

2022 / Convention Special

**GWA Newsletter** 

The quarterly newsletter of the Indiana Ground Water Association (IGWA) IGWA Office: PO Box 160, Covington, IN 47932 • Phone: 888-443-7330 • Fax: 765-231-4430 Email: ingroundwater@gmail.com • Website: www.indianagroundwater.org

### IGWA 2022 Convention & Trade Show October 27-28, 2022



### Blue Chip Casino & Event Center Michigan City, Indiana

Join your colleagues for the Indiana Ground Water Association's Biennial Convention and Trade Show at the beautiful Blue Chip Casino & Event Center in Michigan City, Indiana and earn your Continuing Education before the end of the year!

No Price Increase!!!

Thursday, October 27	Everyone must attend each class and Trade Show (S) Michigan City is on Central Time.	
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Sign-in Thursday Classes	
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Surface Water & Groundwater Interaction (1 CEU) Kevin McGillicuddy, PG, McEllhiney Lecurer	
2:10 – 3:10 pm	Hazard Recognition (1 CEU) Andrew Boester, SES	
3:15 – 7:30 pm	Trade Show – (1 CEU: MUST CHECK IN & OUT AND ATTEND FOR 1.5 HOURS	

Friday, October 28	Choose one session for each time slot to attend.		
7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast		
8:00 – 8:30 am	Annual Meeting (Members Only)		
8:30 – 9:00 am	Sign-in Friday Classes		
9:00 – 10:00 am	Drilling Fluids for Production (1 CEU) Norman Pelak, WYO-BEN       DNR Updates (1 CEU) Mark Basch, IDNR       Improving the Performance of Drilling Equipment (1 CEU) Fred McAninch, The Rig Doctors		
10:00 – 10:15 am	Break		
10:15 – 11:15 am	DOT Topics (1 CEU) Trooper Raupp, Indiana State Police Finance for Your Water Well Business (1 CEU) Becca Calkins Why A Service Call (1 CEU) OR Bob McClain, Franklin Electric		
11:15 - 11:30 am	Break		
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Hire & Retain Talent for Well Businesses (1 CEU) Becca Calkins       Real Life Scenarios & Drilling Trouble Areas (1 CEU) Rick Ortman, Ortman Drilling & Water Service       Know Your Drilling Costs (1 CEU) Buddy Sebastian, Sebastian & Sons Well Drilling, Inc		
Option to above schedule 9:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>DNR Testing: Water Well Drilling &amp; Pump License Exam</b> Elizabeth Adkins, IDNR — Note: You must contact the DNR to sign-up. See registration form for details.		

### **IGWA 2022 Convention & Trade Show**

October 27-28, 2022 • Blue Chip Casino & Event Center • Michigan City, Indiana

### 2022 CONVENTION AND TRADE SHOW DETAILS

Covid-19 has changed our way of life in many ways.

- Some of the presentations may be prerecorded due to the presenter not being able to attend in person.
- The education credits have all been approved by the DNR whether in person or virtual.
- Class offerings, times and sizes may be changed due to restrictions. But everyone will get their hours during the convention.

Blue Chip has instituted new changes and protocols due to the virus.

If you have any questions at any time regarding the convention, please email or call the office.

We look forward to seeing everyone in October!

Jennifer Alexander Executive Director ingroundwater@gmail.com 888-443-7330

### HOTEL

IGWA has a contracted room block at the convention hotel. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

Blue Chip Casino & Event Center (Hospitality Suite Location)

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Hotel reservations group code: GIN 1025

### RATES

Blue Chip Tower Standard ....... \$89 Spa Blue Tower Standard ....... \$109 (larger rooms/closer to meeting space)

Cut-off date for this room rate: <u>October 1</u>.

### **EXHIBITORS**

(as of 7/30/22)

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(as of 7/30/22)

Trade Show Food Hospitality (\$300.00 each)

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- WYO-BEN, Inc.

### Trade Show Liquor Hospitality (\$350.00 each)

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- Baker Water Systems
- RJM Sales
- Franklin Electric

### Breakfast (\$250.00 each)

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### 2022 CONVENTION DOOR PRIZES!

Companies providing door prizes are currently:

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Franklin Electric

PRIZES: Yeti cooler, Ornamental Horse Head, Pipe Cutter & MORE!

### **IGWA's 2022 Convention & Trade Show**

Thursday, October 27 and Friday, October 28, 2022

Registration

Registration Deadline October 15, 2022

**REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2022** and be entered in the drawing to win FREE IGWA MEMBERSHIP; Blue Chip Casino & Event Center Free Overnight; \$100 in casino chips; and \$50 in casino chips

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### **Register Online:**

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/indiana-ground-water-2022-convention-trade-show-tickets-376812364927

Fax: 765-231-4430

Questions??? 888-443-7330

### Letter from the President

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Well, it has been two years already and you know what that means... yep, convention time once again. We have a lot of exhibitors registered already and I believe we are in store for another great time at Blue Chip.



Mark Ortman

Whether you need continuing education points, need to speak with our outstanding vendors, or just want to come to visit and have fun with fellow professionals, our IGWA convention is the place to be.

Our classes are approved for Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio (a few exceptions are noted in the newsletter for Illinois and Ohio). Don't forget the trade show will have door prizes and a live auction!

Register early (by September 15) to be included in our early bird drawing for some great prizes.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again this year and attending our great list of classes. I hope everyone stays busy and safe and see you all in October.

Mark Ortman President, IGWA Ortman Drilling and Water Services C: 765-438-0318 • mark.ortman@ortmandrilling.com



### EXHIBITORS!!

### It's not too late to secure a booth at the IGWA 2022 convention.

Download an exhibitor packet and contract from our website,

www.indianagroundwater.org or contact the office at 888-443-7330 or ingroundwater@gmail.com.

- This is the best opportunity to get in front of YOUR customers one-on-one.
- The trade show runs Thursday, 10/27/22 from 3:15 to 7:30 pm.
- Thursday features a hospitality food and bar!
- We expect a larger capacity attendance this year due to lack of hours for attendees the past three years.

### Call or email now to secure your booth before we run out of room!!

### Deadline is September 25, 2022.

### IGWA's 2022 Convention & Trade Show CEUs Approved for Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio

### Indiana

This program is eligible for 6 continuing education units for Licensed Well Drilling Contractors and 6 continuing education units for Licensed Pump Installers or a total of 12 if you carry both licenses which are due by December 31, 2022!

*Continuing Education for water well drillers and water well pump installers. It's the law.* 

As you know by now, the Indiana General Assembly passed IC 25-39-2-15.5 regarding pump installers license for water wells and continuing education. All pump installers must be licensed and are required to earn 6 hours continuing education units every 2 years. This became effective July 1, 2011. The continuing education offered at this conference will apply to the credit you need by December 31, 2022 for your 2021-2022 recertification.

Reminder this is the end of the 2-year cycle.

### Illinois and Ohio CEU Information

Illinois and Ohio have approved CEU hours for the convention. BUT each state has not approved specific classes. Below is the information for each state. Make sure to follow this information for the proper credits.

### Illinois

Illinois has approved the convention for 6 hours however the following classes are NOT approved and cannot be taken for Illinois credit:

- Finance Your Water Well Business, Becca Calkins
- Five Ways to Hire & Retain Talent at Your Ground Water Company, Becca Calkins
- Know Your Drilling Costs, Buddy Sebastian, Sebastian & Sons Drilling, Inc.

You must sign in separately for Illinois credits as well. So if you want Indiana and Illinois credits you will have TWO separate sign in sheets. It is up to **YOU** to tell Jennifer at sign in each day you also need Illinois credit. Credit will not be given after the fact if you did not sign in for Illinois on that day.

### Ohio

Ohio has approved the convention for 11 hours of classes however the following class is NOT approved for Ohio:

• IDNR Updates, Mark Basch, IDNR

You must sign in separately for Ohio credits as well. So if you want Indiana and Ohio credits you will have TWO separate sign in sheets. It is up to **YOU** to tell Jennifer at sign in each day you also need Ohio credit. Credit will not be given after the fact if you did not sign in for Ohio on that day.

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### WATER SYSTEMS COUNCIL'S STATE OF THE U.S. WATER WELL INDUSTRY REPORT

### - Executive Summary -

The Water Systems Council is very excited to be bringing you the first-ever State of the U.S. Water Well Industry Report. The report was compiled from our 2021 State of the Water Well Industry survey, where 593 well contractors and 238 "Suppliers", made up of Manufacturers, Distributors, and Manufacturer Representatives participated.

This report will be critical to WSC's mission to promote and protect the future of the water well industry. The report gathers contractor and supplier perspectives on the current challenges, opportunities, and trends within the water well industry. This information will be vital in advocating for the industry at the local, state, and federal levels.

There is much to be gleaned from this report for both contractors and suppliers. This is the first of what will be an annual survey and report so that, going forward, we can more accurately show where we are as an industry, what we need to work on, and identify the opportunities that lay ahead.

The Water Systems Council would like to thank the 831 contractors and suppliers that responded to the survey. We look forward to your continued input for the 2022 survey.

Thanks also to the following knowledgeable industry experts who offered their perspective on key issues in the industry.

#### **Contractors**:

David Henrich, Bergerson - Caswell, Inc. Paul LaFramboise, LaFramboise Well Drilling, Inc. Chauncey Leggett, Lake Valley Well Drilling Co, Inc. Merritt Partridge, Partridge Well Drilling Co, Inc.

#### Suppliers:

Gerry Duggan, Flexcon Industries Dan Story, Grundfos Delancey Davis, Headwater Companies, LLC Terry Morse, National Ground Water Association

#### Overview

What a time to be in this industry! With record demand, unprecedented challenges, and an unpredictable world, things look very different today than a couple of years ago.

It is in this environment that The Water Systems Council has embarked on the first annual State of the U.S. Water Well Industry Report. The intent is to give business leaders access to information, benchmark data, and insights that will help them make decisions and capitalize on opportunity. At the same time, this report gives a voice to those in the industry and educates those outside of our industry on who we are and why what we do is so important.

Survey respondents were asked to weigh in on their industry outlook and what's driving it, regulation, environmental factors, technology, investment, and COVID impact. In addition, survey respondents shared information on themselves and their business that presents a clear view of the industry make-up. The insights derived from diverse industry respondents on a wide range of topics are intended to fuel strategic discussions and facilitate decision-making within your business

#### The Headlines

- Nationally the average water well contractor has 13 employees and \$1.9M in annual revenue.
- Industry participants are optimistic about the industry, rating their outlook over the next 12 months a 7 out of 10.
- Optimism is driven by home starts, a strong economy, and urban flight.
- Product availability, inflation, and workforce availability are weighing on industry participants.
- Contractors and Suppliers are like-minded regarding the return of normal lead times. Most believe it will be a year or longer.
- The industry, its products, and the services provided have been undervalued for a long time.
- The future of an experienced workforce in the water well industry is threatened by a lack of younger workers joining the industry.
- 68% of respondents rate the impact of regulation on their business as moderate to significant. The specific regulatory challenges vary by region.
- 74% of respondents report an impact on their business from weather-related events. But, often, the effect was balanced (equally positive and negative).
- Contractors indicate an overwhelmingly positive attitude toward adopting new technologies.
- Contractor and supplier investments are aligned. Suppliers are investing in inventory, while contractors are investing in equipment.
- COVID has had an overall positive impact on the industry. Despite the challenges, COVID facilitated events that continue to drive demand.

To access the full report, visit the WSC website, where you can dig deep into these findings, including detailed contractor statistics, regional breakouts, what is driving the current industry conditions, and how contractors and suppliers are reacting. https://www.watersystemscouncil.org/water-well-industry-report/



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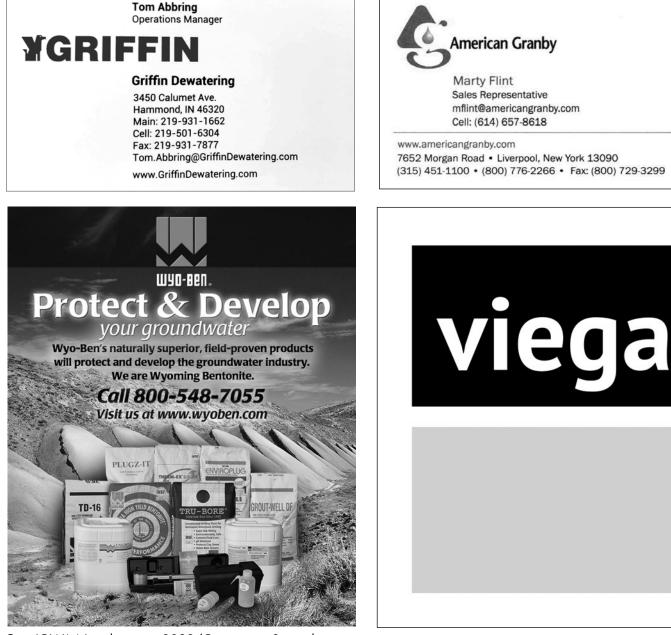
### **REMINDER OF CEU DEFERRAL BY THE IDNR**

All hours are now due to renew your 2023 license. Here is a recap of what the IDNR deferral by the IDNR:

The IDNR had a large number of drillers and pump installers who were not able to acquire the number of hours needed to renew their 2021 license. As a result they chose to DEFER these hour requirements to the 2023 license renewal.

#### What does this mean for you the driller or pump installer? 1. You acquired all your hours for the 2019/2020 cycle.

- a. Your hours will stay on the record. You will only need your normal hours for the next cycle of 2021/2022 to renew your 2023 license.
- 2. You acquired none of your hours for the 2019/2020 cycle.
  - a. You will need DOUBLE the hours for the next cycle of 2021/2022 to renew your 2023 license.
- 3. You acquired some of your hours for the 2019/2020 cycle. a. You will need to acquire the remaining hours for the



2019/2020 cycle PLUS all the hours for the next cycle of 2021/2022 to renew your 2023 license.

### **CEU hour requirements:**

If you only hold a Well Driller license then you need 6 hours of education each cycle.

If you only hold a Pump Installer license then you need 6 hours of education each cycle.

If you hold a combination Well Driller/Pump Installer license then you need 12 total hours (6 well driller and 6 pump installer.

### Most education classes are approved for both well driller and pump installer licenses.

If you have questions about your hours, you need to contact the IDNR. They are the licensing agency and are responsible for tracking your hours. The phone number is 317-232-4160.



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## Indiana Ground Water Association BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### Nominations Due September 15, 2022

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, 2022. The 2022 board members will be elected during the Annual Membership meeting on Friday, October 28 during the 2022 Conference in Michigan City.

The final ballot will be available at the annual meeting on October 28th.

There are two 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 28th meeting.

### Nominee's information:

Name \_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Nominated by (your information):

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## Indiana Ground Water Association **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

### Nominations Due September 15, 2022

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):

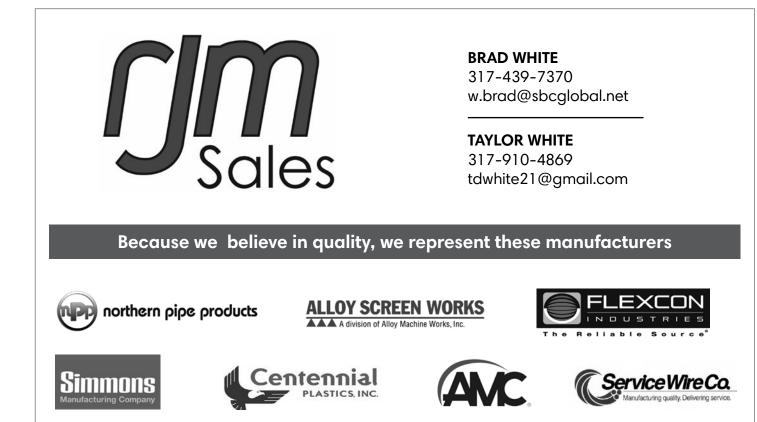
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Please include a brief bio and reasons for nominating this individual, including their industry affiliation and contributions This may be submitted on an additional sheet of paper or in an email.

The IGWA Executive Committee will vote on the nominees.

### Submit nominations by FAX: 765-231-4430 or Email: ingroundwater@gmail.com by <u>September 15, 2022.</u>









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### **IGWA Executive Director**

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Terms end at November in year of meeting.

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*LaPorte County Historical Society Museum* houses the third largest antique firearms collection in the world.

*Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets* has a collection of 120 outlets from the world's leading designers and brand names.

*Hesston Steam Museum* features both ¼ scale and ½ scale steam locomotives that take passengers on a spectacular journey through 155 acres of ponds, scenic forests and farmland (in Hesston, Indiana).

*Lubeznik Center For The Arts*, located steps from the lakefront and features world class art exhibitions, performances, an outdoor art collection.

*Barker Mansion*, built in 1857 for millionaire railroadindustrialist John H. Barker, decorates all three floors for a Victorian-style Christmas each December.

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### IGWA 2022 Convention & Trade Show October 27-28, 2022

Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio CEUs approved See page 1-3 for details!

### Calendar

September 15:	Nominations for Board of Directors and Lifetime Achievement Award Due
September 25:	Exhibitor deadline to register for the trade show
October 15:	Attendee Deadline to register for the IGWA Convention and Trade Show
October 27–28:	2022 IGWA Convention and Trade Show
November 30:	IGWA Membership Dues Renewal Deadline
December 31:	Indiana DNR License renewal



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