

## A message from the MIA Directors

The Michiana Irrigation Association Board and Extension personnel are excited about the topics and guest speakers slated for the December 12 program. This year we are providing an opportunity for students to participate in a poster session on irrigation. This workshop promises to be an informative day for irrigators and agri-business personnel.

*The MIA Board of Directors*

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## Winter Irrigation Workshop Map

Blue Gate Garden Inn  
800 S. VanBuren Street, Shipshewana, IN



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# Michiana Irrigation Association Winter Workshop



Monday, December 12, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Blue Gate Garden Inn  
Shipshewana, IN

## Workshop Agenda

- 9:00 **Legislative Update for Michigan and Indiana**—Michigan State Representative Aaron Miller and Indiana Legislator update
- 9:30 **Agricultural Funded Irrigation Related Water Monitoring Projects: Indiana Project (LENK)**—Todd Feenstra, Tritium  
**Cass County Projects**—Ben Russell
- 10:00 **Drainage Water Recycling: How the practice works, where it can be applied and potential benefits**—Ben Reinhart, Ag & Biological Engineering, Purdue University
- 10:45 **Break**
- 11:00 **Improving Irrigation System Efficiency, Performance and Management**—Vincent Bralts, Professor, Purdue University
- 11:30 **Poster Session**
- 11:45 **MIA Business Meeting and Election of Board Members**
- Noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 **Irrigation/Water Management Education for Local Community College, Purdue and MSU**—Steve Miller, MSU Biosystems Agricultural Engineering, Vince Bralts, Professor Purdue University and Katie Fraser, Agri-Business Advisor MSU/Community College Coordinator
- 1:30 **Has Stream Flow Been Decreased in Michigan and Indiana's Most Heavily Irrigated Areas?**—Steve Miller, MSU Biosystems Agricultural Engineering
- 2:00 **Where is Irrigation Water Coming From?**—Howard Reeves/Chris Hoard, MI USGC Water Center
- 2:45 **Pairing Soil Moisture Monitoring and Checkbook Scheduling for Better Crop Water Management**—Steve Miller, MSU Biosystems Agricultural Engineering, Ben Russell, PMCA Farms and Walter Hekter, Legacy Land Farms

## Irrigation Workshop Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Cost: \$35 per person includes dues to MIA and Lunch

**Paid by December 7, 2016**

Make check payable to:

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