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Letter to HPS Decommissioning Section Members

Call for Abstracts for the 2022 Spokane Meeting

Two months ago, the Board of the reconstituted Decommissioning Section sent you all a letter of introduction, [http://www.hpschapters.org/sections/decommissioning/Letter to D-Section Members 2021-10-13.pdf](http://www.hpschapters.org/sections/decommissioning/Letter_to_D-Section_Members_2021-10-13.pdf).

We identified several objectives, primarily focused on increasing the communication among section members. One major goal for 2022 was to host a Decommissioning Special Session at next year's Spokane Meeting.

On December 9, 2021, HPS issued a call for abstracts for the Spokane Meeting, <http://hps.org/newsandevents/societynews.html#1908>.

Section members are encouraged to submit abstracts (and later presentations or posters) describing their decommissioning projects, focusing on unique solutions and lessons learned.

When submitting, please specify that you would like your presentation to be included in the Decommissioning Special Session. The deadline for abstract submission is February 4, 2022. Abstracts should be submitted through the HPS Submission page, <https://www.burkclients.com/hps/2022AM/abstracts/index.php>. Abstracts should not be submitted via email.

Other Matters

To re-iterate a couple of comments from the October letter.

We encourage Section members to begin using the existing [HPS Member Forum](#), that now includes a [Decommissioning Section](#) Category. Remember to set your preferences to receive email notification of new posts. We do want to hear from Section members. What would you like the Section to do for you? Why do you think it fell into inactivity? Why do you think the Member Forum is so underutilized? What have you learned in your decommissioning career that you think would be useful to others?

One thing that your Board would like to do, is initiate a monthly spotlight on current decommissioning projects, regulatory issues, and/or recent HPS Journal papers relevant to decommissioning. This could be a section in the monthly HPS Newsletter. What do you think?

Happy Holidays and looking forward to hearing your feedback via email or the Member Forum.

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