is November 10, 2017.

HASTI/NSTA Joint Membership

HASTI in partnership with NSTA will offer a joint membership. When signing up for a new or renewal NSTA membership you will have the option to sign up for a new or renewal HASTI membership. Each one will be discounted for a combined regular membership of $84, a savings of $15. Look for additional information on the HASTI website.

HASTI will still offer the HASTI only membership as well.

HASTI Mission Statement: The purpose of HASTI is the advancement, stimulation, extension, improvement, and coordination of science education in all fields of science at all educational levels. HASTI founders, 1969
HASTI Election – Seeking candidates

Nominations are open for the 2018-19 election. The following offices will be included in the election.

Vice-President
At-Large District Director 1
At-Large District Director 2
High School Director
District 6 Director
District 7 Director
District 9 Director

Nominate candidates or self-nominate to Danae Wirth, Vice-President, danaewirth@gmail.com

All candidates will provide a 200 word biography and a 200 word position statement. This information will be used by the Nominations Committee to determine the candidates for the upcoming election.

Deadline for Nominations: November 10, 2017

HASTI Website (www.hasti.org)

Have you been to the HASTI website lately? If not you are missing out on a plethora of science for your classroom.

Participate in FORUMS with your District and Grade Level Directors. Go to: http://www.hasti.org/forums. There you can ask questions, network and find out what is happening in your district.

Teachers will find information about workshops, legislative updates, science news and cool websites on the Events page.

Besides information concerning HASTI you will find links to several associated groups of HASTI. They include:

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