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Message from the Executive Director

March was a busy but very productive month for IGSHPA. This year, we are attending as many state and provincial geothermal association conferences as
possible to look for ways to collaborate and support the industry. So, it’s been a lot of travel, but it is very encouraging to see the increasing attendance at local conferences and to discuss the opportunities for collaboration.

We made good progress in March with the upcoming annual conference. We already have a Platinum and Gold sponsor and two Silver sponsors (Thank You!). Sponsorships are still available. Check out the conference page for details. We also have two exhibitors already and some advertisers for the program guide. Don’t wait long to reserve your space, advertise, or register for the conference. These opportunities are already moving quickly! We have received a number of abstracts from potential speakers. If you’re interested, please complete the form by May 31, 2023.

Have a great Spring!

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Update from GeoExchange

This is an exciting time in the world of geothermal heating and cooling policy. At the federal level, U.S. Department of the Treasury Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy Lily Batchelder provided something of a roadmap on Inflation Reduction Act implementation guidance in remarks she provided last week. Outstanding questions around direct pay, transferability, energy communities, domestic content, and more should be coming soon. How soon is soon? Well, "the coming months" is the extent of a specific timeline provided, but we do have an idea of the order in which guidance will be released. Read her comments here.

At the state level, many legislative sessions are heating up (pun intended). Thermal Energy Network legislation is being debated in the Illinois and Vermont legislatures. Geothermal bills are forthcoming in Massachusetts and Colorado. Connecticut is getting in on the action with two initiatives in their General Assembly, too. This explosion of policy activity is indicative of a great awakening to the potential of geothermal heat pump technology. As interest among policymakers and many other stakeholder groups increases, the Geo
Industry must rise to meet their needs. Stay tuned for more updates from Washington and around the country, and please don't hesitate to reach out with questions.

IGSHPA and GEO Visit U of I Energy Farm

IGSHPA Executive Director Jeff Hammond and GeoExchange President Ryan Dougherty visited the Energy Farm at the University of Illinois in Urbana, IL on March 27 to review research projects for geothermal installations and to discuss ways in which industry, government, higher education, and research can work together. Dr. Xiaobing Liu of ORNL was also visiting the Energy Farm at U of I and joined in the discussions with Dr. Andrew Sumpf of U of I, Dr. Yu-Feng Lin of Illinois Water Resources Center, Dougherty, and Hammond.

During the visit, U of I staff and Dr. Liu provided an overview of the underground thermal battery (UTB) project (notice the concrete and access panel at the bottom of the picture). A link to the main press release for the project is here. Another news article was written after the news release was published by the University's public radio station. The local implications were
addressed in an article in the Champaign-Urbana, Illinois newspaper. Even in a mature industry, there is still a lot of opportunity for research. We continue to reach out to stakeholders for collaboration and appreciate the support for IGSHPA and GEO.

Speaker, Exhibitor, Sponsorship, and Advertisement Opportunities are ALL AVAILABLE NOW!

Get your brand out in front of thousands by exhibiting in the Geothermal Pavilion, advertising in the Program Guide or becoming a sponsor! Go to https://igshpa.org/igshpa-annual-conference-2023/ for all things Conference related!

CALL FOR SPEAKERS!

Come share your genius with us by presenting at our Annual Conference in Las Vegas! Go here to submit your workshop proposal,

Submissions should address one of the following tracks:

• Residential Geothermal Applications / Design / Service / Innovations
• Commercial Geothermal Applications / Design / Service / Innovations
• Drilling and Ground Loop Installation / Design / Service / Innovations
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Town Hall for April

On April 12, 2023 at 10:30 CT, we will be hearing from Terry Proffer of Major Geothermal. Terry will be sharing about his experience with Gunnison City/County CO Municipal GSHP Projects.

Terry Proffer has been involved in the GSHP industry since 1992, after a career as a petroleum geologist starting in 1979 after graduating with a geology degree in 1978 from Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas. He has designed closed loop ground heat exchangers for small residential applications to facilities exceeding 350,000 ft² of conditioned space, including various commercial, institutional and military projects. Terry is the manager for Major Geothermal of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, a firm
specializing in the design of closed loop ground heat exchangers, thermal conductivity testing, installation quality assurance, functional testing, and GSHP system forensics.

To register for this upcoming Town Hall, go here.
Be Sure to Join Us at NY-GEO 2023!

New York is the place to be April 26 & 27 with 400+ registered to attend NY-GEO 2023 in Albany, NY. The conference will present 8 tracks with 37 sessions complimented by dynamic keynote speakers and plenary panel discussions. The conference halls will be filled with 40+ exhibitors showcasing the most current products, services and equipment in the GHP industry.

We are excited that IGSHPA’s own Jeff Hammond will be presenting a session on Building Your GSHP Industry Credentials on Wednesday at 2:00 pm. that is eligible for CEU credits.

Conversations are important and we have left plenty of time to mix, mingle and engage throughout the two day conference.

Learn more about the NY-GEO 2023 conference here.
Upcoming Events

April 2, 2023 ACCA Conference & Expo- New Orleans, LA- Attend ACCA 2023 and be a part of the most diverse group of speakers, and meet exhibitors dedicated to their industry. Meet the ACCA community from all over the US at this conference, while staying in New Orleans. Learn about the most up-to-date ideas, tactics, and best practices as well as opportunities to learn and engage with other companies in the HVACR industry. Attendees will be able to interact with peers from all over the United States and learn about the most recent and efficient tactics and best practices in the industry. There will be many chances to meet with industry professionals throughout the week experience.  

Register Here

April 18- June 20, 2023: Online Certified GeoExchange Designer (CGD) Course-  LIVE, ONLINE & INTERACTIVE,  Tuesdays at lunchtime for 10 weeks 12:00 - 1:30 pm EST . For more info & to register  go here.

April 26-27, 2023: NY-GEO Annual Conference- Albany, NY- The 2023 NY-GEO Conference brings together the best of the best in the Geothermal Heat Pump Industry. The conference will be hosted at the Albany Marriott will include dynamic Main Stage presenters, educations breakout sessions, Exhibitors with equipment and Information your business needs and plenty of time to mix, mingle and connect. For more info & to register  go here.
May 9-11, 2023: In-Person Accredited Installer Training with WaterFurnace - Ft. Wayne IN. - Get your Accredited Installer certification with one of WaterFurnace’s Certified IGSHPA Trainers! Class Held at WaterFurnace International Training Classroom: 9000 Conservation Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46809 Cost Varies depending on materials. Please note that class size is limited. Once the roster is full, registrants will be placed on waitlist. To register go here.


SAVE THE DATE! June 8, 2023: Michigan Geothermal Association Annual Conference - Details to be announced.

Effective January 1, 2023, only IGSHPA members will be listed in the IGSHPA directory. Certified individuals will only be displayed if they are an IGSHPA individual member or if their company is a business or corporate member.

In the past year, as IGSHPA has been implementing its new member CRM (Customer Relations Management) software, which has significantly better
methods of managing member data and IGSHPA certifications. In the process, it was necessary to display all members and certified individuals (even certified individuals without an IGSHPA membership) in order to transition to the new directory. Now that the data has been “cleaned up” (i.e., we are able to associate business/corporate/individual memberships with certified individuals), we are moving back to the policy that has been in place over the years, where only IGSHPA members will show up in the directory. This will not affect individual memberships or business/corporate members, as they will continue to be displayed as long as their membership is current.

What does this mean for certified individuals? If you have an Accredited Installer (AI), Certified GeoExchange Designer (CGD), Certified Residential Designer (CRD), or Certified Geothermal Inspector (CGI) certification and have an individual membership or your company has a business/corporate membership, nothing will change. You will continue to be displayed in the Certified Individual Directory. The only caveat is that we may not know that you work for a company that is an IGSHPA member if your information has not been updated in the IGSHPA database. If you don’t show up in the directory after January 1 and you work for a company that is an IGSHPA member, please contact us at info@igshpa.org to have your information updated.

Sometimes certification and membership can be confusing. Renewing your certification does not include an IGSHPA membership; it only maintains your certification. Individuals can be certified; individuals can be an IGSHPA member; or individuals can be certified and a member. IGSHPA has special pricing of $50 per year for certified individuals to purchase an individual membership. Being an IGSHPA member provides many benefits, including being listed in the directory and being able to vote in board member elections. For more clarification, IGSHPA has created a document that explains the difference between certification and membership. Click here for more details.

Virtual Town Halls - Submit Your Abstract for 2023!
IGSHPA Town Halls and Dig Deeper webinars have been a wealth of information in 2022. **We are now accepting abstracts for 2023 webinars.** Submit your abstract soon, as spaces fill up quickly. [Click here](#) for the abstract form. Town Halls are more of a general overview and update for members on the latest information, technology, and industry news; Dig Deeper webinars are a deeper dive into technical topics. Our goal is for one Town Hall and Dig Deeper per month. Town Halls are on the second Wednesday of every month at 10:30am Central Time (U.S./Canada); Dig Deeper webinars are on the fourth Friday of every month 10:30am Central Time (U.S./Canada).

Please submit recommendations for topics that you would like to learn more about or [an abstract](#) for a topic that you would like to present. For questions, contact [info@igspha.org](mailto:info@igspha.org).

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