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### From the President:

I mentioned last month that the Board of Directors would be moving to meeting bi-weekly, at least for now. This will allow us to expedite the final implementation of the "IGSHPA 2.0" bylaws, and to establish a new, efficient working relationship with the IGSHPA Staff. Because this is new, we don't have past procedures to draw from—we have to create new ones. This is both good and bad. We are trying very hard to get it right the first time, while at the same time knowing we need to move quickly.

We will be having our third Board meeting this week. One of the more important topics will be discussing how to adapt our strategic plan to the needs that were expressed in the survey that was sent out a few weeks back. As I said recently in a letter to members whose memberships are up for renewal, your survey answers came back loud and clear. IGSHPA members need better training, technical support, marketing, and advocacy—both nationally and locally.

The survey also told us that members want more renewal options. Starting this year, your membership and certifications can be renewed on a yearly basis, with a discounted option for three years. This is just a small example of the decisions that are already being made based on the survey. If you haven't responded to the survey, it's not too late. Your feedback is very important to IGSHPA's future direction.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IGSHPA>

Sincerely

John Turley

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## IGSHPA Events

Accredited Driller Workshop:  
June 24-26, 2015

Certified GeoExchange Plus  
Course: July 18-20, 2015

Accredited Installer Workshop:  
August 12-14, 2015

[IGSHPA events calendar](#)

## Geo Outlook

Geo Outlook is available digitally. **Check out** latest issue highlighting schools efforts to go green with ground source heat pumps. The next issue will hit mailboxes and inboxes in the coming weeks.



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## Training opportunities

IGSHPA has several training opportunities available this summer: an Accredited Drillers Workshop, Certified GeoExchange Designer Plus Course and an Accredited Installer Workshop. Please visit [IGSHPA's training page](#) to register for individual classes and learn more about the classes.

## College Credit Available

Have you taken an Accredited Installer Workshop through IGSHPA since January 2003 and want college credit? Thomas Edison State College is offering three college credit hours for an AI course if the course was taken since 2003 and your AI certification is current. Thomas Edison offers bachelors of science degrees of applied science and technology in technical studies and energy systems technology and others. Visit the Thomas Edison State College website for more information on enrollment and getting started.

## 2015 Technical Conference and Expo

The 2015 IGSHPA Technical Conference and Expo will be in Kansas City, Missouri, Oct. 5-8. Exhibitors can begin reserving their booths today by calling Gail at 800-626-4747.

Sponsorships are also available at all levels. Sponsor the conference program and notebook, lanyards, training classes, hotel key cards, breaks, or breakfasts! Contact **Shelly** to take advantage of any of these opportunities.

## Call for Papers

IGSHPA invites you to submit a 100 word abstract for review for the opportunity to present during the 2015 Technical Conference. Past attendees have included contractors, dealers, distributors, installers and others involved in the geothermal industry. This year's conference theme will revolve around residential applications, commercial applications, institutional applications, technical aspects, and advocacy/marketing presentations.

Submit abstracts to Shelly Fitzpatrick at [shelly.fitzpatrick@okstate.edu](mailto:shelly.fitzpatrick@okstate.edu).

## Register today

Register for the conference today **online** or by fax 405-744-5283. Member pricing for the full conference is \$500 and non-member pricing is \$700.

## New Online CGD Course Options

Ed Lohrenz is offering two online CGD courses beginning June 1st and 2nd. A course for EU designers using metric units will be June 1-August 3 from 7-9 p.m. GMT on Monday evenings. A course for North American designers using imperial units will be on Tuesday evenings June 2-August 4 from 7-9 p.m. CST. Online courses ease the cost of traveling, lowers course cost and lessens time away from the office. The online course also allows for more people from your office to be able to attend. The instructor will work with individual classes to set up the most convenient meeting time for the group. To register or find more information, visit <http://www.geoptimize.ca/online-cgd-courses.html>

## IGSHPA Training

On May 6-8 an Accredited Installer workshop was held at the IGSHPA headquarters in Stillwater, Oklahoma. The course was led by Garen Ewbank, Ewbank Geo Testing LLC, with participants from six states coming together for two days to learn from industry leaders about proper installation methods. Upon successful completion of the course exam, participants achieved IGSHPA Accredited Installer status and can now enjoy all of the doors with which will open.



### AI course participants:

Sam Banes; OMNI Mechanical; Tulsa, OK  
Ryan Cartwright; Comfort Products; Des Moines, IA  
Aaron Chase; OMNI Mechanical;

Jimmy Howell; Locke Supply; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Darrell Johnson; OMNI Mechanical; v Richard Jones; Ideal Heating and Cooling; Delta, UT  
Eric Morgner; Midcoast Energy Systems; Damariscotta, ME  
Brad Morris; Morris Heating and Air Conditioning; Oregon City, OR  
Rodney Newby; Ideal Heating and Cooling; Salt Lake City, UT  
Jason Queener; JQ Enterprises; Clovis, NM

## Have News?

Do you have news you want to share with IGSHPA for consideration for The Loop? Email Erin Portman, [erin.portman@okstate.edu](mailto:erin.portman@okstate.edu), with your news.

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## Geothermal News

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**2015 Oklahoma Geothermal (GHP) Technology Seminar:** The seminar will be held on June 16th in Oklahoma City and June 17th in Tulsa and will include an entire day of keynote remarks and panel discussions from industry leaders on the future of GSHP technology and how utilities can play a role in the growth of the industry. Registration for this seminar is free and can be found, along with all the event details, [here](#).

**Illinois Renewable Energy Conference:** The Illinois Renewable Energy Conference is July 16 at Illinois State University, Normal, IL, in the Bone Student Center Ballroom from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Breakout session topics will include geothermal, energy efficiency, wind, solar, and biomass. For more information, visit the [conference website](#).

**College of Lake County:** The College of Lake County of Grayslake, Illinois, is undergoing a major renovation project to upgrade facilities. The upgrade will include a geothermal system for the Grayslake campus placed north of the soccer field. The system will eventually heat and cool the whole campus. You can view the project's progress on the [college website](#) and read an article about the groundbreaking of the campus renovations in the [Daily Herald](#).

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