

Water Talk

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Winter 2012

Message from the President

Well, it's been a wonderful warm fall and winter so far. We have had nice weather to work in temperature wise, but not so nice without the frost in the ground. The warm weather has kept the ground wet and soft.

For those of you who did not attend the Fall Meeting back in November, I would like to inform you of the direction Nova Scotia Environment is taking. In September, our Board of Directors were approached by Blake MacDonald from NSE and he informed us that NSE was going to re-certify every individual with a license, regardless of the number of points they had accumulated over the previous four years.

After much debate and discussion, it was decided that NSGWA refuse to accept this decision. Instead, after meeting with NSE we offered them the proposition of a one-time refresher course that would be offered to those who were not in compliance with the points program. The key word here is **ONE TIME**. After acceptance by the department, there will be a one-time Refresher Course offered to any individual licensed who did not get the required 100 points in order to be re-certified. I am sure that those who have enough points have received your notice to be re-certified and those who did not have received your "Dear John" letters. You have until May 31st to comply with the Refresher Course, with a pass mark of 70%, or your temporary license will be void. The details of the refresher courses will be made available early

in 2012. Please be patient, and if you have any questions, feel free to contact Noreene McGuire, NSGWA secretary at 1-888-242-4440.

In the meantime, NSGWA is working with a group of individuals, one of those being the Canadian Groundwater Association, to help form a self-study manual for new applicants entering the industry. For as long as I can remember, there has not been a study manual for writing any of the exams for each license, whether it is a driller, digger, or pump installer. We believe that the manual we are currently working on will fill the void. With any sort of luck, the manual will be up and going by June.

On a more regretful note, I am writing this letter to you today as my last duty as President of NSGWA. Due to personal reasons absolutely unrelated to this association or the industry, I must step down as president and as director for the drillers division. I truly enjoyed the job that was entrusted upon me by the other directors. However, I am currently unable to fully serve this association to my fullest potential and I will not impede the direction and force NSGWA has for industry. I leave this position hoping that I contributed in a beneficial way for industry and I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming AGM in February.

Cheers,
Arthur Jefferson
President NSGWA

Upcoming Events

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

CHANGE OF DATE: The original Annual General Meeting (AGM) date of January 28, 2012 has been changed to:

Date: Saturday February 18, 2012

Please Note: in case of a storm, the alternate date for the Annual General Meeting is the following day, Sunday February 19, 2012, same place, same time.

Where: Best Western Glengarry, 150 Willow St., Truro, NS

Time: 1:00PM

AGENDA (subject to change)

1. Divisional Meetings 1:00 – 1:30pm
2. Review / Approval of 2011 Fall Minutes
3. Review / Approval of 2011 Annual General Minutes
4. Home Show
 - March 30 to April 1, 2012 - Halifax Exhibition Park
 - volunteers needed (points given)
5. Presentation by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business
 - Presented by Amelia DeMarco
6. Update from NSE (Blake McDonald)
7. Review / Approval of NSGWA Financials
 - presented by NSGWA Executive Assistant
8. Regionals
 - dates and times and places to be announced
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

Continuing Education Points Apply (10 points)

Regional Meetings

Mark the dates on your calendar

Dave Hanson on Design Water Technologies will be facilitating. He will be presenting "Proper Disinfection," "Profit is Not a 4 Letter Word," "Pride and Professionalism," and touching on "Understanding Your Well and System Problems." If you should wish to review his courses, go to <www.designwater.com>.

Monday April 16 - Port Hawkesbury
Maritime Inn Port Hawkesbury

Thursday April 19 - Bridgewater
Days Inn Bridgewater

Wednesday April 18 - Truro
Best Western Glengarry

Friday April 20 - Cornwallis
Annapolis Basin Conference Center

Registration forms will be mailed at a later date (March 2012), and will also be on the NSGWA website.

Continuing Education Points Apply (15 points)

Home Show

2012 Home Show March 30 to April 1, 2012 at Exhibition Park (volunteers are needed) if interested contact Noreene at 1-888-242-4440 (points awarded)

Continuing Education Points Apply

Update from NSE Blake McDonald

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that it is 2012. This year also marks the beginning of a new renewal cycle. I want to congratulate all of those who have successfully completed the continuing education program provided by the Nova Scotia Groundwater Association. Your hard work has paid off. For all the certified people who did not complete the continuing education program, continuing education is an important element of bringing a high standard to this industry. The Nova Scotia Groundwater Association is working hard to provide educational opportunities for everyone in this industry.

Blake McDonald

On-site Service Program Coordinator, NSE

Morning Giggle

Two men were working on a house.

One man, who was nailing down the siding, would reach into his nail pouch, pull out a nail and either toss it over his shoulder or nail it in. The other guy, figuring this was worth looking into, asked, "Why are you throwing those nails away?"

The first explained, "If I pull a nail out of my pouch and it's pointed TOWARD me I throw it away 'cause it's defective. If it's pointed toward the HOUSE, then I nail it in!"

The second guy yelled, "You MORON!!! The nails pointed toward you aren't defective! They're for the OTHER side of the house!"

Database for Points

Starting January 2012 the database of points will be updated and for review on the NSGWA website. Also note, if you want your name to be published on the website under the Members Directory, please check the box on your Membership Form or contact the NSGWA office.

Attention Members Advertising

Water Talk is published twice a year. Advertising rates are available upon request. Call the NSGWA office at (888) 242-4440 for more information and deadline dates.

Who We Are

NSGWA is an Industry Association of five divisions: Well Drillers, Well Diggers, Pump Installers, Manufacturers, and Suppliers and Technical. The Board of Directors consists of five volunteers and a Secretary-Treasurer. Our By-Laws, Memorandum of Association and Memorandum of Understanding with NS Environment can be found on our website: <<http://www.nsgwa.ca>>. We have a toll-free number (1-888-242-4440) to better serve you.

How to Join the Nova Scotia Ground Water Association

It's easy to become a member of the Nova Scotia Ground Water Association. Go to our website at <<http://www.nsgwa.ca>> and download the application form. Or cut out page four of this newsletter. Fill it out and mail it, along with the membership fee, to Suite 417, #3-644 Portland Street, Dartmouth, NS B2W 2M3.



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Individual Application for Membership – 2012

Please print clearly

I, (person's name) _____, the undersigned, hereby apply for membership in the Nova Scotia Ground Water Association.

Do you want your membership information posted on the NSGWA website? Yes No
Do you want further communication from NSGWA via e-mail or Canada Post

Mailing address: c/o (if company address)		Is this a work or home address?

Street _____		
Town _____	Province _____	Work <input type="checkbox"/>
Postal Code _____	County _____	Home <input type="checkbox"/>

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

Emergency Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

I am applying for membership in the following category (you can apply for more than one category but you still only pay a maximum of \$200):

	Full membership cost	Associate (non-voting, non-certified) membership cost
Driller	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
Digger	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
Pump Installer	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
Supplier	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
Technical	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100

I am enclosing \$ _____ cash or \$ _____ cheque (made out to NSGWA).

Signature of applicant _____ Date: _____

Please submit a separate application for each individual.

Membership dues must be received by the NSGWA office no later than February 28, 2012.

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Received: _____ Method of Payment: _____ Receipt: _____