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Event: Illinois Wesleyan University will host the second "Illinois Small College Physical Plant Directors Meeting"

Date: Oct. 18 (Thursday)

Time: The program will start at 9:00 a.m. and will end with a tour of The Ames Library and the Hansen Student Center on IWU's campus

Location: Davidson Room of the Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University St., Bloomington

Background: The meeting, a full day of presentations and information-sharing sessions, was held at Augustana College last year, according to Millard Jorgenson, director of IWU's Physical Plant. "This year, approximately 41 schools have been invited to participate. Years ago The Association of Physical Plant Administrators (APPA), an international association dedicated to maintaining, protecting and promoting the quality of educational facilities, used to get people together one or twice a year to talk about things that were pertinent to all physical plant directors," said Jorgenson. "APPA is now geared toward the larger schools and we thought it would be a good idea to continue this practice for the smaller schools."

The group will discuss various issues from the new electric deregulation and how to buy electricity on the open market to conserve energy.

Bob Latham of Latham & Associates and Kris Fitzanko of Cilco will talk about the Illinois Energy Consortium, a not-for-profit corporation located at Northern Illinois University. The corporation provides services for the "state-wide" joint purchasing of electrical power supplies.

Associate Professor of Biology and Co-director of Environmental Studies Program, Given Harper and Assistant Professor of Environmental and International Studies Abigail Jahiel, who spearheaded IWU's Green Task Force and IWU's Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR) program, also will address the group.

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