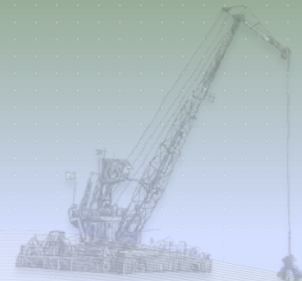


# **WEDA MIDWEST CHAPTER 2017 ANNUAL MEETING**

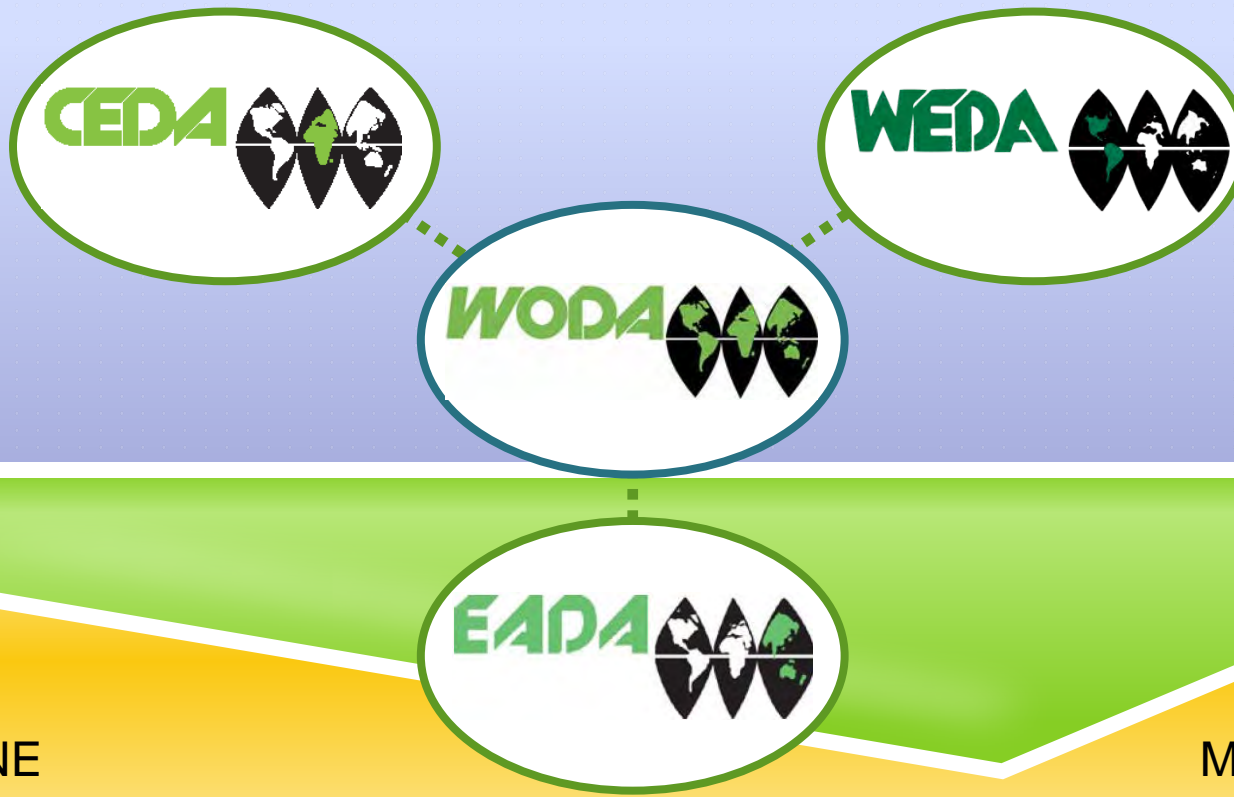
## **WEDA - OVERVIEW & PRIORITIES**

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& Tom Cappellino – WEDA Executive Director





## HOW **WEDA** AND ITS SISTERS CEDA & EADA MAKE UP THE WORLD DREDGING ORGANIZATION (**WODA**)



# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- ▶ **Exchange knowledge** in fields related to dredging, navigation, marine engineering and construction
- ▶ **Improve communications, technology transfer, and cooperation** among associations, societies, and organizations
- ▶ Emphasize the importance of **understanding and development of solutions** for problems related to the protection and enhancement of the marine environment
- ▶ **Support educational institutions** for students interested in pursuing dredging and marine engineering as a career
- ▶ Promote membership in and furtherance of WEDA through **establishment and support of Chapters**
- ▶ **Recognize individuals and** organizations for outstanding engineering and operational achievement

# CURRENT INITIATIVES & STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- ▶ Increase advertising/outreach for WEDA, increasing our relationships with our media partners and related associations;
- ▶ Increase numbers of memberships and conference registrations for students. Increase WEDA scholarships;
- ▶ Provide the foundation and support for emerging chapters of WEDA, host and/or organize events/meetings for these emerging chapters;
- ▶ Strengthen our collaboration with the US Army Corps of Engineers and other Gov't agencies;
- ▶ Continue making operational improvements and advancements in information technology and membership communications;

# WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

## ▶ [www.WesternDredging.org](http://www.WesternDredging.org)

- ▶ Primary WEDA website
- ▶ Menu and sub menu items have been revised to better assist with the sites navigation
- ▶ The Content Mgmt. System (CMS) platform was recently updated to the latest technology and security.

## ▶ [www.Dredging-Expo.com](http://www.Dredging-Expo.com)

- ▶ Dedicated conference website for our the Dredging Summit & Expo
- ▶ The new site increases navigation and streamlines conference registration





# DREDGING SUMMIT & EXPO

- ▶ June 26-29, 2017
- ▶ Hyatt Regency in Vancouver, BC
- ▶ 60+ technical presentations
- ▶ 4 focused panels
- ▶ 62 exhibitors
- ▶ [www.Dredging-Expo.com](http://www.Dredging-Expo.com)



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