



# IGWA Newsletter

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The quarterly newsletter of the Indiana Ground Water Association (IGWA)

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## INDIANA GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION 2007 CONVENTION & EXPOSITION IN REVIEW

The IGWA's 2007 convention and exposition was held on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at the Johanning Civic Center in Kokomo, Indiana.

Attendee and exhibitor surveys alike agreed it was one of the best conventions in many years. Nearly 250 attendees and 38 participating exhibitors enjoyed great education and an opportunity to showcase new products.

Our educational programming was enhanced by speakers Brian Kibiger of Franklin Electric, Steve Strong of Laval Underground Surveys, Derick Neal of the National Groundwater Association, Monique Riggs of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water (who also proctored the state licensing and NGWA certification exams), Brock "Bo" Yordy of Baroid and Fred McAninch of The Rig Doctors.

The 2007 IGWA board's Joan McAninch retired this year. Although Joan has enjoyed her time with the board, she is looking forward to spending time on many interests in addition to running



the family business, The Rig Doctors, along with husband, Fred. Joan is the first woman to serve on the IGWA board. She has taken a giant leap on behalf of women in the ground water industry and we thank her for her time and contribution. She will be greatly missed.

As if we didn't have enough to see and do, we made time to enjoy great food provided by our sponsors and served by the Johanning Civic Center staff. A continental breakfast, buffet lunch and reception were included in the free admission to this year's convention.

The IGWA Scholarship Silent Auction was well supported, netting a total of \$1,688. Beehler Keiser bid on two Colts tickets for a sum of \$200 thinking he and his son would enjoy the game. Much to Beehler's surprise, he had two additional family members who also wanted to go. Beehler paid much more for those additional tickets than those purchased at the auction. A big thank you to Beehler and all of those that supported this worthy cause!

During the annual membership meeting and swearing in of new officers, Brad White recognized several Past Presidents who attended. It was great to see the faces of those who are responsible for building the Indiana Ground Water Associate (formerly the Indiana Well Drilling Contractor's Association). It was great to



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## 2007 Convention in Review (continued)

spend time with many of them who shared their stories about the association and our membership. Their



However, the highlight of the day was enjoying the old photos and convention programs that were available for everyone to see. It was thought the IGWA was 75 years old in 2007, but it appears we actually celebrated our 77th anniversary. Brad White, immediate past president, recently visited a customer's office and discovered an Indiana Well Drilling Contractor's Association "Charter Member" certificate hanging on their wall. The certificate's seal was dated 1930 and was issued November 1948. Brad's customer was kind enough to allow him to make a copy of the certificate to add to the IGWA archives. What a great find! I'm sure there are many other great photos and documents out there. The IGWA archives would certainly appreciate copies or originals of anything our members might be willing to donate.



XXXXX XXXX and Donna Sheets, IGWA Executive Director

This was the first convention for our new management company, DBS & Associates. Donna Sheets, Julie Gillen and Vickie Newell were on hand to assist and serve our attendees.



Caption needed? -- Donna?

### We wish to acknowledge the contribution of the IGWA 2007 Convention Committee:

- Chair - Joe Armstrong, Armstrong Well Drilling
- Randy Aufderheide, Dean Well Drilling
- John Baker, Dilden Brothers
- Don Findlay, Dilden Brothers
- Joan McAninch, The Rig Doctors
- Dan McCreadie, Kokomo Pump & Supply
- Brad White, RJM Sale & Marketing

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The IGWA 2008 Board of Directors:



The IGWA 2008 President, Beehler Keiser (left) formally accepts the gavel from former president, XXXXXXXX.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear IGWA Members,

As I am writing this letter, the air temperature is 5 degrees outside and I have all eight of my employees sweeping the shop, performing maintenance on all of the trucks and greasing equipment. This is not a great time to be a Water Well Contractor, but it is part of the challenge that I feel separates us from a lot of other professional occupations.

If someone was out of water, we would load up and go out to put that family back into water. Why would we go out in below freezing temperatures, risk ourselves as well as our equipment? Most Water Well Drilling Contractors are second generation or greater, you could say water it's in our blood. We have been raised to ignore the weather conditions in order to get that job completed. This is what makes us so different from so many other occupations and it is that trait that I feel is our greatest asset.

Our other great trait is independence. We have relied on ourselves for so long, that is hard to realize that other Water Well Contractors share the same concerns, and we could benefit by working together. We had a great turn out at our 2007 Indiana Ground Water Convention, I hope we can build upon that momentum by more people getting active in the association and making a difference in our future in this industry.

We invite you to join us on Saturday, March 15th for our Volunteer Joint Committee Meetings. The meeting will be held in the Kokomo area from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and will include a box lunch. This is another great opportunity to come together with your peers, make suggestions and serve your industry. (See *Volunteer Sign Up Form* on page 6.) We hope to see you there.

Thank You,

Beehler Keiser, President, IGWA

*P.S. Do you know of any other industry or profession that can boast on a saying as well know as, "Colder than a Well Driller's #\*\*"? This was earned by working when others would not.*



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## IGWA MEMBERS WORKING TOGETHER PAYS OFF!

This past November, Mike Kaufman of Kaufman Well Drilling was awarded a project consisting of twelve 150' deep geo-thermal loop holes. Mike has done several projects like this before, but this project was slightly different because it was over two hours from home and required 4 days on site in freezing weather. But, the biggest problem was that this project was in St. Joseph County in Northern Indiana.

Most contractors do not realize that this county requires a separate county license and a bond is required to drill water wells and geo-thermal loop holes. Mike knew this because of conversations he had with Beehler Keiser with Tatay Well Drilling at the Indiana Ground Water meetings. Beehler gave Mike the contact information for the St. Joseph County Health Department. This led to several phone calls to the Health Department, and this would add additional expense to the job and red tape to the project.

Mike realized that the red tape, winter weather and being unfamiliar with the area, could cause him problems in completing this project in a timely manner and still remain profitable. He decided to ask Beehler Keiser if he would like to work on this project with him.

Tatay Well Drilling had never drilled geo-thermal loop holes before and would benefit from the knowledge by working with Kaufman Well Drilling on this project. Kaufman Well Drilling would benefit by Tatay Well Drilling's relationship with the local Health Department in cutting through the red tape.

In early December, both contractors arrived on site with an approved geo-thermal permit that Tatay Well Drilling had taken care of and obtained. Once on site, they realized that both drill rigs had to work in an area that was 40' by 40'.... not a lot of room for two large drill rigs. After a little conversation, a plan was executed, the first day each contractor drilled three 150' completed geo-thermal for a total of six holes. Water for drilling was a concern before the project started. We could not get a water hydrant permit because of the freezing weather, so we would both work off one water truck and when it was empty the other truck would take its place. The empty truck would then run back to Tatay Well Drilling's shop to refill. This worked very well and allowed both rigs to keep drilling.

At the end of the first day, it was below 20 degrees, so freezing of equipment overnight could have been a big problem and slow production. However, since Tatay Well Drilling's shop was so close to the job sites, both rigs and water trucks went into a heated shop overnight and were ready the next morning to go back to work. The entire job went very well, being completed in two days with a total of 1,800' of geo-thermal loop installed, both contractors made money and benefited by working together.

This February, Mike Kaufman and Beehler Keiser will work on a second project consisting of 16 geo-thermal holes at 150' each for a total of 2,400' of drilled holes. Both will be better prepared and more profitable because of a relationship gained by their membership and participation in the Indiana Ground Water Association.

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## NEW COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES RULES PROPOSED

U.S. Department of Transportation,  
[www.dot.gov/affairs/briefing.htm](http://www.dot.gov/affairs/briefing.htm)

December 26, 2007 - Individuals seeking new commercial driver's licenses (CDL) would be required to complete both classroom and behind-the-wheel training from an accredited educational program or institution under a proposed rule announced today by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

"This proposed rule will give truck drivers additional skills needed to keep our roads safe," FMCSA Administrator John H. Hill said.

Beginning three years after the effective date of a final rule, all applicants for a CDL or upgraded CDL would be required to provide a valid certificate from a truck driving program or institution accredited by the U.S. Department of Education or the Council on Higher Education Accreditation. The rule would not affect current CDL holders.

For a "Class A" CDL (tractor-trailers), the proposed rule would require a minimum of 76 hours of classroom instruction and 44 hours of behind-the-wheel training for a total of 120 hours. For "Class B" (large "box" or van trucks) and "Class C" CDLs (hazardous materials or certain passenger-carrying vehicles), the proposed rule would require a minimum of 58 hours of classroom instruction and 32 hours of behind-the-wheel training for a total of 90 hours. The training curriculum includes CDL safety regulations, vehicle operation and safe operating practices.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed rule. Instructions are available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) docket number FMCSA-2007-27748. **Public comments will be accepted until March 25, 2008.**

## IGWA VOLUNTEER SIGN UP FORM

The **Indiana Ground Water Association** serves its members through education, promotion, and representation. The planning and implementation of most IGWA activities is handled by volunteer groups. All groups are supported by IGWA staff. IGWA Committees have ongoing, results-oriented tasks. The interaction between group members promoted effective planning and evaluation of tasks.

### You can help!

**You can help! Attend the Joint Committee Meeting on Saturday, March 15th, 11 am – 1pm in Kokomo, IN (location TBD)** Sign up now! Review the list of committees below and check those of interest to you. Return this form to the IGWA office and you'll receive more information about your area of interest.

### Sign Up Now! (check the committees you are most interested in)

I am interested in volunteering to work on the following areas:

- Awards Committee:** Develop awards program.
- Communications Committee:** Establish objectives of quarterly newsletter, annual membership directory and website and develop advertising sales strategies.
- Education Committee:** Works to enhance educational opportunities for all members of the industry, ranging from those with extensive practical experience to new members of the industry.
- Legislative/DOT Committee:** Commit to involvement with local, state and federal officials. Develop grass roots efforts to involve membership.
- Membership Committee:** Promote the IGWA by securing new members and assisting current members through providing member services.
- Meeting/Convention Committee:** Planning and organization of Annual Meeting, Convention and Seminars.
- Exhibit Committee:** Plan and conduct the premier trade show for the industry in Indiana.
- Scholarship Committee:** Raise funds to support the annual scholarship awards.

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### My primary area of business (check all that apply):

- Contractor
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### Return form to:

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Questions? Call 317-889-2382 or toll free: 888-443-7330

# IGWA FAMILY IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

Prize: \$500.00

Application Deadline: April 30, 2008

Scholarship Awarded: May 15, 2008

## CRITERIA:

1. Applicant must be a member of IGWA, immediate family of IGWA member, employee of IGWA member or immediate family of employee.
2. Scholarship award can be used at any school of higher education (vocational, technical, community college, or university). Award can be used towards books, tuition, fees, etc.

## REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Statement of 500 words or less describing:
  - a. Proposed use of award money.
  - b. Class or school attending.
  - c. Future goals.
  - d. Information about applicant, such as but not limited to, goals met, accomplishments both personal & academic, etc.
  - e. Financial need/special considerations.

Resumes used for other Scholarship applications will be accepted. However, a statement of 500 words or less describing the above is required.

For this version of the application, statements and resumes on separate sheets of paper must be attached to the Application Form (on this page) with signature of applicant.

The award is for one year and is renewable, however, the student must reapply.

Send completed application forms by April 15, 2008 to:

IGWA Family in Business Scholarship  
7915 S. Emerson Avenue, Suite 132  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46237

For more information and questions, contact the IGWA office at 317-889-2382, fax 317-889-3935 or [ingroundwater@msn.com](mailto:ingroundwater@msn.com).

## IGWA FAMILY IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Deadline: April 30, 2008

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female (circle)

Member Affiliated with IGWA: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Planned school/class attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM AND STATEMENT TO:

IGWA Family in Business Scholarship  
7915 S. Emerson Avenue, Suite 132  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46237

### Statement (500 words or less):

(Use of another sheet is permitted, but it must be attached to this sheet signed and dated)

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I affirm that the information provided for this scholarship is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### IGWA Family in Business Scholarship Rules

Applicant must be a member, immediate family of IGWA member, employee of IGWA member, or immediate family member of employee.

Applicant must be accepted at a college, university or trade or technical school. (Student may be full or part-time)

All applications must be submitted before April 30, 2008. Recipients will be notified by May 15, 2008.

The IGWA Board of Directors has absolute discretion in selecting recipients of the award and in determining the amount of said award. The Board may make such amendments and modifications of the rules and regulations pertaining to the selection of award recipients, the amount of each award and the payment of awards as they, in their sole discretion, determine.

When an applicant has been named as a recipient of the award he or she shall, prior to August 1 in the year of the award, present to the IGWA satisfactory evidence of his or her acceptance or continued enrollment at a college, university, trade or technical school. Failure to do so will forfeit the scholarship.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the college, university, trade or technical school and will not be paid to the recipient of the award.

## NEW IGWA MEMBERSHIP

33 new and returning members have joined the IGWA as of March 2007. They are:

### CONTRACTOR

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7515 W 8th St,  
Anderson, IN 46011  
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Leroy Hochstetler  
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Alexandria, IN 46001  
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Nathan Kell, Michael Souder  
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Huntertown, IN 46748  
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Ashland, OH 44805  
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#### Kokomo Pump Supply

Paul Byrd  
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#### Laibe Corporation

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147 IGWA members have renewed as of February 2008 with 36 yet to renew. If you aren't sure if you have renewed, check out the IGWA website for a complete listing of our current membership at [www.indianagroundwater.org](http://www.indianagroundwater.org).