Events

Sept. 9-11, 2021: IGSHPA Certified Geothermal Inspector Online Training

Sept. 15, 2021: IGSHPA Virtual Town Hall

Oct. 4, 2021: IGSHPA Certified GeoExchange Designer Online Training


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Message from the Chairperson
The excitement about the announcement last month for our upcoming conference in December is just amazing. The encouragement and support we've gotten from the industry has been incredible - thank you! I know I think of IGSHPA conferences in the past fondly, that they could be inspiring and provide great insight into our industry. I can't wait to not only attend myself, but to bring colleagues with me, to show them what a great industry we are a part of. I hope that we'll get to see you there!

Calling all speakers! We are looking for speakers for our conference! We couldn't be more excited to get everyone back together, and are looking for topics that will educate and inspire the attendees. If you have a topic or presentation that you think would fit that description, please contact us at info@igshpa.org. Or even if you have a speaker or topic that you've heard presented on in the past, please send that information along too. Speaking opportunities at the conference are limited, so make sure that you send your information in early!

I can't believe that summer is coming to an end! I know it's been a busy one, but if you have a membership that might need to have been renewed at the end of June, please feel free to contact us at info@igshpa.org. By the way - we are still waiving the CEU requirement.

Thank you to everyone that has already renewed their membership! We thank
you for your support and we look forward to continuing to support you!

Sincerely,

Kortney Lull

June 2021 renewals are happening now! IGSHPA is still waving CEU's for those renewing within 2 years of their expiration. Use our Square Site to get your membership and certifications renewed here: igshpa.square.site Please contact us at info@igshpa.org if you have any questions.
Registration is open for the IGSHPA/NGWA joint conference in Nashville, Dec. 14-16! We have exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities available as well! Head over to our website to reserve your spot and get more information https://igshpa.org/conference2021/ We will see you in Nashville!

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**September Virtual Town Hall**

During the IGSHPA August Town Hall, you heard from residential industry professionals; Rob Derksen from Michigan Energy Services, Hal Smith from Halco Energy, Jason Cullum from Ground Loop Inc. and Mark Sakry from Northern GroundSource Inc. share the success and challenges they have faced in residential industry. If you missed this dynamic roundtable discussion, you can watch the recording on our YouTube channel here: https://youtu.be/pTi1Bt2SOnk

The September Town Hall will be on the importance of proper commissioning of
Meet the Marketing Committee

IGSHPA Vice President, Tim Wright and Marketing Committee Chairman, Darrin Beller have gathered members from all over the geothermal industry to serve on the IGSHPA Marketing Committee. Each month we will be introducing you to the incredible members that make up our Marketing Committee.

Darrin Beller

Mr. Beller is the president of Air Products Supply, a wholesale distributor and commercial manufacturers’ representative that specializes in...
geothermal heat pump technology and is located in central Oklahoma. In his 12 years at Air Products Supply, he has assisted in growing the geothermal market in the company’s territory by offering a full line of geothermal equipment and accessories as well as design, application, and post-sale assistance to residential contractors and mechanical engineers. Prior to Air Products Supply, he worked at his family-owned mechanical contracting company for nearly 15 years. He has been involved with geothermal design, sales, and service on turnkey geothermal projects including geothermal drilling and associated piping.

“I would like to personally invite you to the 2021 IGSHPA Conference in Nashville. There will be so many exciting things to see and hear about the geothermal industry that you simply won’t want to miss! Come spend a few days with us in Music City and not only will you certainly learn about what is happening in the geo world, you might just have time to enjoy an evening or two in one of the most happening cities in the country!”~Darrin

Martin Luymes

Martin Luymes is Vice President of Government and Stakeholder
Relations for the Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI). He is responsible for the government relations and industry advocacy work of the association. Martin is also Chair of the Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance (CEEA) and founder of Efficiency Canada, an independent advocate for energy efficiency in Canada. Before starting at HRAI in 1995, Martin was Project Director for the Social Investment Organization (SIO), Research Director for the Independent Power Producers Society of Ontario (IPPSO) and a Research Associate and Sessional Lecturer at the University of Toronto. Martin holds a Master of Arts Degree in Urban Geography and Planning from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree from Queen's University in Kingston.

“Geothermal heating and cooling systems are poised to make a strong return in the Canadian marketplace over the next few years, thanks in part to government and utility programs that recognize their incredible efficiencies and to their potential to reduce carbon emissions. To succeed in the emerging “low carbon economy” HVACR contractors are going to need access to quality training for installers and service technicians and a good place to start developing a plan for that is to attend this year’s IGSHPA conference in
Nashville, Tennessee. The conference promises loads of good information, educational sessions and access to new product information. I’ll be there; I hope you will be too!"

~Martin

Pete Prydybasz
When the Steel Mill closed, needing a new trade, I found my way into the HVAC industry, literally starting from the ground up, hanging duct work. After learning how an Air-source heat pump worked and learning how a ground source heat pump worked there was no turning back. I left the contracting business and migrated to wholesale. There as my knowledge base grew, I helped start the first ground source heat pump department in a distributor in our region. Realizing the industry was in its infancy I saw a future. I moved to manufacturing. I became the Sales and Marketing Manager for a premier, innovative manufacturer of ground heat pumps. Since then I have consulted with distributors and manufacturers on how to distribute, support, and sell ground source systems. Today I maintain PSP Consulting and am a manufacturer’s representative with BJ Terroni in Philadelphia.

“Why do I think the conference in Nashville with the National Ground Water Association is beneficial to IGSHPA?
First, the reformation of IGSHPA, I believe, was an important move to give Ground Source heat pumps a major boost. We fight for recognition of every level of our society. We took a big hit with the loss of the rebates and have been abused by many forces. Well, we are back!

To have the NGWA invite us to their conference with open arms brings waves of needed recognition however, we must now perform. We can help the NGWA expand their reach by adding dimension to the drilling trade. They not only find us drinking water, but they bring geothermal closer to our homes. The drillers can not only hydrate our existence, but they help us provide the fuel for our comfort.

This conference will provide us with a forum where we can all learn from each other and make installations better, more solid, and available to a wider audience. Growing together will also make everyone more comfortable with merging the two trades in common goals. I am honored to be a part of this strategic collaboration of trades and cannot wait to see you all in Nashville!" ~Pete

**IGSHPA would like to highlight news and views from our friends and partners at state geothermal associations. This month, we are happy to provide an update from the New England Geothermal Professional Association.**

The New England Geothermal Professional Association (NEGPA) has for nearly two years been working persistently to increase acceptance of geothermal in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. NEGPA's initial advocacy efforts began with an examination of the state's Technical Reference Manual (TRM). Revisions to the TRM were needed and NEGPA worked with state regulatory stakeholders to drive these changes.
Currently, NEGPA is an active participant in Massachusetts' utility planning process. Through its work, the organization has helped grow support for geothermal technology, especially within the utility sector. New England's largest investor-owned utility, Eversource Energy, is moving ahead with a geothermal pilot program and and statewide utility program rebates have recently been increased. NEGPA's successful advocacy work is a model for other state geothermal associations. For more information on their efforts, please visit [http://negpa.org/](http://negpa.org/).

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**More News & Events**

**IGSHPA Certified Geothermal Inspector Online Training Course Sept. 9-1, 2021**

Online webinar taught by Garen Ewbank, Cary Smith and Garry Sexton – “Learn to inspect ground source heat pump (GSHP) systems for residential and commercial properties to keep you competitive in a market forced to deal with rising energy costs and resource depletion. Inspector accreditation enables you to anticipate important critical elements of installation and offers customers more assurance of a low-maintenance, economical, and environmentally friendly alternative for their geo comfort needs.” The [link for the course is here](http://negpa.org/).

**IGSHPA Certified GeoExchange Designer Online Training Course from October 4 - December 6, 2021**

This online CGD course is identical to the 3-day classroom course. The only difference is the course is available in the comfort of your home or office and is available at a time it won't cut into your office productivity. Since the course is live and interactive, you have the opportunity to ask questions when the course is
presented or by calling or emailing the instructor between sessions. Courses will be recorded for participant review. Monday lunchtime for 10 weeks - 12:00 - 1:30 pm EST (11:00 pm - 12:30 pm CST, 19:00 - 10:30 am PST) To register go here.

NY-GEO Webinar Series 2021

Tuesday, September 7, 14 & 21 at Noon featuring Lisa Meline P.E., of Meline Engineering presenting on "Grounded in Reality: Better Ground Source Heat Pump Design." This is the first of three consecutive design track sessions with Lisa Meline. CEUs will be available. Pre-register here.

UPDATE from GeoExchange

Congress Moves Forward with Reconciliation

IGSHPA's partner, the Geothermal Exchange Organization (GEO), continues its advocacy work in Washington, D.C. On August 24th, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to move forward with the much anticipated infrastructure and budget package. This action lays the groundwork for the Biden
administration's Build Back Better plan. While the details of the plan have yet to be worked out, the geothermal heat pump industry is well-positioned in the negotiations.

A recent discussion with House Way & Means Committee staff has left GEO with a strong indication that tax credit extensions are being considered for inclusion in the final package. Speaker Pelosi has said that the language will be voted on by September 27.

GEO is deeply involved in the ongoing deliberations and discussions on Capitol Hill and continues to press for strong support of the geothermal industry. If you have any questions about GEO's efforts in Washington, please reach out to info@geoexchange.org.

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**Announcements**

**Training Committee**
The Training Committee has been meeting regularly to discuss revisions to existing curriculum and plan for future courses. There are planned updates to the Accredited Installer course and implementation of the Certified Residential Designer course. For any questions about the work of the training committee, please send your inquiry to info@igshpa.org.

**We Need You!**
If you are willing to volunteer your time to continue to promote our industry, we are looking for your help! Please contact us at info@igshpa.org with your interest in volunteering. Please also keep your eye out for any opportunities on our website and social media feeds!

**Membership Survey**
If you have not completed the IGSHPA Membership Interests Survey, please do so at [https://forms.gle/pWyy2YbmownDhHzf7](https://forms.gle/pWyy2YbmownDhHzf7)

**Town Hall Topics**
We will be hosting Town Hall with Seminar events every month and welcome your suggestions for topics you’d like to hear more information on. Suggestions we have received to date include:

- Overview of the individual training classes offered by IGSHPA
The benefits of geothermal, including lower maintenance, indoor air quality, etc.

Commercial building, K-12 & mixed-use building case studies

Financing options (ESCO’s, PACE, bonds, etc.)

The process of getting started on a geothermal project (feasibility, when to do a TC test, etc)

The purpose of the geothermal heat pump industry is to promote a sustainable and decarbonized future across the globe through the adoption of geothermal as the cleanest, most efficient heating and cooling technology.

The mission of the geothermal heat pump industry is to promote a unified effort to encourage the adoption of geothermal by increasing understanding, awareness and adoption through....

At the February Town Hall meeting, the IGSHPA Board presented a working version of its joint Vision and Mission Statement with GeoExchange. If you have thoughts or comments on this statement, please reach out, we would love to get your input.

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