



# IGWA Newsletter

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

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## Letter from the President

Well, here we are half way through another busy year. Time sure does fly! Places are opening back up and we are slowly returning to a somewhat normal routine again.

It's hard to believe the IGWA Convention is only 4 months away! As most of you know we are absolutely going to try to have our convention live if at all possible. We are working on a contingency plan, but we are definitely going to do everything we can to ensure a successful show at Blue Chip Casino once again. The venue has instituted new protocols for sanitizing to ensure we all stay safe. I would like to encourage each and every one of you to please register for this event. Registration will be open in August!

It will be a great time as always with educational events, industry peers, and of course, the show floor with our favorite suppliers! Exhibitors: Booths are selling now so please make sure to get your packets sent in as soon as possible. Attendee registration opens in August. We are looking forward to a fun and successful convention once again!

Stay safe and we will see you all in October!

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## REMINDER! TWO NEW LAWS TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 2020

The 2020 Indiana legislative session has come to a close. Two bills introduced in the 2020 Indiana legislative session became laws. House Bill 1218 was signed into law by the Governor and applies to all underground facilities installed on private or public property after June 30, 2020. Additionally House Bill 1070 regarding cell phone usage when driving was signed into law and takes effect July 1, 2020.



### 1) Summary of House Bill 1218:

#### Locating underground utility infrastructure.

Amends the statute concerning the location of underground utility facilities (state 811 law) to provide that for any new or replacement underground facility that an operator installs or causes to be installed after June 30, 2020, the operator shall ensure that: (1) the materials from which the facility is constructed are capable of being detected from above ground level using standard equipment and technologies used by the utility locating industry; or (2) if the materials from which the facility is constructed are not capable of being detected from above ground level using standard locating techniques, the facility is encased by conductive material or is equipped with an electrically conducting wire or other means of locating the facility while it is underground.

#### The actual text is as follows:

SECTION 1. IC8-1-26-18.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 18.5. (a) This section applies to any new or replacement underground facility that an operator installs or causes to be installed after June 30, 2020, in any public right-of-way or on any private property. (b) Subject to any other applicable federal or state laws or regulations, for any new or replacement underground facility that an operator installs or causes to be installed, the operator shall ensure that: (1) the materials from which the facility is constructed are capable of being detected from above ground level using standard equipment and technologies used by the utility locating industry, such as electromagnetic locating equipment and electromagnetic induction surveys; or (2) if the materials from which the facility is constructed are not capable of being detected from above ground level using standard locating techniques, as described in subdivision (1), the facility is: (A) encased by conductive material; or (B) equipped with an electrically conducting wire or other means of locating the facility while it is underground.

(c) The commission may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this section, including emergency rules in the manner provided under IC 4-22-2-37.1. Notwithstanding IC 4-22-2-37.1(g), an emergency rule adopted by the commission under this subsection and in the manner provided under IC 4-22-2-37.1 expires on the date on which a rule that supersedes the emergency rule is adopted by the commission under IC 4-22-2-24 through IC 4-22-2-36.

SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

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## REMINDER! Two New Laws Take Effect July 1, 2020

### 2) Summary of the House Bill 1070:

Provides that, except in certain circumstances, a person may not hold or use a telecommunications device while operating a moving motor vehicle. Removes prohibitions on typing, transmitting, or reading a text message or an electronic mail message while operating a moving motor vehicle. Provides that the bureau may not assess points under the point system for a violation occurring before July 1, 2021.



Prohibits drivers from holding or using a handheld mobile device while operating a moving vehicle. People violating the law after it takes effect on July 1 can be fined up to \$500 and potentially lose their driver's license if violations are repeated.

Once the new law takes effect, touching a phone to, for example, check the weather or look at a photo while driving will be banned. The new measure specifies, however, that it will be legal for drivers to use phones if they're mounted on a vehicle's dashboard or in hands-free mode.

Drivers will be able to hold and use a mobile device when their vehicle is stopped.

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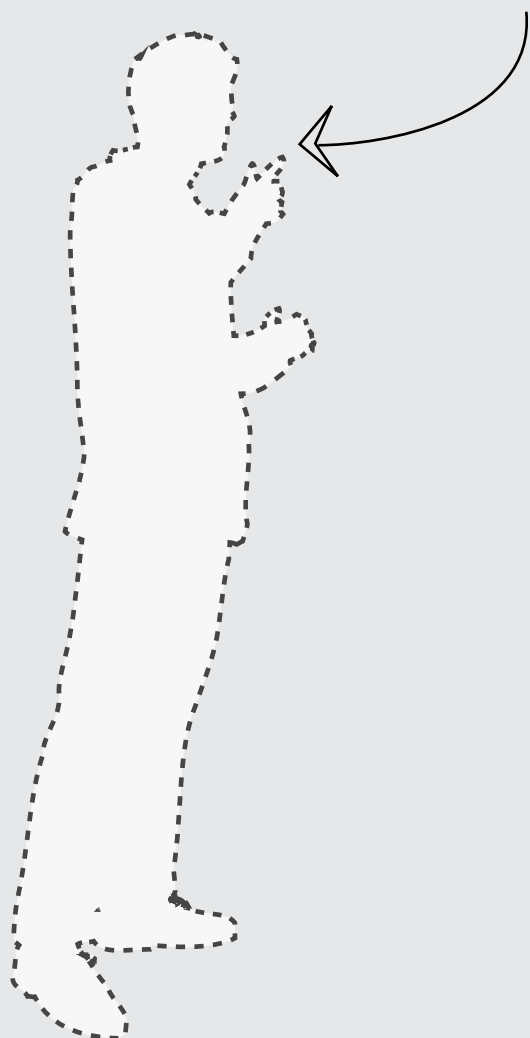
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**The sooner you reserve your booth  
for the IGWA 2020 Trade Show,  
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**Reserve by July 28 and receive a FREE  
¼ page ad in the registration packet**  
which is sent in August to potential  
attendees. In addition, you will be listed  
on IGWA's website and Facebook page for  
even greater exposure!

## **2020 Exhibitor Packet**

The first step is to download the 2020  
Exhibitor Packet from our website at  
<http://indianagroundwater.org/calendar/>  
(<http://indianagroundwater.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/2020-Exhibitor-Packet-Revised-New-Deadlines.pdf>)

-OR-

Request a packet by contacting Jennifer at  
888-443-7330 or [ingroundwater@gmail.com](mailto:ingroundwater@gmail.com).

Our venue, the Blue Chip Casino Hotel & Spa  
has instituted new guidelines and procedures  
for the safety of all. The safety procedures are  
printed on page 6 in this issue or online at:  
<https://www.bluechipcasino.com/boyd-clean>.

## **IGWA 2020 CONVENTION AND TRADE SHOW**

**OCTOBER 22-23, 2020**

**BLUE CHIP CASINO HOTEL & SPA**

**MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA**

## COVID-19 RESOURCES

The one thing that has dominated our year has been COVID-19. While the country is working its way towards opening up, there are still many struggles facing individuals and businesses. The NGWA has a resource page for your use. You can find many useful items and news at:

<https://www.ngwa.org/publications-and-news/covid-19-news-and-resources>

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## IGWA'S 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The IGWA scholarship committee received four applications this year for the IGWA Joseph L. Armstrong Family in Business Scholarship. As a reminder we have moved our scholarship process to the community foundation. We have given them a guideline for the scholarship. The committee at the foundation reviews all applicants and makes a selection based on the predetermined rubric. The IGWA scholarship committee decides how many scholarships and the amounts. This year the IGWA committee decided to award two scholarships. Each winner was awarded a scholarship of \$1,125.00. They are pleased to announce that winners this year are:



### **Mica Allen**

Parents: Amy & Bret Allen  
Company: Amstutz Well Drilling  
College: Huntington University  
Major: Pre-Med



### **Megan Maurer**

Parents: Diane & Rob Maurer  
Company: Maurer Well Service, Inc.  
College: Saint Mary's College  
Major: Pre-Med

The IGWA recognizes these students as outstanding applicants. We wish them great success in their pursuit of higher learning. If your student has submitted an application in the past, they may re-submit every year, even if they were awarded a scholarship in the past.

### **How to Donate to IGWA's Scholarship Fund**

It is easier than ever to donate to the scholarship fund.

- Just go to:  
<https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/CommunityFoundationofHoward/OnlineDonation.html>
- In the fund field choose: "CF Carroll – List Fund Name Below."
- In the comment section put: "IGWA Joseph L. Armstrong Family in Business Scholarship."





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## BLUE CHIP CASINO HOTEL & SPA INSTITUTES NEW SAFETY GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR GUEST AND EMPLOYEE SAFETY

*Our convention is still proceeding forward. We are in the midst of planning our Biennial Convention and Trade Show. Our venue has instituted new guidelines and procedures to ensure a safe environment for all. From Blue Chip Casino:*

### BOYD CLEAN — B SAFE

Here at Boyd Gaming, we are working hard to ensure your comfort and safety. We are happy to welcome back our valued guests, and have implemented the following measures for your safety:

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- Hand sanitizer is available and complimentary for all guests.
- Guest spaces are cleaned and disinfected multiple times daily with EPA-approved products. This includes: slot machines, chairs, table games, restaurants, kitchens, restrooms, doors, handrails, counters, ATMs, kiosks, and Team Member areas.
- The frequency of air filter replacement and HVAC system cleaning has been increased.

- Slots, table games, and restaurant & bar seating is configured and limited to adhere to social distancing recommendations.
- Guest occupancy limits are followed in retail shops and banquet & meeting spaces.
- COVID-19 training, health screenings, and masks are provided to all Team Members.

We hope to see everyone there for our convention. This is the 90th year for the IGWA. We are committed to ensuring you get your education points for this year to renew for 2021.

If you have interesting pictures that you would like shown at the convention please email them to the office at [ingroundwater@gmail.com](mailto:ingroundwater@gmail.com).

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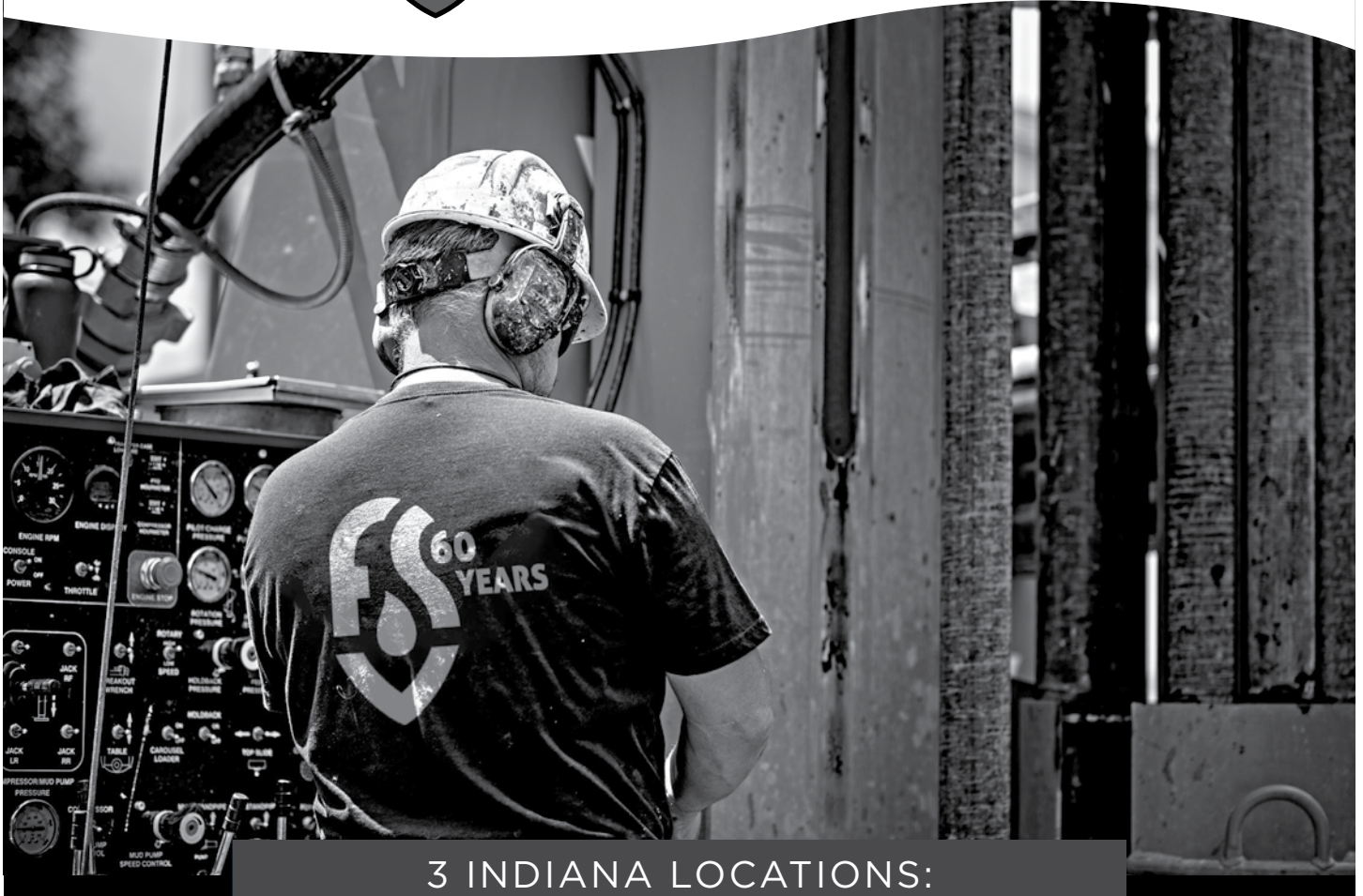
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# INDIANA GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

## Nominations Due September 15, 2020

If you are interested or would like to nominate someone to serve on the IGWA board of directors, please submit your nominations by September 15, 2020. The 2020 board members will be elected during the Annual Membership meeting on Friday, October 23 during the Annual Conference in Michigan City.

The final ballot will be available on October 23rd at the annual meeting.

There are three Contractor board positions that are up for election and one Manufacturer/Supplier board position that is up for election.

**Note: Please request the approval of the person you wish to nominate. They must be present at the October 23rd meeting.**

### **1) Nominee's information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### **2) Nominee's information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### **Nominated by (your information):**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

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**Submit nominations by FAX: 765-231-4430 or  
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by September 15, 2020.**

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# INDIANA GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**Nominations Due September 15, 2020**

This prestigious award has been bestowed upon ground water industry professionals for many years.

## **Nominee's Information**

Nominee's Name (as it should appear on a plaque and in publications):

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Nominee's Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Nominated by**

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

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include** a brief bio and reasons for nominating this individual, including their industry affiliation and contributions. You may use additional sheet of paper or in email. The IGWA Executive Committee will vote on the nominees.

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**Submit nominations by FAX: 765-231-4430 or  
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## Calendar

**July 28:** Exhibitor Booth reservation deadline to receive a FREE 1/4 page ad in convention registration packet

**August 15:** Registration opens for convention

**September 15:** Nominations for Board of Directors and Lifetime Achievement Award Due

**September 30:** Exhibitor deadline to reserve booth

**October 22–23:** 2020 Biennial Convention and Education Event

**November 30:** IGWA Membership Dues  
Renewal Deadline

**December 31:** License renewal through DNR.  
End of two education cycles.  
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**MEMBERS:**  
Be sure to watch  
for the Convention  
registration packet  
in August!



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