

IGWA Bulletin



Fellow IGWA Members, and Associates,

I will start with a brief introduction of myself. I am Bill Tanner. I own Tanner Pump and Drilling in Rupert Idaho. We drill a few domestic wells but we primarily drill large diameter wells. We run a Foremost Dr 24 HD. During my time in the industry I have operated Air Rotary, Mud Rotary, Reverse Circulation Rotary and now Duel Rotary Rigs. I also grew up drilling with Cable Tool rigs from BE 22W to BE 36L. With my dad being a driller I was involved in the family drilling business from a young age. I have done well work in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. I have Drilled, installed pump systems as well as water treatment systems. I am certified with the Water Quality Association as a water quality specialist. That being said, I am a well driller and I love what I do.

I would like to express how humbling it is for me to be elected to represent this association and the drilling community as your new President of the IGWA. I assure you that this is something that I will take very seriously. I want to represent our industry in the way I hope all of you would want. I after all am here to stand up for the rights of all of you as an industry. If at and time you have an issue that you feel you would like our Board of Directors to look into. Please feel free to contact me at any time. Your issues are our issues after all.

In the past 2 years I have served as the Vice President of IGWA under Sam Kingrey. During that time, we have worked on several issues that will or could impact all of us. In the 2025 legislative session we proposed legislation to raise our Low Temp Geothermal up from its current temperature. In the 2025 Idaho Legislative session the IGWA assisted in the passage of IDWR rules that would raise the Low Temperature Geothermal standard from 85 to 140 degrees. These rules passed both committees in the House and Senate and will be implemented upon the adjournment of the Idaho legislative session. Our proposal for our Electrical License also passed the legislature. Getting this electrical issue as far as we have has been an exhausting uphill battle for at least 10 years. The Strawman Initiative (S1083aa) that I am sure many of you know about, looks like it will not be affecting our industry at all. But your Board of Directors will keep a sharp eye out as it progresses.

I would like to welcome Sam Kingrey and Kenny Vollmer back on the board as well as our new M&S member Seth Sheets. If you missed our annual Convention in January, you missed out on one the best ones we have had in years. Attendance was at an all time high. Great informative classes as well as the Riverside did an excellent job with the food this year. None of this would happened without our Exective Director Mr. Roger Batt with the help of Cassidey Plum. Your help setting up and running the convention, vender area, Presenters and the travel, lodging and coordinating of the convention in general was incredible. The board can't thank you enough. Garrett Post has been elected as our new Vice President. He and I as with the rest of the Board will strive to represent all of you as best we can.

Thank you all again for allowing me to represent you as your President of the IGWA. Feel free to contact me or anyone else on our Board at any time if you would like to talk about any problems you may be facing.



Bill Tanner
President, IGWA



Executive Director Report

In January the Idaho Ground Water Association hosted a successful and well-attended Annual Convention at the Riverside Hotel in Boise. There was a record attendance of about 280 people in and 32 exhibits for the tradeshow. Presentations included Idaho, Oregon, and Washington Rules & Regulations, Well Rehabilitation and Development, Engineering a Better Filter Pack, Dave Farmer's presentation on "When Things go to Crap", Advanced Drilling Tools, hands on Pump Troubleshooting classes, and many others. A total of 12 credits were available for those who were able to attend the Convention including 2 hours of Idaho Rules and Regulations. The Association also elected Bill Tanner as the IGWA President and Garrett Post as the IGWA Vice President.

The IGWA also hosted an Eastern Idaho Workshop in Pocatello on February 27 and a Virtual Workshop on March 7. Both Workshops were awarded 6 credits including 1 hour of Idaho Rules and Regulations license holders.

I'm proud to report that the IGWA had a very successful 2025 Idaho Legislative Session. The Association was able to get both sets of Rules passed for changing the Low Temperature Geothermal standard from 85 degrees to 140 degrees and to get the Electrical Exam for domestic pump installers. Both sets of Rules will go into effect upon adjournment of the Legislative Session. The IGWA will be soon working with the Idaho Division of Professional Licensing on drafting the new Exam for domestic pump installers.

If there are other issues you would like for the Association to work on, please don't hesitate to contact the IGWA office so we can help you and your business be more successful. In the meantime if you need any additional credits for your license we are still offering some online courses through the IGWA website. We will be working on getting new material onto the website over the next few weeks.

Thank you for being a member of the IGWA and for your contributions to the Well Construction Industry.

Roger Batt
Executive Director





Crisis Chairman Update

To all who participated in this year's Crisis Fund Raffle and Scholarship Auction—thank you! With your generosity, we raised over \$8,000 for the IGWA Crisis Fund.

For years, the IGWA Crisis Fund has provided critical support to members facing hardships, loss, and unexpected challenges. This fund serves as a vital resource, helping to ease financial burdens for IGWA members, their spouses, children, grandchildren, and other family members during difficult times.

If you know an IGWA member who could benefit from the Crisis Fund, please visit igwa.info/crisis-fund/ to submit an application.

Your generosity makes a real difference. It is always inspiring to see our driller community come together, lifting one another up in times of need. Thank you for your unwavering support!

Sincerely,
Charlie Fox

Scholarship Chairman Update

The IGWA is now accepting scholarship applications through April 15th. Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of an IGWA member.
2. Have completed high school and received a diploma.
3. Have a declared course of study (degree program). While a water industry-related degree is not required, applicants must be pursuing a specific field of study, such as nursing, accounting, or other disciplines.

Last year, IGWA awarded \$4,000 in scholarships to relatives of IGWA members, and we look forward to supporting more students this year!

To apply, visit igwa.info/scholarship/. For any questions, please contact Rod at rod@independentdrilling.com.

Sincerely,
Rod Hendricks



IGWA 2025 Winter Convention

The Idaho Ground Water Association (IGWA) Convention at the Riverside Hotel in Boise was a tremendous success, with a record-breaking 280 attendees and 33 vendors joining us for this industry event.

Over the course of the convention, participants had the opportunity to earn 12 CEC credits, including sessions covering Idaho, Oregon, and Washington rules and regulations. A special thank you to our presenters, including those who traveled from as far as Oklahoma and Kansas, to share their expertise with our attendees.

Beyond the educational sessions, we had a fantastic evening at Topgolf, where contractors, vendors, and industry professionals connected in a fun and relaxed setting.

We are excited to see the continued growth of the IGWA Convention and remain committed to enhancing the experience for both contractors and vendors in the years ahead. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event a success!

Save the date for next year: **January 21-23, 2025** – we can't wait to see you there!

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IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Greetings,

It was great to see those who attended the Idaho Ground Water Association's (IGWA) annual convention in Boise. Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to participate, it appears this year's presentations were well received, and we hope that each of you walked away thinking about the topics the department covered. Below are a few takeaways:

- All drilling applications are now required to be submitted through the Web-Based Drilling Application.
- Driller's reports must be sent to the department within 30 days of completing a well. License renewals will not be approved if a drilling company has late or missing driller's reports.
- Driller's reports are a legal and permanent record and used for hydrologic/geologic analysis and research. Please make sure each driller's report is complete and accurately describes the hydrogeologic conditions encountered in the well bore.
- Artesian wells, both flowing and non-flowing as defined in Idaho Code, require a full depth seal or a surface seal and formation seal to protect the confined aquifer characteristics.

Driller license renewal season is officially here, all company licenses, driller licenses, and operator permits expiring on March 31, 2025, are invalid as of April 1, 2025, unless renewed for the upcoming license period. In mid-February the department will mail renewal notices directing you to the appropriate fillable forms available on the IDWR website. To maintain a valid license without interruption please have complete renewal packets submitted to the Department no later than March 15th. Please submit your renewal application in a single filing, including the required bond, proof of continuing education credits, fees and renewal form. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Feel free to contact the department at (208) 287-4800 if you have any questions.

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*Aaron Skinner
Hydrogeologist – GWP*

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

AMOUNT: One \$2000 and two \$1000

DEADLINE: Application and supporting documents must be submitted to Cassidey at cassidey@amgidaho.com no later than **April 15TH, 2025**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

1. You must be a relative of an IGWA member, child/grandchild/great grandchild.
2. You must have completed high school and received a diploma.
3. You must have a declared course of study (degree), not a general education course. At this time there is no limit on what that course of study must be, i.e., nursing, accounting, etc. is ok. We are not holding applicants to a water industry degree.

NAME: _____

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ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

Your application should include the following items:

1. **A Cover Letter:** The cover letter should include the name of the sponsoring IGWA member and your relationship. Why you are applying for the scholarship, and include your plans for further education: where you plan to attend school, anticipated major or focus of study or vocational plans.
2. **School Transcript** (required)
3. **School Involvement:** This might include school clubs, offices held, sports, expressive arts (music, drama, ect.) and committees.
4. **Community Involvement:** This might include church, clubs, organizations or activities outside of school.
5. **Volunteer Involvement:** List any volunteer activities, what you did and how much time you spent volunteering.
6. **Work Experience:** If you worked please let us know where you worked and for how long. Include practical work and family business experience.
7. **Honors, Awards and Recognition:** Tell us about any academic, music, service or other awards.
8. **Three Letters of Recommendation:** At least one must be from someone other than a teacher.
9. **Headshot & Bio:** Please attach a bio and headshot with your application. Write a short description of your current accomplishments in college and your future plans. The bio should not exceed 200 words. Save the file in a standard document format (e.g., Word or PDF). Provide a professional, high-quality image of yourself. Accepted file formats: PNG or JPG.
10. **Recipients will be required to do a letter of appreciation with information on how the money will be used to help with your education to be read at the IGWA Convention in January.**

This is not an automatic renewable scholarship, year to year. Reapplication is encouraged for another year, and will be graded/judged accordingly, and awarded based on performance and available funds.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE IGWA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM &
THE ONLINE APPLICATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE IGWA.INFO**