Events

January 12, 2022: IGSHPA Town Hall
January 28, 2022: Dig Deep Webinar
February 9, 2022: IGSHPA Town Hall

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Message from the Executive Director

Happy Holidays! December has been a big month for IGSHPA. Our first annual conference as an independent non-profit was held last week (December 14 to 16) in Nashville, Tennessee. One of the benefits of IGSHPA's partnership with NGWA was to participate in the big turnout that hopefully was able to help bring awareness to drillers about the opportunities for geothermal as part of their businesses. Some of the interesting statistics were as follows:

- Over 4100 attendees (NGWA and IGSHPA)
- 17 IGSHPA exhibitors / 247 NGWA exhibitors
- 16 countries and all 50 U.S. states were represented (plus D.C. and Puerto Rico)
- This was the largest NGWA conference outside of Las Vegas in NGWA's history. It was not IGSHPA's largest conference, but we had better than expected turn-out.

There were a lot of great presentations and panel discussions at the conference. The presentations have been uploaded to https://igshpa.org/conference2021/. NY-GEO even
broadcasted "Live from Nashville" on Tuesday. Also, members elected a new director to the IGSHPA board. Tyler Harbeck was elected for a three year term to fill the open position of retiring board member Darrin Beller. Darrin has been great to work with and we look forward to working with Tyler. Congratulations to Tyler! Thank you to Darrin! Check out the new board at https://igshpa.org/igshpa-board-of-directors/.

I couldn't end the conference wrap up without thanking our sponsors (see https://igshpa.org/conference2021/), exhibitors, the IGSHPA marketing committee, many volunteers, and the IGSHPA board members for their support. The conference would not have been possible without our members and supporters.

On to 2022! Please stay tuned to IGSHPA newsletters, announcements, and social media. We will be partnering with NGWA again in 2022 for the conference in Las Vegas. The board of directors has approved a training plan that we will be aggressively pursuing in 2022. Our advocacy, marketing, standards, and training committees will be busy as IGSHPA grows with the industry!

One last thing ... Please don't forget to complete the conference survey (https://forms.gle/2mZHmF7fsyZ8fLt37). Even if you didn't attend this year's conference, there are questions that are very helpful for planning future conferences and IGSHPA events.

I look forward to working with you in 2022. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Jeff Hammond
Executive Director
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Photos from the Conference

Please share your conference photos and videos with us. We have set up a Dropbox and Google Drive link below.

Dropbox
Google Drive
Our Annual Conference would not have been possible without the generous support of our amazing sponsors!
Congratulations to New Members

We had a drawing for a free one-year IGSHPA business membership and a free one-year IGSHPA individual membership in the IGSHPA/GEO booth at the conference. The winners from a random drawing are as follows:

- Business membership: T L Stevens Well Company in Maple Plain, MN
- Individual membership: Michael Turner of Port Republic, NJ

Welcome IGSHPA members!

Changes Coming in 2022, Stay Tuned!

Be sure to check our website, igshpa.org for updates about our new membership platform coming in January! In addition to our new membership platform, we will be posting information & details about our new online CEU form. We're so excited to share these new member benefits with you!

UPDATE from GeoExchange
Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer had been pushing hard for successful passage of President Biden’s Build Back Better package, and while it seemed like a long shot to get the deal done prior to the Christmas holiday, all hopes were dashed on Sunday, December 19 when West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin went on Fox News Sunday and said he would not vote for the $1.75 billion package. This turn of events immediately drew a sharp response from the White House who claimed Senator Manchin had reneged on earlier promises and assurances made directly to the President.

Despite this bombshell development, GeoExchange and its team in Washington remain optimistic for an extension of existing federal tax credits in 2022. The House version of BBB which was under consideration by the Senate may not pass in its current form, but as recently as Monday evening, Senator Manchin was tempering his earlier “no on BBB” statement. In a Tuesday afternoon press conference, President Biden was asked repeatedly about Senator Manchin’s stance. He said, “Senator Manchin and I are going to get something done.”

The geothermal heat pump industry is in a good position moving into the new year. The tax credit extensions have largely been vetted by numerous parties in Congress, and these provisions are not the subject of significant negotiation. If and when a bill rematerializes, GeoExchange will be pushing hard to help get the industry’s priorities included and over the finish line. Stay tuned for future developments and do not hesitate to reach out with questions. Warm regards this holiday season, Ryan Dougherty.
IGSHPA Virtual Town Halls

We will be kicking off our 2022 Virtual Town Halls on January 12 with speaker Martin Luymes of HRAI (Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada) on the Dunsky Report, a new study that highlights the unique advantages of geothermal technology to both building occupants and the electricity grid.

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 Organisation (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. To register for this FREE Town Hall go here.

Please submit recommendations for topics that you would like to learn
more about or an abstract of a topic that you would like to present to info@igspha.org.

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account on CSA Communities to view the latest standard. It may still be downloaded as PDF on the IGSHPA website at [https://igshpa.org/standards/](https://igshpa.org/standards/) for $100 (IGSHPA member cost) or the hard copy may be purchased at the [CSA website](https://igshpa.org) for $155 if desired.

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**Updates to the Residential/Light Commercial Design and Installation Manual**

A number of updates have been made to the IGSHPA Residential and Light Commercial Design and Installation Manual. By the end of the week, you will be able to download the PDF for printing so that you can include the updated pages in your manual at [https://igshpa.org/manuals/](https://igshpa.org/manuals/). IGSHPA is reviewing all of our materials, looking for updates, corrections, and improvements. Let us know if you see any additional updates that need to be made.

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**New Benefit for Corporate Members**

A new link was added to the top of the IGSHPA website ([https://igshpa.org](https://igshpa.org)),
“Job Board Listings”. As an added benefit to corporate members, job postings may be submitted to the Job Board for viewing on the IGSHPA website. Anyone may access the job board, but only corporate members may post. In this difficult time of finding good employees, we hope that this new benefit will help bring quality candidates to members’ organizations. Please let us know how this new service is working and provide any feedback to make it better.

December 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.

More News & Events


February 9, 2022 @ 11:30 ET : IGSHPA Virtual Town Hall (Olive Branch Hospital)

March 9, 2022 @ 11:30 ET : IGSHPA Virtual Town Hall (Tax Incentives: What do they mean and how do they work?)

March 23 & 24, 2022- NY GEO Annual Conference: All paid registrations from the 2020/2021 conference will carry forward to NY-GEO 2022. Go here for more info or email nygeoinfo@gmail.com with any questions.

April 13, 2022 @ 11:30 ET : IGSHPA Virtual Town Hall (ASHRAE Building
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:

- Federal & State government advocacy
- Utility & Electric Co-op engagement (including incentives)
- “Voice of the Industry” Consumer awareness through marketing tools & campaigns
- Resource for relevant data and information to government agencies
- Training & Certification
- Industry Standards & Specifications
- Basic thermal energy education to the market
- Research & Development opportunities
- Provide professional continuing education
- Utility engagement
- Workforce development
- Promotion of the technology to the market
- State association support
- Promote decarbonization through geothermal
- Industry partnerships
- Provide technical forum
- Grassroots advocacy

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.