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From the President:

This has been a quick month for the Board and Staff. The meeting in Stillwater last month resulted in a “to do” list that needed to be addressed quickly. IGSHPA 2.0 requires that there be a structure put in place to ensure communication, representation, and transparency. The Board is required to meet quarterly, but already we know that this is not frequent enough- at least for now. We will have our second Board meeting April 15th via teleconference.

We now have in place, per our new bylaws, an Advisory Council. The Advisory Council is comprised of six people, representing six membership sectors. This year they were appointed by the Board President after discussion with the Board. In the future, the Advisory Council will be elected by the membership of the sectors.

Our new Advisory Council representatives are:

Manufacturing- Dean Grunseth
HVAC- Mark Morelli
GHEX- William McPike
Utility- Keith Swilley
Architect/Engineering- Ed Lohrenz
Distributors- David Henrich

We are also in the process of formalizing our working committees. There are six standing committees- Training, Marketing, Membership, Advocacy, Standards, and Research. For the 2015 conference there is a special Conference Committee. Each committee will be assigned at least one staff person to assist the Chairperson and committee members. These will be “active” committees tasked with addressing issues of importance to our membership.

The committees are all in need of members willing to volunteer a few hours a month to help with IGSHPA's important role in the future of the ground source heat pump industry. Please consider joining a committee!

John Turley

IGSHPA Events

Accredited Installer Workshop:
May 6-8, 2015

Accredited Driller Workshop:
June 24-26, 2015

Certified GeoExchange Plus
Course: July 18-20, 2015

[IGSHPA events calendar](#)

GeoOutlook

Geo Outlook has gone completely digital. **Check out 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.



2015 Technical Conference and Expo

The 2015 IGSHPA Technical Conference and Expo will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, Oct. 6-8. Exhibitors can begin reserving their booths today by calling Gail at 800-626-4747 or downloading the form online at http://www.igshpa.okstate.edu/pdf_files/2015_Conf/2015ExhibitorRegForm.pdf. You can also submit a 100 word abstract to [Shelly Fitzpatrick](#) for consideration to present at this year's conference.

IGSHPA Training



IGSHPA hosted an Accredited Vertical Loop Installer (Driller) Workshop at the Stillwater training center March 4-6. Attendees were Albert Brown, Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Isaac Burbank, HB Energy LLC, Wellsville, Kansas; Jay Cockerham, Paschal Corporation, Springdale, Arkansas; Derek Davis, Metropolitan Library System; Christopher Duffy-Acevedo, JDN Associates LLC, New London, Connecticut; Brian McDonald, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Edgar Nunez, Metropolitan Library System; Russell Pierce, Metropolitan Library System; Sydney Rothschild, Paschal Corporation; Glenn Slater, Sr., Slater Well Drilling, Hewitt, New Jersey; Glenn Slater, Jr., Accurate Well & Pump LLC, Hewitt, New Jersey; and Roberto Soto, Metropolitan Library System.



IGSHPA Also hosted a Certified GeoExchange Designer Plus Course at the Stillwater training center March 18-20. Attendees were Clayton Bayliff, Fire & Ice Geothermal Heating & Cooling, Woodward, Oklahoma; Dennis Crook, Ecobuilt Efficient Building, Coatesville, Pennsylvania; Todd Lester, Cyntergy AEC, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; Jason Reed, Estes, McClure & Associates Inc., Tyler, Texas; Sheri Rice, Fire & Ice Geothermal Heating & Cooling; and Fred Richardson, EDA/MEP/LLC, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Have News?

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Geothermal News

President Obama's Administration has signed an executive order titled "**Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade**" designed to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent from 2008 levels over the next decade. Geothermal heat pumps are recognized as a technology to help reach this goal.

Bosch has partnered with Badger Mountain South, a new mixed-use community being developed in Richland, Washington. The community will include 5,000 new energy-smart designer homes, apartments, commercial and retail space, recreational spaces, and schools within a setting that emphasizes walkability and sustainability. Every new home in Badger Mountain South will utilize a geothermal heat-pump system for heating and cooling, and offer a compatible hot water solution, **supplied by Bosch**.

Xiaoming Yang, Ph.D., P.E., talks about the thermal-mechanical behavior of a multiple-loop geothermal heat exchange pile in his most recent YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bn1Fzao9NpQ>

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