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From the President:

As the saying goes, "be careful what you wish for—you might just get it!"

Last week, the first elected IGSHPA Board of Directors met, elected officers, and began the next phase of what Executive Director Bob Ingersoll has named IGSHPA 2.0. The implementation of IGSHPA 2.0 means that membership now has responsibility- not just input.

Members, working through their elected representatives, will assist and guide the Executive Director and staff in the development of priorities, strategic direction, allocation of resources and much more—all within the new bylaws approved at the IGSHPA annual conference last October.

This will be a "ground-up" process (no pun intended). The new organizational structure creates an information and communication channel between members and the Executive Director, Board, and staff. The actions of both the Board and staff will be conducted with transparency to the membership, and will be continually evaluated against membership needs.

Your new Board is made up of representatives from all the major sectors of our industry. These Board members all give their time and energy on a volunteer basis. Our two day meeting last week in Stillwater was exciting and promising. The nine members of the Board, along with the IGSHPA staff, brought their different backgrounds and viewpoints together to develop a framework for identifying IGSHPA's challenges and making decisions. All who were at these meetings realize that getting to this point has taken a lot of time.

As President, I see my primary responsibility as making sure we, the Board and Staff, move forward as quickly and conscientiously as practical. Most importantly, we need to communicate our status and progress to membership, and affiliated organizations on a regular basis. We will do this through as many channels as possible.

Finally, I want to emphasize what I said earlier. This is a "ground-up" organization with more control and responsibility for its own destiny than it ever has ever had. This means we will need much broader volunteer participation than we have had in the past to move IGSHPA forward. We have a great organization in a great industry. Let's work on this together!

IGSHPA Board Members:

Allan Skouby, GeoPro, Inc.
Michael Albertson, WaterFurnace International, Inc.
Garen Ewbank, Ewbank Geo Testing, LLC
Jeromy Cotten, Tennessee Valley Authority
John Turley, Middleton Geothermal Services
John Henrich, Bergeson-Caswell, Inc.
Dr. Dan Fisher, CEAT - OSU
Don Penn, Don Penn Consulting Engineer/IEG Ltd.
Cary Smith, Sound Geothermal
Bob Ingersoll, Ex Officio, IGSHPA Director



IGSHPA Events

Accredited Driller Workshop:
Mar. 4-6, 2015

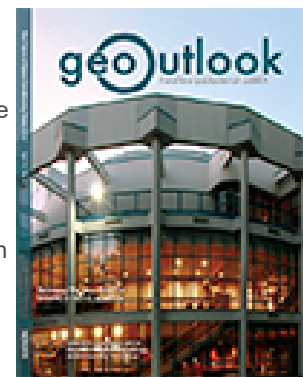
Certified GeoExchange Plus
Course: Mar. 18-20, 2015

Accredited Installer Workshop:
April. 22-24, 2015

[IGSHPA events calendar](#)

GeoOutlook

GeoOutlook has gone completely digital. All subscribers will be getting an email when the issue is available for online viewing. Be sure to look out for the link for the March issue highlighting the work of Tracey Ogden, owner of Geothermal Drilling of New England. Ogden's crew has fought the winter snow storms of the Boston area to finish up a new GSHP school project in Cambridge.



Training opportunities

The next CGD training course in Stillwater will be March 18-20. From an introduction to the technology to a complete review of a commercial design process, participants learn the specific information they need to know to be successful in designing an economically feasible GSHP system. The CGD Plus course is taught by a professional CGD Instructor, Ed Lohrenz, with more than 30 years of experience engineering and designing ground-source heat pump systems. [Register here.](#)

IGSHPA presence in India

IGSHPA Manager, Roshan Revankar, presented at the Re-Invest 1st Renewable Energy Global Investors Meet & Expo in New Delhi, India, February 15-17, 2015. Roshan presented information about geothermal energy and IGSHPA training during the expo. View a slideshow of conference pictures [here.](#)

IGSHPA Training



IGSHPA hosted an Accredited Installer Workshop at the Stillwater training center Feb. 18-20. Attendees were Robert Autio, Environmental Data & Consulting LLC., Martinsville, Indiana; Charles Cooke, Kankakee Community College, Momence, Illinois; Brian Deickman, EcoMize USA LLC., Timonium, Maryland; Tim Nickerson, N & T Mechanical Contractors Inc., Clinton, Massachusetts; Jason Rinehart, Morgantown, Indiana; and Steve Sutton, Sutton Developments, Ironton, Missouri.

2015 Technical Conference and Expo

The 2015 IGSHPA Technical Conference and Expo will be hosted in Kansas City, Missouri, Oct. 6-8. Exhibitors can begin reserving their booths today by calling 800-626-4747. You can also submit a 100 word abstract to [Shelly Fitzpatrick](#) for consideration to present at this year's conference.

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USDA announced renewable energy and energy-efficiency project incentive funds

Rural agricultural producers and small business owners can now apply for financial resources to purchase and install renewable energy systems or make energy efficiency improvements. [Applicable technologies](#) include geothermal heating and cooling systems.

Ground Source Heat in the Himalayas

India's implemented its first large-scale GSHP installation in the Himalayan foothills and unveiled it in October 2014. [Read about its development.](#)

McElroy opens India office

McElroy, which manufacturers the most extensive line of thermoplastic fusion machines used worldwide, has opened an office and demonstration facility in Bangalore, India, devoted to sales, rentals and technical service.

"We see a tremendous need in India for better infrastructure to help grow its economy and improve its citizens' daily lives," said Peggy Tanner, executive vice president of international market development at McElroy. "It's very exciting to play a role in helping shape a better future for such an important and emerging part of the world."

McElroy also has offices in Australia, Brazil, Chile and the United Kingdom along with an extensive North American and international distributor network.

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