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WELL DRILLERS – WELL DIGGERS – PUMP INSTALLERS – MANUFACTURERS & SUPPLIERS - TECHNICAL

Spring 2023

Who We Are

NSGWA is an Industry Association of five divisions: Well Driller's, Well Digger's, Pump Installers, Manufacturers and Suppliers and Technical. The Board of Director's 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>>.

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Message from the President

Where did the last year go? What happened to Nova Scotia winter? Time is moving by so quickly. I know everyone had a busy year, and hopefully this year will be the same. We finally have an NSGWA meeting planned for April 29, 2023. It is going to be a Regional Meeting and will be awarded points for both 2022 as well as 2023, so 30 points. The meeting will start at 10 AM in the morning. We will be discussing Groundwater related business and getting everyone caught up to speed on what has been going on with association. Lunch will be pizza and salad provided by NSGWA. After lunch, there will be a presentation on the cost of pump installations and drilled wells in 2023. Also, in the afternoon we will be offering written test for license to those that are eligible to write.

The ideal home show is just around the corner, Volunteers are needed to be in the booth. You also will earn CEP points for your volunteered time. A perfect way to help your association, and earn some extra points. Contact Theresa (902)242-4440. Also, the NSGWA is trying to go paperless if members are not getting emails they can send their name and email address to Nsgwa@ns.aliantzinc.ca. Also if your email has been changed in the past few years, please send an updated address.

In closing, I hope to see most of you in April, for those that cannot make it, there will be a Fall Meeting and are other ways to obtain CEP points. Keep an eye out for fall newsletter and take a look at the NSGWA website for upcoming dates.

Jordan Rogers – Chair

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Upcoming Dates

NSGWA 2023 Spring Meeting

Where: **Best Western, 15 Spectacle Lake Drive, Dartmouth, NS**

When: **Saturday, April 29, 2023**

Time: **10:00AM – 5PM**

Agenda

10am -12pm

- Opening/Introductions
- Review of NSE Meetings

12pm-1pm

- LUNCH

1pm-5pm

- Presentation/update
- New Business
- Other Business

2pm-5pm

- Testing
- Adjournment

Please be advised Agenda is subject to change

This is a **DOUBLE Point Regional Meeting** to make up for no meeting in 2022. Those who attend will receive 30 points towards their CEP.

There will an opportunity, for those who can't attend, to view an online facsimile of the meeting and receive 15 points by answering questions about points brought up during the meeting. The process will be posted on the website at that time.

*******PLEASE NOTE*******

Rewrites and new applicantsExams are being held at the Regional Meeting from 2-5pm. Please ensure your applications to the NSE are up to date and contact NSGWA as seats are limited.

Ideal Home Show

Where: **Exhibition Park, 200 Prospect Rd, Halifax**

When: **March 24, 10am-8pm,
March 25, 10am-6pm,
March 26, 10am-4pm**

Booth # 648

VOLUNTEERING is a great way to help promote your company while promoting the NSGWA. You also receive **1 CEP point/hour** (e.g.: man booth for **6 hours –get 6 points**).

If you would like to volunteer for the NSGWA, please contact Theresa at the NSGWA office for times.



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Sewer Gas Smoke Blower Services
In-Situ Geothermal Conductivity Earth Energy Testing

NSE UPDATES

All future **license** (not Membership) applications will be processed based on geographic Regions.

Membership forms will continue to be processed through NSGWA.

Western Region (Kings, Annapolis, Digby, Yarmouth, Queens, & Lunenburg Counties, and the District of WEST Hants) should be forwarded to:

Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change

136 Exhibition Street,

Kentville, NS

B4N 4E5 phone: (902) 679-6086

Central Region (Halifax Regional Municipality, District of EAST Hants, and Colchester & Cumberland Counties)

should be forwarded to:

Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change

30 Damascus Road, Suite 115

Bedford, NS

B4A 0C1 phone: (902) 424-7773

Eastern Region (Cape Breton Island, Antigonish, Guysborough, and Pictou Counties) should be forwarded

to:

Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change

1030 Upper Prince Street, Suite 2

Sydney, NS

B1P 5P6 phone: (902) 563-2100

****Please Note****

Applications can be submitted and paid online at:

<https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/cmsapp/>

Just follow directions after link.

Due to COVID and Omicron, NSECC has agreed to add an **extra year** to the current cycle.

This means that the current cycle will end December 31, 2024.

Looking Forward

The last few years have seen a lot of changes and disruption due to the pandemic and people retiring from various positions. With this first meeting, we are taking steps to getting the NSGWA back on course.

In regard to tests and field testing, we have found a pump installer proctor in Dave Pentz and are currently organizing and training two field test auditors (one for digging one for drilling) to start straight away.

We are presently working with NSE to facilitate a more proficient way of filling out and submitting Field Logs. This was presented last spring, however the NSE database is being overhauled and this project was put on hold for the present. This does not preclude the Membership from moving forward with some ideas that could put this endeavour back on track. This is where the Membership meetings can prove most helpful. As such, we are aiming to have another meeting this Fall 2023 to continue rebuilding from where we left off in 2019.

As was mentioned earlier, NSGWA is currently seeking and working out new ways to accommodate those, who for legitimate reasons, cannot attend meetings. These will include online material and "meetings" using questionnaires for assessing attendance.

The details will need to be worked out and we ask for your patience as we iron out any kinks which are bound to surface in any new enterprise.

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