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## *From The President*

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**W**elcome fellow Town Officials to the 2022 Wisconsin Towns Association Convention!

I am excited that you have taken the time to be with us for this conference. I hope that you find the conference to be educational and beneficial to you and your town. Our staff has put together an excellent line up of speakers and topics to help you fulfill your duties as an elected or appointed official. During the general assembly session they have also lined up some informative and entertaining speakers. I encourage you to visit with the many vendors showcasing the quality services they provide for the citizens of your town.

On Sunday evening, we will be having a 75<sup>th</sup> birthday party in honor of Wisconsin Towns Association's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary! There will be music and cake with refreshments.

On Monday evening, in lieu of dancing, all registered convention attendees are invited to join us for WTA Game Night in the General Assembly area following the banquet. Be sure to visit the exhibitors on Sunday and Monday to collect the tokens that you will need to use for your chances to play. Who knows, maybe you'll win a prize! You won't want to miss out on the fun!

On Monday and Tuesday morning, we have included breakfast before the workshops begin.

I hope that you take the opportunity to meet with old and new acquaintances and have discussions about ideas you have to empower town government to thrive in the future.

Have an enjoyable, learning filled convention!



Jerry Derr, President

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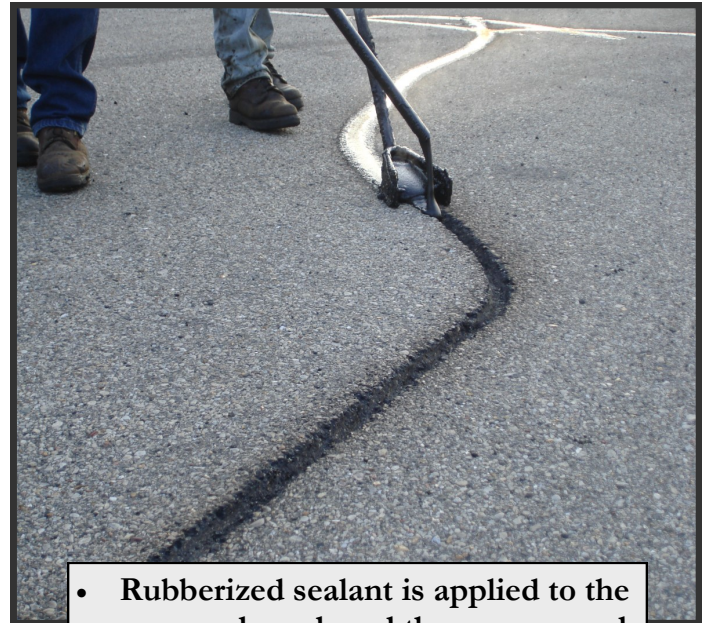
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# 2022 Wisconsin Towns Association Convention Highlights

## Name Tags

Whether you are a registered town officer, spouse, or guest, your name tag is a very important item for your participation in the 2022 Wisconsin Towns Association Convention. It is your admission to convention functions. Please wear your name tag, as it identifies you as a registered attendee at the convention.

## Phone Courtesy

We are all very busy and must occasionally take a phone call. Out of courtesy for other attendees, please put your cell phone on vibrate or silent during any program you attend. And, if you must take a call, please politely exit the room and have the conversation in the hallway.

## Workshops & General Assemblies

A map of the Hotel and Exhibition Center is included in this material. General Assemblies will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 pm, Monday morning at 8:30 am., and Tuesday at 11:00 am. They will be held in **Exhibit Hall A** of the **Fox Cities Exhibition Center**. Workshops will be held in the named breakout rooms in the **Hilton Appleton Paper Valley Hotel** listed in the following schedule. Most workshops are repeated except as identified in the schedule. Please take some time to acquaint yourself with the floor plan. Signs identifying the workshop name and room will be posted outside each room.

## Exhibitor Area

The Exhibitors will have displays in **Exhibit Halls B and C** of the **Fox Cities Exhibition Center**. The displays will be open on Sunday afternoon from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Monday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. We encourage all attendees to stop by the many commercial vendors and state government tables for information. On Sunday and Monday afternoon **Exhibitor Receptions** will be held in the Exhibitor Area. Coffee will be available from 8:00 am until 9:30 am on Monday morning in the Exhibitor Area and on Tuesday morning in the workshop area of the hotel, sponsored by **Scott Construction**.

## Sunday Afternoon and Evening

Convention attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy complimentary beer, soda, and snacks sponsored by **Rural Mutual Insurance** from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 pm. while they visit with the exhibitors. After enjoying dinner on your own Sunday evening, join us for cake, complimentary beverages, snacks, and fun as we celebrate our **75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party** which will be held in the **Grand Ballroom** of the Hotel. Vocal duo, Bella Musik, will perform classic, easy listening songs beginning at 7:30 pm.

## Monday and Tuesday Breakfasts

A hot breakfast buffet (featuring scrambled eggs, sausage, and more) will be provided in the **general assembly area** on Monday and Tuesday for registered officers as part of their registration. **Spouses and guests may purchase breakfast tickets at a cost of \$12 per day.** Breakfast tickets purchased in advance will be in the envelope you received at the WTA convention registration desk.

## **Monday and Tuesday Lunches**

Lunch is provided on Monday and Tuesday to registered officers as part of their registration. Lunch is not included in the spouse or guest registration. **Spouses and guests may purchase lunch tickets at a cost of \$17 per day at the registration desk.** Lunch tickets for officers and spouses/guests who purchased tickets in advance will be found in the envelope you received at the time of registration at the convention. **Tickets will be collected each day.** Lunch will be served in the **general assembly area.** Monday's lunch menu will feature a pasta buffet with tossed salad and breadsticks. Tuesday's lunch menu will feature soup and a make your own sandwich buffet.

## **Monday Evening Banquet & Awards Program (Optional Event)**

The Monday evening Banquet and Awards Program will include recognition of town and village officers who have served 30 years or more and have achieved a 5-year increment as was indicated on their convention registration. **This is an optional banquet at a cost of \$25 per ticket and is not included in the registration fees for officers or spouses/guests.**

For those attendees who did not register for the banquet in advance, a limited number of tickets are available until Monday at 1:00 pm at the registration area.

The banquet will feature a buffet of oven roasted chicken, beef tips and buttered noodles, tossed salad, mashed potatoes with gravy, dinner rolls, chef's choice vegetable, and assorted brownies and bars.

## **Monday Evening Entertainment**

Monday evening following the awards program, we'll be hosting Game Night for all convention attendees in the general assembly area with drawings for fantastic prizes at the end of the night! Be sure to visit the exhibitors **before 5:00 pm on Monday** and collect the tokens that you can use to play the games. Learn more about Game Night by reading the information you received in your convention registration envelope at check in. You **must** be present during the drawings to win! Complimentary snacks and beverages will be provided.

## **Scholarship Donation**

**Scott Construction, Inc.** has donated a television and grill for door prizes in honor of the **Rural Mutual Insurance/Scott Construction/WTa Scholarship Fund.** We invite all registered officers, spouses, and guests to sign up for the drawing at the **Scott Construction** booth in the **Exhibitor Area** and contribute to the **Rural Insurance Mutual/Scott Construction/WTa Scholarship Fund.** Drawings for these door prizes will be conducted at the Monday evening banquet. (You need not be present at the banquet to win either of these two special door prizes.) **Thank you to Scott Construction and Rural Mutual Insurance for their continued support of the WTa Scholarship Fund.**

## **Spouse/Guest Activities**

### **Monday Afternoon Painting Workshop**

Monday afternoon registered spouses and guests will have the opportunity to practice their painting skills as they work on a 16" x 20" stretched canvas painting of autumn birch trees. This event will be



held in the **Lawrence** room of the hotel from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. The registration fee is **\$35** and all materials will be provided. Attendance at this event is limited, so check at the WTA registration area to see if any spots remain if you did not pre-register for this event.

### **Tuesday Morning BINGO**

There will be BINGO (for registered spouses and guests only) at 10:00 am in the **Lawrence** room of the hotel. Lucky winners will receive cash prizes.

**Please note that spouses and guests must be registered for the convention and must display their nametags in order to participate in these optional spouse/guest events.**

### **2023 WTA Convention**

The site of the 2023 WTA Convention will be the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells. The dates are **October 22-24, 2023**. **The Kalahari will not be accepting reservations until January 15, 2023.**

### **We want to hear from you!**

All attendees are encouraged to complete a convention evaluation form and give us your comments and ideas to make future conventions even better.



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# Wisconsin Towns Association Annual Convention Program

***Room Names will appear in RED***

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**Sunday, October 9, 2022**

**1:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

## **Registration**

Fox Cities Exhibition Center, **Plaza Level (street level)**

**2:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

## **General Assembly** *(Tentative agenda, subject to change)*

Fox Cities Exhibition Center, **Exhibit Hall A**

## **Call to Order**

President Jerry Derr

## **National Anthem**

Members of Appleton West High School Choir

## **Invocation**

## **Welcome**

President Jerry Derr

WTA Executive Director Mike Koles

## **Special Guest Speakers**

Tim Hanna, Executive Director, Local Government Institute of Wisconsin

Tommy Thompson, Former Governor of Wisconsin and Former U.S.  
Secretary of Health and Human Services

## **Awarding of WTA/Scott Construction/Rural Mutual Insurance Scholarships**

## **Be sure to visit the Exhibits!**

Exhibitors will be open from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm on Sunday in **Exhibit Halls B & C**. At 4:30 pm, enjoy snacks and complimentary beverages provided by **Rural Mutual Insurance**, the endorsed insurance carrier of the Wisconsin Towns Association.

## Sunday Evening

Dinner is on your own. Information on area restaurants will be available at the WTA Convention Registration area. **Be sure to join us at 7:30 pm for live music by Bella Musik and our 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party in the **Grand Ballroom** of the hotel! Cake, snacks, beer, soda, and fun will be provided.**

## Monday, October 10, 2022

**7:45 am - 4:30 pm**

### **Registration**

Fox Cities Exhibition Center, **Plaza Level (street level)**

**6:45 am - 7:45 am**

### **Breakfast Buffet**

Fox Cities Exhibition Center, **Exhibit Hall A**

**8:00 am - 6:00 pm**

### **Exhibit Area Open**

Fox Cities Exhibition Center, **Exhibit Halls B and C**

Complimentary coffee sponsored by **Scott Construction** will be available in the Exhibit Area from 8:00 am to 9:30 am

**8:30 am - 10:30 am**

### **General Assembly** *(Tentative agenda, subject to change)*

Fox Cities Exhibition Center, **Exhibit Hall A**

#### **Call to Order**

President Jerry Derr

#### **Presentation of the Colors**

American Legion Scarlet Guard Color Guard

#### **National Anthem**

Members of Appleton North High School Choir

#### **Introduction of the WTA Board of Directors**

President Jerry Derr

#### **Welcome**

WTA Executive Director Mike Koles

#### **Special Guest Speakers**

Gubernatorial Candidate (invited)

Tom Mosgaller, Author/Community Development Specialist



**11:00 am - 12:00 pm      Round 1 Workshops (In the Hotel)**  
**(Repeated 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm)**

**1. Segregate Your Duties:** How can you work with your board to mitigate risk of fraud and financial errors or misstatements? Come ready to brainstorm and plan a proper risk assessment of your organization and its current internal control framework. You will walk out of this session with a list of action items to improve your internal control framework and with tools on how to discuss these action items and the whole process with your board. Learn how to work with your board to help them understand and make this evaluation a regular part of their policy review process. Presented by Krisztina Dommer, CPA of KerberRose Certified Public Accountants. **(Salon A)**

**2. Solar Regulation and Best Practices:** Recent technological advancements and shifting energy priorities are causing significant increases in the construction of solar infrastructure. This presentation will examine state and local regulatory authority over solar facilities and provide guidance to successfully navigate solar infrastructure deployment in your community. Presented by WTA Legal Counsel Joe Ruth and Keith Ripp, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation. **(Salon B)**

**3. Best Practices for Meeting Agendas and Minutes:** This session will discuss responsibility for drafting meeting agendas, communicating about what to include on an agenda, and suggestions for how detailed agenda items should be. Time will also be spent on agenda posting requirements, what to include and not include in meeting minutes, policies for getting minutes approved, amending minutes, and sharing draft and/or final copies of minutes with the public. Presented by WTA Attorney Lara Carlson. **(Salon C)**

**4. Bridges and Bridge Programs in Wisconsin—How can we get something done?:** In this session, we will review the types of bridges in Wisconsin and the definitions used to determine funding eligibility. The town road system in Wisconsin has the highest number of bridges eligible for funding in comparison to county, city, village, and state bridges. We will take a look at how to access the various funding programs available to towns for their many and varied bridge types. Presented by Daniel J Fedderly P.E., P.L.S. **(Salon D)**

**5. The Impact of a Rising Interest Rate Environment on Municipal Finance Decisions and Cash Management—the Good and the Bad:** In the news you see reports of inflation, and Federal Fiscal Rate increases, but how does that impact your town? You have important decisions to make that could impact facility improvements, project planning, and budgets. These decisions are directly impacted by interest rates and it's important that your Finance Team be aware of how a rising interest rate environment can have a good and bad impact on these financial decisions. Presented by Tami Olszewski, Senior Investment Advisor, Ehlers. **(Rosewood/Linden)**

- 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm      Lunch**  
Fox Cities Exhibition Center, **Exhibit Hall A**  
*Tickets will be collected!*
- 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm      Round 2 Workshops (as described above)**
- 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm      Monday Afternoon Guest Activity**  
The painting workshop will be held in the **Lawrence** room of the hotel.  
**Check at the WTA registration area to see if any spots remain available if you did not pre-register for the event.**
- 2:15 pm - 2:30 pm      Break**  
Soda in hallways outside of workshop rooms sponsored by **Crack Filling Service**.
- 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm      Round 3 Workshops (In the Hotel)**  
**(Repeated 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm - except for WEC Election Training)**

**1. WEC Election News and Updates:** Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) staff will provide clerks with the latest news and information concerning election security, the WisVote data management system, Badger Books and any updates to election administration laws and procedures that impact your election officials and voters. This will be a **single two-hour session** that counts for recertification training. Presented by staff from the WEC. **(Salon A)**

**2. Cracker Barrel:** Always popular, this session will offer the opportunity for attendees to ask the WTA legal staff questions about any town topic. Bring your questions or just sit and listen to learn more about issues towns around the state are facing. **(Salon B)**

**3. Planning for Renewable Energy Systems:** Due to national and global efforts to reduce the dependency on fossil fuel consumption, renewable energy project developers are earnestly seeking acreage to site utility scale solar and wind projects, both in Wisconsin and across the nation. Rural towns with large tracts of undeveloped agricultural land are uniquely positioned to become the gateway communities to these large-scale renewable energy and sustainability projects, oftentimes with mixed resident support. Towns must be pro-active in their Future Land Use Plans to assess where renewable energy projects may be sited to be most advantageous to the town, residents, and land. This session will discuss how towns can use planning to develop criteria that can help protect incompatible areas while identifying areas that could accommodate the multi-faceted benefits of renewable energy. Presented by Ken Jaworski, Senior Consultant, Cedar Corporation. **(Salon C)**

**4. Aids for Town Roads Amidst Emergency/Natural Disaster:** Floods, storms, and other disasters often wreak havoc on town infrastructure. Are you aware there are aid programs available to help towns repair the damage and recover after disasters? This session will provide you with an overview of the

WisDot Disaster Damage Aid program, FEMA Public Assistance program, and the Wisconsin Disaster Fund program and explain eligibility for assistance under these programs. Presented by Patrick Vander Sanden, WI DOT Program Manager and Derek Bodmer and Kelsey Brown, Wisconsin Emergency Management. **(Salon D)**

**5. Building Broadband in a Rural Community:** Making broadband available to rural communities requires collaboration. Learn how Langlade County Economic Development has built public/private partnerships in order to continue to implement a community-wide broadband plan. Presented by Angie Close, Executive Director, Langlade County Economic Development. **(Briarwood/Ebony)**

**6. Dealing with Difficulty:** As local government officials we often are faced with challenging situations. Maybe it's residents firmly planted on opposite sides of a hot issue or a constituent demanding action on something that's impossible. This session focuses on skills and strategies to use when dealing with difficult people or situations. Presented by Tim Hanna, Executive Director, Local Government Institute of Wisconsin. **(Rosewood/Linden)**

**3:30 pm - 3:45 pm**      **Break**  
Soda provided in hallways outside workshop rooms sponsored by **Crack Filling Service**

**3:45 pm - 4:45 pm**      **Round 4 Workshops (as described above)**

**3:45 p.m.**      **TAC Annual Meeting**  
The **Town Advocacy Council (TAC)** will hold its Annual Meeting during which it will elect three board members to the TAC Executive Board, review its financial report and discuss other matters related to TAC. Officials from all TAC member towns and villages are encouraged to attend. **(Crown/Parchment/Oaktag)**

**4:45 pm - 6:00 pm**      **Exhibitor Reception**  
Fox Cities Exhibition Center, **Exhibit Halls B and C**  
Complimentary beer, soda, and snacks sponsored by **Scott Construction**

**6:00 pm**      **Monday Evening Banquet** *(doors open)*  
Fox Cities Exhibition Center, **Exhibit Hall A**

**6:15 pm**      **Banquet and Award Program** *(Optional, ticket required)*  
Special recognition will be given for all town and village officers in attendance who indicated they are celebrating certain service milestones as local officials.

## After the Program

## Game Night

Fox Cities Exhibition Center, **Exhibit Hall A**

Following the awards program, all convention attendees are welcome to try their luck at the games we will have spread throughout the general assembly area. When you have finished using your game tokens, place the tickets you have earned into the buckets of the prizes you'd like to win. Winners will be drawn at the end of the night. Complimentary beer, soda, and snacks will be provided!

## Tuesday, October 11, 2022

**7:00 am - 8:00 am**

### **Breakfast Buffet**

Fox Cities Exhibition Center, **Exhibit Hall A**

**8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

### **Registration**

Fox Cities Exhibition Center, **Plaza Level (street level)**

**8:30 am - 9:30 am**

### **Round 5 Workshops (In the Hotel)**

**(Repeated 9:45 am - 10:45 am)**

**1. Public Records Overview:** The Public Records Law is a cornerstone piece of Wisconsin's open government culture. It helps promote transparency in our government, and it helps promote an informed electorate. It also places significant responsibility on local government officials to understand public records requirements. This session will provide an overview of common public records issues including when something is considered a public record, responding to public records requests, and how to adopt a records retention policy. Presented by Jake Langenhahn, WTA Outreach Specialist. **(Salon A)**

**2. USDA Rural Development – Your Partner in Prosperity:** USDA Rural Development is the lead Federal agency helping rural communities grow and prosper. We increase economic development and improve the quality of life in rural places and small towns. We provide loans, grants and technical assistance to build critical infrastructure like broadband, water systems, town halls, libraries, childcare centers and hospitals. We also work with communities on purchasing first responder vehicles and equipment. Our programs expand access to e-connectivity, electric and transportation infrastructure, and support business growth, healthcare, education, housing and other community essentials. Join us to learn about our program opportunities and how we can help be your partner in prosperity. Presented by USDA Rural Development Staff. **(Salon B)**



**3. Renewable Energy Development—Empowering Communities:** Invenergy’s local partnerships reflect the core principles of our business and the role we play in a changing world. Through local engagement, we have amplified our impact in the communities where we live, work, and operate. This presentation to WTA membership will provide an overview of our collaboration with local governments, communities and landowners and contextualize these efforts within the state regulatory process. Presented by Cooper Johnson, Manager, Renewable Development, Invenergy LLC. **(Salon C)**

**4. Wisconsin Department of Revenue – State and Local Finance Listening Session:** DOR's State and Local Finance Division (SLF) oversees shared revenue, manufacturing and utility property assessment, certification of equalized values, local government property assessment/taxation assistance, property tax credits, tax incremental finance, ARPA distributions, and other programs. Join us for an hour to discuss DOR's state and local finance processes and available resources. We'd like to hear from you! Presented by Secretary Peter Barca, John Dickert and other SLF team members. **(Salon D)**

**5. Insect and Disease Management in Towns-Major Pests of 2022 and What to Watch for in 2023:** Insects like spongy moth and emerald ash borer and diseases like oak wilt are having major impacts in towns around Wisconsin. We'll discuss management options for the most common pest issues of 2022 and what to watch for in 2023. Presented by Mike Hillstrom, Forest Health Specialist, Wisconsin DNR. **(Briarwood/Ebony)**

**10:00 am** **BINGO** (for registered spouses and guests)  
**Lawrence Room (In the Hotel)**

**11:00 am - 12:30 pm** **General Assembly**  
Fox Cities Exhibition Center, **Exhibit Hall A**

**Call to Order**  
President Jerry Derr

**Special Guest Speakers**  
Rick Stadelman, Former WTA Executive Director

State Senator Jerry Petrowski, Senate District 29

Gubernatorial Candidate (invited)

**12:30 pm - 1:30 pm** **Lunch**  
Fox Cities Exhibition Center, **Exhibit Hall A**  
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**1:30 pm** **Adjourn**

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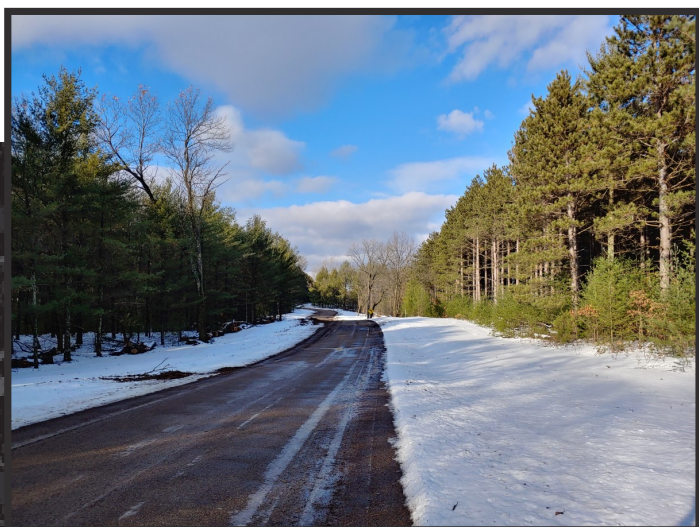
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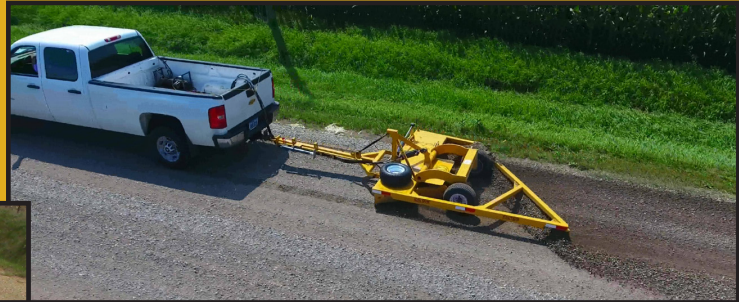
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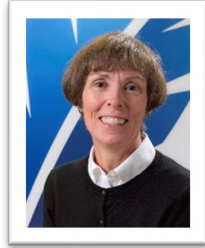
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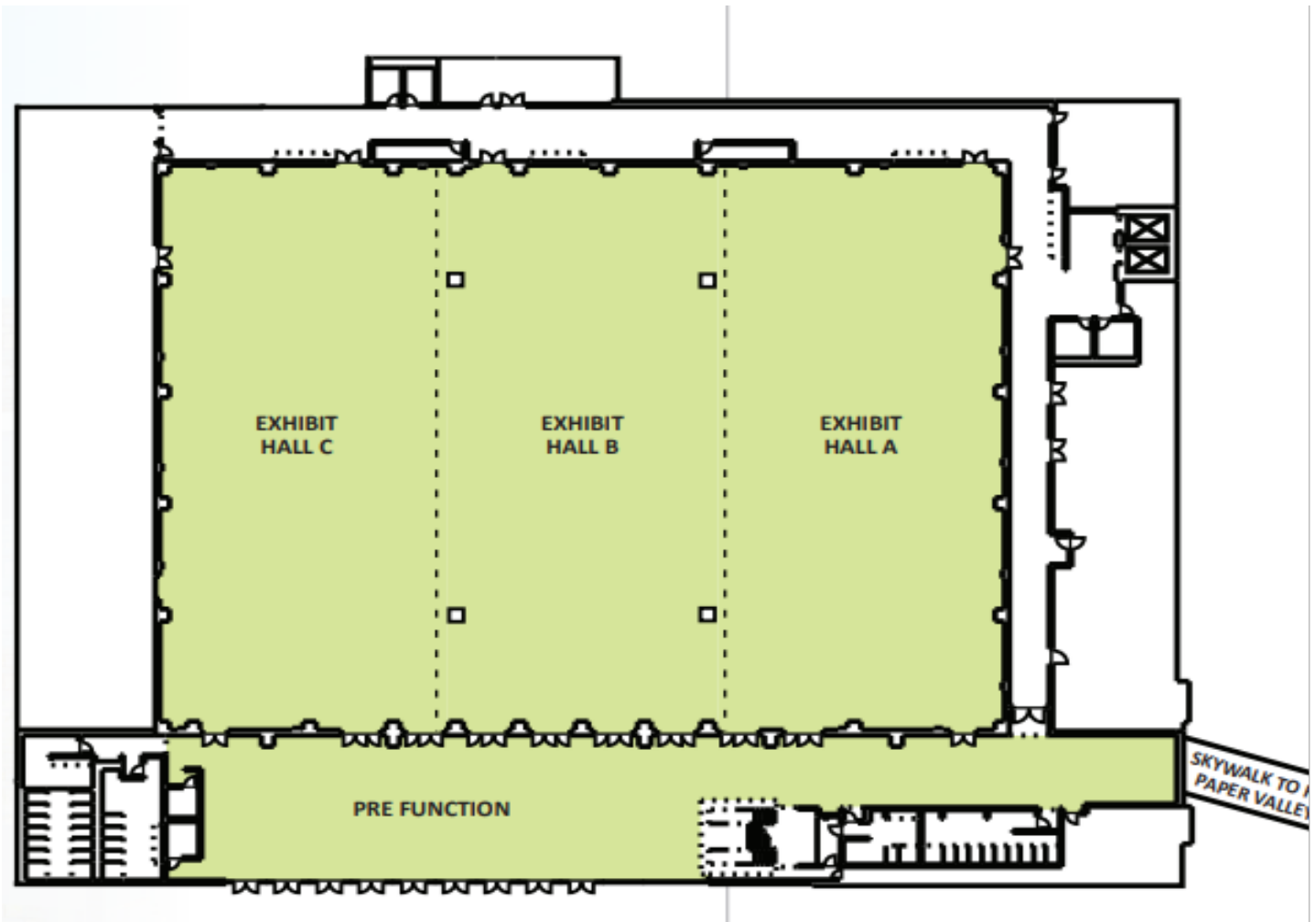
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