



# Lab Report Quarterly Digest

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More than 85% of respondents in a recent membership survey said that an electronic newsletter is a valuable resource for membership news and information. Please share this issue with your colleagues.

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### Top Picks for Professional Development

For many science teachers, summer professional development provides opportunities to re-charge and reignite a passion for teaching and learning. Be sure to check out new postings on [WVSTA Facebook page](#) and the [Teacher Ops Page](#). Here are a few to check out.

- REAL WORLD SCIENCE—YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW  
How Necessity Creates Innovation in Science and Technology - New Orleans, WV

<http://www.nationalww2museum.org/learn/education/for-teachers/summer-teacher-seminar.html>

- APPALACHIAN Watershed and Stream Monitors - Spruce Knob, WV  
<http://mountain.org/where-we-work/appalachian/>
- ESS PASSPORT - Fairmont and Green Bank, WV  
<http://www.fairmontstate.edu/esspassport/>

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## Save the Date - November 2-4, 2017

Our annual conference will be held at [Oglebay Resort](#) in Wheeling, WV. Oglebay - today - is a beautifully landscaped, 1,700-acre public resort, studied by planners worldwide as the only self-supporting public municipal in operation. It stands as a successful tribute to Earl W. Oglebay, a notable achievement of the Wheeling Park Commission, and a credit to the many benefactors and organizations involved in its growth. The conference will be packed with workshops and presentations for K-12 science teachers.

Past President Libby Strong is the conference coordinator and is looking for people like you from the Wheeling area to help with planning and logistics. Get involved. Contact Libby at [libby@smartcenter.org](mailto:libby@smartcenter.org)



## Keeping Up with NGSS

NGSS Evidence Statements provide educators with additional detail on what students should know and be able to do. These Evidence Statements describe a detailed look at the NGSS performance expectations. To learn more about the evidence statements visit:

<http://www.nextgenscience.org/evidence-statements>. West Virginia science teachers will also appreciate the [WV NxGen Science Standards to NGSS Crosswalk](#) available on the WSTA website.