

140th Annual Montana Wool Growers Convention

November 30 - December 2, 2023

Billings Hotel and Convention Center-Billings, Montana

Agenda Subject to Changes

<u>Thurs-Nov. 30</u>	1pm	MWGA Board Meeting
	6-8pm	MWGA President's Reception hosted by Duane Talcott
<u>Friday-Dec 1</u>	8:00am	Resolutions Session Begins
	8:00	Registration Opens, Trade Show Opens
	9:00-10:00	LIVE on Voices of Montana
	10:00-10:30	Coffee Break
	10:30-11:00	American Lamb Board Update- <i>Dave McEwen</i>
	11:00-12:00	Low Stress Sheep Handling Workshop and Demonstration - <i>Dr. Alison Crane, WWGA</i>
	12:00-1:30	Lunch and Keynote- MSU Wool Lab update; Bighorn/Domestic Sheep Research - <i>Brent Roeder</i> <i>MSU Extension Sheep Specialist</i>
	1-4pm	MRD Meeting-Board Room (10-12 people)
	1:30-2:00	Meet the new State Veterinarian - <i>Tahnee Szymanski</i>
	2:00-3:00	Parasite Workshop, Sheep and Goat Veterinary Q&A- <i>Dr. Laurie Gaugler, Dr. Tahnee Szymanski</i>
	3:00-3:30	Coffee Break
	3:30-4:00	DNRC Water Division - <i>Anna Pakenham Stevenson</i>
	4:00-4:20	National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee update - <i>Dave McEwen</i>
	4:20-4:40	Montana Livestock Loss Board- <i>George Edwards, LLB Executive Director</i>
	4:40-5:00	Board of Livestock Update- <i>Greg Wichman, BOL Member</i>
	5:00-5:30	Wildlife Services Update- <i>Dallin Tidwell/John Steuber, Montana WS</i>
	6:00-9:00	Speed Shear Competition, Calcutta, Live Auction Fundraiser and Watering Hole
<u>Sat-Dec 2</u>	7:30	Resolution Session Continues, <i>If Necessary</i>
	8:00-8:30	ASI Update- <i>Peter Orwick, ASI Executive Director and Ben Lehfeldt, ASI Vice President</i>
	8:30-9:15	USSES Research Update and Q&A - <i>Carrie Wilson</i>
	9:15-9:45	What Does Climate Change Mean for the Next Generation - <i>Dave Kelsey - Yellowstone Electric Co-op</i>
	9:45-10:15	Wool Market Update- <i>Larry Prager, Center of the Nation Wool</i>
	10:15-10:45	Coffee Break
	10:45 -11:00	Climate Beneficial Fiber Project - <i>Danielle Duni , NCAT</i>
	11:00-11:30	MWGA Public Affairs Update- <i>Calli Michaels, MWGA Public Affairs Attorney</i>
	11:30-12:00	TBA
	12:00-1:30	Lunch and Keynote- Lt. Governor Kristen Juras
	1:30-3:30	Learn to Felt! Wool Project Time (Additional \$20 for class on-site)
	1:30-2:30	Transitioning to the Next Generation Q&A- <i>Marsha Goetting</i>
	2:00-3:00	Livestock Protection Dog Presentation - <i>Cat Urbigkit</i>
	3:00-3:30	Ice Cream Social Coffee Break
	3:30-5:00	MWGA Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers
	6:00	Banquet Bar and Silent Auction Open
	7:00	Silent Auction Closes
	7:00	Annual Wool Grower Banquet
	8:30	Make It with Wool Fashion Show- "Suds in Ewe Bucket"
	9:30	NFR Calcutta and Viewing Party
<u>Sun-Dec 3</u>	7:00	Past President's Breakfast
	8:00	MWGA Board Meeting