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Coordinator's Corner

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Greetings from the OWRB! Spring has arrived, and I am looking forward to fishing and turkey hunting! I hope the good weather will make your jobs easier as well drillers and pump installers.

The OWRB and OGWA wrapped up another excellent two-day trade show and conference in February. Attendance was great again this year with approximately 300 participants. Kevin McCray from the National Ground Water Association was our headline speaker. Industry topics such as Geothermal Grouting, OHP/OCC Highway Regulations, Nebraska Grout Study Results, Oklahoma Rules and Regulations, Jobsite Safety, and a number of excellent technical sessions were presented.

We were pleased to have Representative Mike Jackson, Majority Whip, with us on Friday. The Trade Show continues to grow larger each year and I appreciate everyone who assisted and participated.

Newly elected OGWA Board members include John Stottlemire, J & B Pump & Supply, Luther; Ryan Huston, Pumps and Water Systems, Grove; and Bryan Hedrick, Titan Pumps, Oklahoma City. Congratulations to all of our new Board members.

License renewal period is right around the corner, so watch for your forms in the mail. Proposed rules and regulations for the driller's program have been submitted to the legislature for their approval and a copy of the changes may be downloaded from our website at www.owrb.ok.gov. If you have any questions regarding rule changes or current rules, please give me a call at (405) 530-8800.

Eighth Annual OGWA Trade Show and Conference

The Oklahoma Ground Water Association (OGWA) presented the eighth Annual Conference and Trade Show February 18-19, 2010, in Oklahoma City. Approximately 300 participants attended. The Trade show was opened by outgoing President Pat Smith from Smith Pump & Supply and adjourned by incoming President Lyndon Pence from Baroid Industrial Services.

Kevin McCray, Executive Director of the National Ground Water Association (NGWA), presented a discussion on national issues regarding the groundwater industry. State Representative Mike Jackson, Majority Whip, gave an update on legislative issues, and Dana Murphy, Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner, spoke about oil and gas well hydrofracturing.

Pump Installers heard presentations from Franklin Electric, while drilling operators gained valuable knowledge of Highway Patrol and Corporation Commission inspection and compliance issues. Cheryl Cohenour of Cherokee American Drilling also provided an excellent presentation on rig safety.

Geothermal drillers had the opportunity to learn more about ground source heating/cooling systems and grouting procedures from Garen N. Ewbank. Lyndon Pence presented the results of the Nebraska Grout study.

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Rep. Mike Jackson, Majority Whip, updates attendees on relevant legislative issues.

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To ensure the integrity of water well construction, and thus prevent potential pollution of state groundwaters, the OWRB supervises the state licensing program of pump installers and drillers of water supply, geothermal, observation, and monitoring wells. The OWRB has published the *Oklahoma Driller's Log* quarterly since 2001 as a source of information for the state's licensed water well drillers and pump contractors. Please e-mail your comments and article ideas to pubinfo@owrb.ok.gov. Visit the OWRB website at www.owrb.ok.gov to access the online well log filing program or the water well record search program, or click on "well drilling" for more information.

OGWA Conference (continued)

Kent Wilkins and Kim Sullivan of the OWRB discussed Oklahoma Rules and Regulations at length. Participants attended a number of excellent technical courses for continuing education credit, including updates on the Garber-Wellington study by Noel Osborn, OWRB Geologist, and the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan by Kyle Arthur, OWRB Director of Planning.

The Board of Directors, committee members, and Beth Vannoy dedicated extensive time to produce another quality conference and tradeshow and should be commended. The Association would also like to thank all the vendors and manufacturers for their continued support and the NGWA for allowing Mr. McCray to attend.

For further information on the OGWA, please contact Nadine Key at 888-884-6492 or visit the OGWA website at www.ogwa.biz.

OGWA Outdoor Education Classes Announced

The Oklahoma Ground Water Association (OGWA) has announced their final continuing education schedule for 2010. The training sites will be located in Enid and Oklahoma City.

Each attendee will have the opportunity to attend an outdoor demonstration and obtain eight hours of continuing education approved by the OWRB. There will be a fee to attend the workshops. The dates and locations are as follows:



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Renewal Applications Due

The Oklahoma Water Resources Board will be mailing renewal application forms to all licensed well drilling and/or pump installer firms required to renew in 2010. Please be advised that new State rules, scheduled to become effective May 27, 2010, affect renewal due dates and grace period as follows:

- Complete application packets (including the items listed below) received by May 27, 2010, will be eligible for the discounted early submittal fee rate of \$200.
- Complete application packets received after May 31 through June 30, 2010, will be eligible for renewal; however, the regular fee of \$250 plus a late fee of \$150 will apply.
- Applications received after June 30, 2010, are ineligible for renewal, and considered new applications.

Please complete the online application at <https://www.owrb.ok.gov/wd/login/login.php> or return your renewal forms along with the fee and attachments.

Notice on Outstanding Multi-purpose Completion Reports:

Oklahoma law requires that reports for drilling and plugging of test holes, borings, and wells be filed within 60 days of completion of work, subject to fines up to \$250 per report, license suspension, or renewal denial. During the 2010 renewal period, licensees will have the opportunity to file any outstanding reports without penalty. Reports must be filed on-line or received in the OWRB office by June 30, 2010.

We appreciate your continued efforts to protect Oklahoma's groundwater. If you have questions or would like to request a pin number for online filing (one pin number per company) please contact Theda Adkisson at 405-530-8800.