

IGWA Bulletin



A Message from the President

Hi everyone,

Hope you're all having a good summer and staying busy, even with the smoke and heat trying to slow us down. Not a lot to report right now. IDOPL has a meeting coming up, and we'll cover that more at our next board meeting. We did meet with the Director of Water Resources to talk about a possible increase in drilling permits. IDWR is looking at other states right now to compare costs and figure out where the extra money would go. More to come as things develop. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,
Bill Tanner

Meet Gene Wright: IGWA's Newest Board Member

Please join us in welcoming Gene Wright, one of the newest members of the IGWA Board. Gene has spent 31 years in the drilling industry, getting his start at 19 years old with a local drilling and pump company after working in painting and discovering a strong work ethic that carried him into his new trade. Two years ago, Gene, his wife, and their son started their own pump company, with their daughter handling all of the marketing, a true family operation.

Gene says what he enjoys most about the groundwater industry is working with and educating the public, along with the relationships he has built with local contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers, people he now considers a second family. He decided to serve on the IGWA Board as a way to give back to an industry that has given him so much, and to help be part of the decisions that will keep it strong for years to come. Looking at the road ahead, Gene sees real opportunity in the growth happening across the region, along with the challenge that comes with it: meeting that demand thoughtfully, without compromising the standards and regulations that protect our water as the precious resource it is.

Outside of work, Gene enjoys the outdoors and camping with his family, and this summer he's looking forward to a trip to northern Idaho with his new grandson. Welcome, Gene, we're glad to have you on the board!



Column Pipe + Inner Column

Threaded Column Pipe

- + Turbine column pipe and submersible drop pipe
- + Size: 2.50" - 14"
- + Material: A53 Grade B, 316SS, 304SS, galvanized pipe
- + Oil lube, water lube

Inner Column

- + Enclosing Tubes: A53 Grade B, 316SS, 304SS, galvanized, 416SS
- + All OEM specifications
- + Water lube, Oil lube, water flush
- + Shafting: C-1045, 416SS, 316SS, 17-4
- + Bearings: Alloy 844, Vesconite
- + Shaft Couplings: 1215, 1141, 416SS, 316SS, 304SS

Pump Fabrications

- + Flange column: 4" - 36"
- + Fabricated discharge heads
- + Fabricated pump cans/barrels
- + Sole plates, motor stands, Etc (can be manufactured)
- + Material: A53 grade B, 316SS, 304SS
- + In house coating, epoxy and scotchkote

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- + Wear rings
- + Sand collars
- + Tube adapters
- + Impeller collets
- + Collet knockers
- + Bowl bushings
- + Stuffing box bushings
- + Tension bearings
- + Tension Assemblies
- + Head nuts
- + Column reducing bushings
- + Line shaft bearings
- + Column couplings
- + Shaft and shaft couplings
- + Custom coatings
- + Casing alignment clamps





Executive Director Report

The May Primary Election resulted in what many consider a positive net gain in the Idaho Legislature for our natural resource sectors and organizations. I've had the privilege of meeting with some of these Legislators elect across the state and am confident these people will do a good job representing Idaho, their Districts, and supporting the well construction industry.

Transportation Domestic Pump Installer Exam

The IGWA Domestic Pump Installer Exam working group held its final meeting on July 14. The working group has spent a lot of their personal time over the past 18 months meeting with the Idaho Division of Professional Licensing (IDOPL), industry, and CTEC personnel to help draft an exam that is pertinent specifically to domestic water pump installers. Besides electrical, the final exam will also include plumbing. IDOPL and CTEC should have the final exam ready for industry to take by year-end. This would provide closure to an effort that the IGWA has been pursuing and pushing the past 4-5 years.

IDWR Meetings

The IGWA has held successful meetings with the IDWR to discuss Idaho's Well Inspection Program and how state budget cuts have impacted that program. IGWA will continue to work with IDWR on this issue to find a clear path forward, which may include a legislative effort during the 2027 Session to ask for funding to sustain this program.

North Idaho Workshop

IGWA's North Idaho Workshop will take place on September 9 at the Best Western Plus in Coeur d'Alene. The agenda is packed with excellent presenters and topics. A total of six (6) CEC's will be issued for the Workshop including 1 hour of Idaho Rules and Regs and 1 hour of Washington Rules and Regs. To sign up for the Workshop please check your mail or you can register by going onto the IGWA website at www.igwa.info.

Please mark your calendars for the 2027 Annual IGWA Convention (January 28-30) at the Riverside Hotel in Garden City. The event will include the annual M&S Tradeshow. A total of twelve (12) CEC's will be approved for the Convention including 2 hours of Idaho Rules and Regs, 2 hours of Washington Rules and Regs and 2 hours of Oregon Rules and Regs. Correspondence will be sent to the IGWA membership in early November. The IGWA Board will be going through a final DRAFT of the convention agenda at its next board meeting in a few weeks. If you have any ideas on topics/presenters for the annual convention please let us know and we will reach out to them.

Roger Batt
Executive Director, IGWA





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IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Greetings,

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is pleased to introduce the newest member of our team, Sam Carpenter. Sam joined us on July 6 as a Hydrogeologist within the Ground Water Protection Section, taking over the role previously filled by Aaron Skinner.

Sam is a fantastic fit for our well construction team. He comes to us with a strong background in geology and hands-on experience in well drilling and construction. Most recently, he worked as a project geologist in Washington State, where he oversaw crews drilling and constructing monitoring and remediation wells. He also brings valuable water quality experience from his time as an intern with the Bureau of Land Management.

On the academic front, Sam started his studies at the University of Montana in Missoula before transferring to Eastern Washington University in Cheney, where he graduated with a double major in Geology and Environmental Science. He successfully passed his Geologist in Training (GIT) exam in May 2025, and he plans to sit for his Professional Geologist (PG) license as soon as he meets the experience requirements.

In his new role, Sam will administer the driller licensing program and assist with well inspections and permitting. He has already hit the ground running, spending time out in the field inspecting wells, getting familiar with Treasure Valley hydrogeology, and meeting some of the drillers working in the area.

Please join us in giving Sam a warm welcome. He looks forward to working closely with all of you to protect Idaho's water resources.

Respectfully,
Chad F. Hersley, P.G./Ground Water Protection Section Manager



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NORTH IDAHO FALL WORKSHOP

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 8th 2026

TIME: 8:00AM-3:00PM

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