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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope that this edition of our quarterly newsletter finds that everyone had a safe and productive summer. As we move into fall, things seem to be getting busier in the industry as a whole. Let's hope this continues into the fall and winter months.

This summer has been very busy for your Water Well Association. We started off this spring with a very successful Canwell 2010 convention. Overall, the convention went off very well, with only a few minor bumps and glitches along the way. The show had a reasonably good attendance, and the tradeshow was well put together. There were very positive comments on the technical talks, and social events. Despite the down pour of rain, the outdoor drilling demonstration was a great success. We had over 14 pieces of equipment working on the site for the 2 hour demonstration. Many of those rigs had not been seen operating before at a convention, so it was great to see them in action. The MWWA would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the suppliers, wholesalers, members and volunteers that made the Canwell a success. The convention appears to have turned a small profit for both organizations, although the exact amount is not known at present. Details are still being finalized.

We have also found during Canwell that we worked very well with the staff and executive of the Manitoba Geothermal Energy Alliance. The convention really was a joint effort, and we look forward to working with them again on another project like this one. We share a lot of common goals with the MGEA, and we hope that our members enjoyed this first ever joint

conference.

We are planning our annual general meeting for October 2, 2010, with the details shown in this newsletter. We have many things to address during this meeting, including some proposed by-law changes, along with some updated structure.

This past summer, the executive has met several times to review and address issues for the association. One of the key issues we had was the lack of an Executive Director, or Business Manager. We felt that this position was important to moving the association forward. We have managed to obtain the volunteer services of Ms. Lynn Giersch, who will fill this position. Lynn has already made a major impact on things, by addressing our membership roster, and dealing with all of our backlogged correspondence. We have also taken over the website, and obtained the services of Mr. Jordan Paradis, as a webmaster. So far, both individuals have spent countless hours updating things and preparing our books and accounting for the future. We thank them very much for their efforts.

Our association is facing a new chapter in the next few years. Manitoba Water Stewardship has announced some changes and updates to the Groundwater and Water Well Act. We are eagerly awaiting the release of the draft of these regulations, so that a detailed review can take place. We have sent a letter to the department asking to take the lead on the review process, since we feel that we represent the water well industry in Manitoba.

Another important issue is bacteria

contaminated water wells. It seems that some water wells are showing up with bacteria contamination resulting from a number of issues. We feel that the Water Well Association can offer the experience of our members to help Manitoban's deal with these issues.

The association has sent a letter to the Minister of Water Stewardship requesting a meeting. We would like to open dialogue with the minister on important issues affecting us. In addition, we have also prepared and submitted a letter to the department regarding the Southeast Regional Groundwater Study planning sessions that occurred this past year. Our association was not invited to participate as a stakeholder in this study. We felt that it was important that our members be informed regarding these issues.

We plan on having another meeting in early December.

If you have any concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me.

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NOTICE OF CHANGES

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CANWELL 2010



CANWELL 2010 was held from May 26–29, 2010, at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. This event was co-hosted by the Manitoba Water Well Association and the Manitoba Geothermal Energy Alliance,

A golf tournament was held on Wednesday, May 26th at the St. Boniface Golf Club. 35 golfers participated in this event. The winning team was Thom Hanna, Remi Allard, Pina Allard, and Bruce Ingimundsen with a

score of 59.

A wine & cheese reception was held on Wednesday evening at the Forks Marketplace. Les Connor was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The crowd was entertained by the Evolution Dance Company from Selkirk, Manitoba, and by the Ena Highland Dancers from Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The official kick off to the CANWELL 2010 conference occurred Thursday morning. The Master

of Ceremonies for this event was Les Connor. Keynote speakers were the Honourable Christine Melnick, the Minister of Water Stewardship and Patrick Moore.

Both the trade show and the technical sessions were two day events.

The outdoor drilling demonstration was held at the former Swift's Foods of Canada Limited site. Despite the rain, this was well attended, and for many the highlight of the conference.



Pictures courtesy of WorldWide Drilling Resource

HARD WATER (DEEP THOUGHTS) By: Lewis Hopper

Opinions stated by the writer are not necessary the opinions of the MWWA

As an old groundwater guy both in the public and private sector, two things cause me concern....

The first is Manitoba Water Stewardship branch of our provincial government. What exactly are they doing to protect our aquifers and groundwater supplies?

It seems to me that instead of addressing pollution problems with any kind of action and solution, they simply tell people to

boil their water and take more samples. Then pipelines are built to cover up the problem.

Onanole, MB, is a prime example where only 3 wells were reported contaminated.

Nothing that I am aware of was done to save or rehabilitate the aquifer. Manitoba Water Stewardship could have checked the wells, sampled the water supply, and recommended some expertise be brought in to address the

issue. This in my opinion would have saved an excellent water supply. Instead, another pipeline was built....

The second thought is the total apathy of the majority of the water well drillers in the province when it comes to participation in the Manitoba Water Well Association. These are important times with respect to our changing act, and updated regulations.

Membership Information

2011 membership renewals will be sent out in the beginning of December. Membership renewal forms will be available on our website for your convenience.

In order to maintain accurate records of the membership, please advise Lynn of your current email address, and any changes to your mailing address or phone number. Lynn can be reached at (204) 479-3777 or info@mwwa.ca.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: SATURDAY OCTOBER 2, 2010
TIME: 9:00 AM
LOCATION: CANAD INNS DESTINATION CENTRE PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE
2401 SASKATCHEWAN AVE WEST
PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MB

Breakfast will be provided at 8:00 am prior to the meeting

Advertising

We are now offering advertising on our website.

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months
Banner Ad	\$ 80.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 220.00
Rotator Ad	\$ 120.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 260.00
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