2023 Water Industries Convention & Trade Show
Younes Convention Center • Kearney Feb 14-16
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Letter from the President
by Jim Remmenga

Greetings everyone!

Hopefully you have all had a good fall and the weather is holding out long enough to get your jobs done before the end of the year. Unfortunately, we had an engine go down on a rig and haven’t been able to take advantage of a lot of nice days for drilling. At least we have pump work to do to keep us busy.

The annual Convention and Trade Show is right around the corner and online registration should be active by the time you are reading this. The dates for this year’s convention are February 14, 15 & 16, 2023. I hope to see as many of you there as possible. It is always a great time to socialize and learn from one another, and get our CEU’s in.

Your Association Board of Directors have been in discussions with the Water Well Standards Board about the funding of the state water well program. After the move to NDEE there has been no continuation of funding from the state other than from licensing and registration fees, due to an audit while still in DHHS, and the program has been operating on dwindling cash reserves. We feel like the program is beneficial to our industry as well as to the citizens of the state, and do not think we would be well served if the program were to fail. We will work for funding from the state’s General Fund to ensure that we keep with the mission of the program. As always, feel free to reach out to me or the board with any questions you may have.

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Company: ___________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________ City: __________________ State: _____ Zip: ______________
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STEP 2- SELECT REGISTRATION TYPE

By 1/31/2023 After 1/31/2023

☐ NWDA/NOWWA Member $230.00 $300.00 $___________
☐ Non-Member $280.00 $360.00 $___________

ADDITIONAL EVENT FEES

☐ Lunch Ticket February 14 ($10 x # _______ Needed) $___________
☐ Lunch Ticket February 15 ($10 x # _______ Needed) $___________
☐ Lunch Ticket February 16 ($10 x # _______ Needed) $___________
☐ Reception February 15 ($20 x # _______ Needed) Reception will consist of 2 drink tickets (cash only for additional) and heavy hors d’oeuvre $___________

Registration Amount Due $___________ + Additional Event Fees Due $_______ = GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT DUE $___________

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<td>Well Development— Tom Christopherson, Groundwater Solutions RV Parks system Design— Dana Peterson, Frontwater Engineering Water &amp; Waste Disposal Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands and Colonias in Nebraska— Kate Bolz and Kelley Messenger, USDA</td>
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<td>Fluids— Todd Tannehill, Technical Sales Manager, CETCO Drilling Products Troubleshooting Issues Round Table— Brad Groothuis; Dennis Walsh; Dana Peterson Q&amp;A NDEE Waste Water— Alan Annerud, NDEE</td>
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<td>History of Water in Nebraska— Lee Orton, NWDA Title 124 Pre Update Panel “Where We Came From and What Was Discussed” - Alan Annerude and Tricia Scott, NDEE; Nate Hartman, LLHD Got Water Quality? - Becky Schuerman, UNL Extension</td>
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<td>History of NWDA— Loren Taylor, Sargent Irrigation; Lee Orton, NWDA; Dick Grosch, Grosch Irrigation, Jack Daniel, NDHHS WWS Retired Title 124 Update “Now That It’s Into Statutes: - Alan Annerud, NDEE Know Your Well: How an Experimental Learning Project can Help Us Understand the Water We Drink— Sarah Brock, UNL Grad Research Assistant and Students</td>
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<td>Diggers Hotline Update—Jill Geyer, Nebraska811 Outreach and Education Coordinator</td>
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<td>Proper Sizing of Solar Pump and Special Applications—Clint Tyler, Lorentz</td>
<td>Extending the life of Aging or Failing Septic Systems—Charlotte Peele and Bethany Christiansen, Biomicrobics</td>
<td>“Dust Off Your Checkbook Register”: Becky Schuerman, UNL Extension</td>
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<td>Association Website and What All You Can Get Out of the Website—Tom Christopherson and Jason Orton, NWDA</td>
<td>CTD! What is it?—Rick Kirkpatrick and Curtis Cluckey, Infiltrator</td>
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<td>Describing, Logging and Reporting Test Hole Cuttings— Doug Hallum, UNL, CSD</td>
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<td>Groundwater Nitrate Geochemistry and Occurrence in Nebraska: Jeffery Westrop, UNL CSD</td>
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<td>Camera Use on Water Wells— Dan Egland, Mark Graf, Tim Sizer, NDEE Water Well Standards Inspection Team</td>
<td>NDEE Website Navigation and Online Registration— Tricia Scott, NDEE</td>
<td>Fundamentals of Geophysics for Water Industries Professionals— Mohamed Khalil, UNL CSD</td>
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<td>Customer Education for Onsite Wastewater systems– Becky Schuerman, UNL Extension</td>
<td>Entry Level Driver Training— Barb Aude, Nebraska Trucking Association</td>
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Monday, 02.13.2023 – Thursday, 02.16.2023
Executive Director's Notes
by Lee Orton

Where will you be in 2023? Make one of your first planned stops at the 2023 Water Industries Convention and Trade Show. The Younes Center North on February 14-15-16 will be worth your time. Come see your professional contacts, your suppliers and new connections which might be of interest going forward. Come attend workshops to share new and great ideas for your business plans. Come attend workshops to share some of our past history which can help you going forward as well.

There will be all of the great opportunities to share with your fellow professionals ideas about how to handle special issues; how to get the most out of your operations and your current service offerings; how to keep up with the demands for services you may not now be offering.

The Nebraska water well and onsite waste water professionals are among the best in the land. Keeping that honor will always be important and part of that success is the benefits gained by attending the Annual Convention and Trade Show. Hope to see all of you “regulars” who attend this meeting; and perhaps see some of you who have not attended in the past or recently! Go Big Red and Go Big Water Professionals! See you in Kearney!

NOWWA President's Report
by Dennis Walsh

Another year that went by so fast and like everyone else still a year behind with work load. I do feel we made a lot of progress with the NDEE this year, but still have a way to go.

The Nebraska Water Industries Annual Convention will be February 14-16, in Kearney. The Association has put together a great set of classes for the convention. There are 24 hours’ worth of approved classes on the agenda, plus you can get 2 addition hours by attending the trade show on days 2 and 3. Remember you can have up to 6 hours roll over in the waste water program so if you will be over the 12 hours those additional ones will carry over.

Come to the convention and see and speak with your fellow contractors and your agency people. Two of the presentations will be related to the new Title 124 regulations that are now in effect. Pick up a copy of the new Title 124 at the classes or at the NDEE Booth.

We hope to see you at the show.
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