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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Your IGWA Board has been busy meeting in person and by conference call, planning for the convention in Lafayette on November 8 – 9. Plans are in the works for seminars, continuing education, and the trade show. It should be a good time to network and expand our skills.

I hope this newsletter finds everyone keeping cool and keeping busy. As I write this, it's 84 degrees at 9:00 p.m. in early August. When the weather is hot and dry, it seems our family business is booming. We end up having to juggle our schedule so people don't have to wait long in need of a well. In contrast, at times during the cold weather, we find ourselves waiting for the phone to ring. It's during both of these times that we in our family business put our faith and trust in God.

In closing I would just like to say: Keep cool and enjoy the rest of summer! We will be wishing for these hot days come February!

Sincerely,

Keith McGrew, IGWA President
McGrew Well Drilling

IGWA AWARDS FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2011

This year the IGWA received nine (9) scholarship applications. This is always the most daunting but rewarding task our scholarship committee leadership faces. The candidates are all worthy contenders and we invite those that did not win to re-enter next year. Past winners can also re-enter each year as well. Check out the website at www.indianagroundwater.org for the complete application.

The 2011 winners are:



Dustin Bluck is the son of Jane Bluck, an employee of Mumma Bros. Drilling. Dustin will enter his third year this fall at Notre Dame majoring in Philosophy and Mathematics. His goal is to educate others through teaching and a professorship in the future. Good luck and congratulations, Dustin!



Aaron Kettler is the son of Jeff & Pam Kettler of L. M. Kettler, Inc. He was accepted at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, majoring in Geology. His goal is to work for the Department of Natural Resources or enter the family business. Good luck and congratulations, Aaron!



Levi Rutledge works in his family's business, Rutledge Well Drilling. He will be a junior at Indiana University in the fall of 2011, majoring in Tourism Management. Levi's goal is to continue working in the family business upon graduation. Good luck and congratulations, Levi!



Sydney White is the daughter of Brad & Tonja White of RJM Sales & Marketing. Sydney was accepted by Butler University where she will enroll this fall in Physical Therapy. She plans to work as a physical therapist at Riley Hospital in the future. Good luck and congratulations, Sydney!

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Message from the Executive Director

Dear IGWA Members,

It has been some time since you received your last newsletter. Although we apologize for the delay, allow me to explain.



The board met in March in Kokomo and again in June via conference call. Their goal was to have an IGWA Field Day/Drilling Demo but wanted to make it a philanthropic event. We contacted Habitat for Humanity, military organizations, reached out to every local health department across the state in search of a family in need. We received a few calls, but primarily the candidates did not meet our criteria. We were really focused on a family in need with one parent who was enlisted. You wouldn't think it would be that difficult, but here we are in August without one viable candidate. Perhaps we should have reached out to you, but we really thought contacting the various organizations would be the best thing to do. We were wrong.

As you know, over the past few years we've tried a couple of different summer program options; golf — had to cancel it due to lack of participation; trap shoot — we had three events and consistently raised money for our scholarship program, but our attendance dwindled and the same wonderful members kept supporting it, digging deep into their pockets.

Perhaps the warm weather months are just not a good time to have a program. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on what might be of interest to our members, please contact the IGWA office or one of our board members (see list this page).

Our convention committee has met a couple of times via conference call and are working on a program that will appeal to well water industry professionals interested in earning their CEUs (6 for each license due by December 31, 2012) and in business topics that help them manage and grow their companies and employees.

Please drop us a line via email, voice mail or the old fashioned fax or letter. We would appreciate your feedback. Thank you for your continued support of the Indiana Ground Water Association!

Donna Sheets, Executive Director

Just received a possible field day suggestion — see page 3 note from the DNR!

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Company Awards More Than \$155,600 to 35 Community Improvement Projects

American Water Works Company, Inc. the largest publicly traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company, announced today the recipients of the company's 2011 Environmental Grant Program awards. A total of 35 projects throughout American Water's service areas in eight states will be supported by grants totaling more than \$155,600.

Established in 2005, American Water's Environmental Grant Program offers funds for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect the watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies in the communities it serves.

Indiana American Water is issuing two grants totaling \$10,040 to the following organizations:

Clark County Soil & Water Conservation District received \$5,000 to heighten community awareness of water quality concerns in the Silver Creek watershed through educational opportunities and visual and printed resources.

Kosciusko Lakes and Streams received \$5,040 to incorporate water conservation education into existing programming and events already in place in Kosciusko County. Kosciusko Lakes and Streams (KLAS) is a community water quality program centered at Grace College which is focused on its mission of protecting and enhancing local water quality by fostering grassroots ownership among the general population.

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The Indiana Groundwater Association in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, would like to issue a call to water well drilling contractors and water well pump installers for assistance and involvement in planning and participating in a water well driller and water well pump installer continuing education workshop and field day event to take place in the near future (this Fall or next year).

Ideally, the event would include classroom time to accompany 'hands-on' time for an on-site water well and pumping equipment installation demonstration. If anyone has an interest in taking on an important role in providing quality continuing education for Indiana's water well drillers and pump installers—this is your opportunity to get involved.

Please contact Donna Sheets at the Indiana Ground Water Association at 317-889-2382 or ingroundwater@msn.com for more information.

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ERROR REMOVES LIMITS FROM INDIANA PROJECT WAGE LAW

Associated Press, June 9, 2011

A mistake in a bill that legislators meant to loosen wage requirements on government construction projects in Indiana will put all such projects — regardless of cost — under the regulations.

Senate President Pro Tem David Long, R-Fort Wayne, said legislative leaders only recently found out about the mistake made by the Legislative Services Agency staff.

The error deletes the law's current threshold level of \$150,000 from July 1 through the end of this year, The Journal Gazette of Fort Wayne reported. The new law raises the threshold to \$250,000 starting Jan. 1, then increases it to \$350,000 starting in 2013.

"There was a drafting error. It was not caught, and (the legislative agency) has apologized to us," Long said. "It should have been caught."

The bill approved by the Republican-controlled Legislature in April and signed into law by GOP Gov. Mitch Daniels made changes to Indiana's Common Construction Wage Act, which establishes labor rates in construction projects contracted by state and local governments.

Supporters argued it was aimed at increasing the number of Indiana contractors that would bid on government projects and lower the cost of those projects, but it was among the labor-related bills that House Democrats protested during their five-week legislative boycott.

House Minority Leader Patrick Bauer, D-South Bend, said that workers on construction projects that aren't covered by the wage law already aren't paid enough.

"Maybe this will be a great test to show we can build and have economic development and you don't have to lower people's wages," Bauer said. "It's a six-month trial showing we can build while giving good living wages."

Legislators aren't scheduled back in regular session until January, and Long said the error wasn't worth the expense of calling them back before then.

Long said he believed state and local officials should follow the current law and the intent of the Legislature. He said he hoped union members don't "skewer" government units into paying higher wages on these smaller projects.

But Pete Rimsans, executive director of the union-affiliated Indiana State Building and Construction Trades Council, said "It's the law, and you can't just put your blinders on."

Rimsans did say he doesn't think many projects will be affected — mainly just smaller maintenance work or emergency repairs.

Rhonda Cook, the legislative counsel for the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, said the organization was trying to sort through ramifications of the error before advising its members on the issue.

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Don't miss THE event for ground water professionals in Indiana!

Visit IGWA's website for detailed schedule.



BECOME A CERTIFIED VERTICAL CLOSED LOOP DRILLER

As advances in geothermal technologies have progressed, the need for a specific voluntary certification designation for geothermal drillers has become apparent. NGWA has responded to this need with a new certification designation in its Voluntary Certification Program.

This new Certified Vertical Closed Loop Driller (CVCLD) designation has different examination requirements than a CWD or a CPI, and is considered an independent designation. The designation reflects an individual who has passed a written exam administered by NGWA that evaluates an individual's knowledge of the skills and competencies associated with constructing a loop well.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be at least 20 years old.
- Applicant must have 24 consecutive months experience constructing loop wells or conventional water supply wells.

Exam information

To earn the CVCLD designation, you must pass the 75 multiple-choice question Vertical Closed Loop (VCL) exam.

The exam encompasses the skills and competencies reflected on the Geothermal Vertical Closed Loop Drilling Operations DACUM. Exams can be scheduled through NGWA's third-party testing facility by contacting PSI LaserGrade at 800-211-2754 (360 896.9111 outside the United States).

VCL exam fees

NGWA members: \$125
Nonmembers: \$300

Preparing for the exam

NGWA has created a publication titled "Guidelines for Construction of Loop Wells for Vertical Closed Loop Ground Source Heat Pump Systems" that addresses the skills for the VCL exam. For more information about other NGWA recommended study materials, visit the certification study materials section of the NGWA bookstore.

Becoming certified

Once the VCL exam has been passed with a score of 70 percent or better, the applicant can send in application materials consisting of the three below forms:

- Certification Agreement Form — applicant agrees to adhere to the statutes of the NGWA Voluntary Certification Program and its policies.
- Candidate Reference Form — applicant must provide the names of two references who can verify experience.
- Current Affidavit — a signed document claiming the individual has never been convicted of any civil or criminal legal action as a result of professional activities relating to geothermal applications.

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What is a legislative fly-in?

NGWA's 15th Annual Groundwater Industry Legislative Conference, also known simply as the NGWA Washington Fly-in, puts groundwater professionals in touch with the men and women who set the nation's groundwater policy.

The first day of the conference is spent in briefings on current legislative topics, learning tips for conducting successful Hill meetings, and reviewing "leave behind" materials to share with congressional offices. On the second day, conference participants spend time visiting their representatives' offices — NGWA sets up these meetings for you — to educate policymakers about groundwater and issues important to the businesses of groundwater professionals.

The one missing piece is you...bring your knowledge of groundwater and your business to Washington and join NGWA in their efforts to educate Congress about both the resource and the industry.

Why should you attend?

Groups who are the most effective in Washington, D.C., are those who vote and spend time talking to their representatives about their industry and the role public policy can play, according to *Forbes Magazine*.

Fees

NGWA member — \$100

Nonmember — \$200

Spouse/child/full-time student,* — \$90

**Required if participating in any of the scheduled conference food events.*

Registration

Preregistration is necessary for participation in this event and must be received on or before January 27, 2012.

Ways to register:

- Register online at www.NGWA.org.
- Register by phone at 800-551-7379. Customer service hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. ET.

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www.indianagroundwater.org

CALENDAR

For up-to-the minute Continuing Education Programs OR how to qualify for a program, visit the DNR Division of Water's website at www.in.gov/dnr/water

SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

- Protect Your Groundwater Day.
On Protect Your Groundwater Day, NGWA urges you to ACT — Acknowledge, Consider, Take action. Use this day to begin doing your part for protecting one of our most important natural resources — groundwater. Visit www.ngwa.org for more information.



NOVEMBER 8–9, 2011

- IGWA Biennial Membership Meeting, "Market Your Professionalism" Continuing Education Conference & Trade Show. West Lafayette, Indiana

NOVEMBER 30, 2011

- IGWA Membership Dues Renewal

DECEMBER 30, 2011

- Drillers license renewal with the DNR

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