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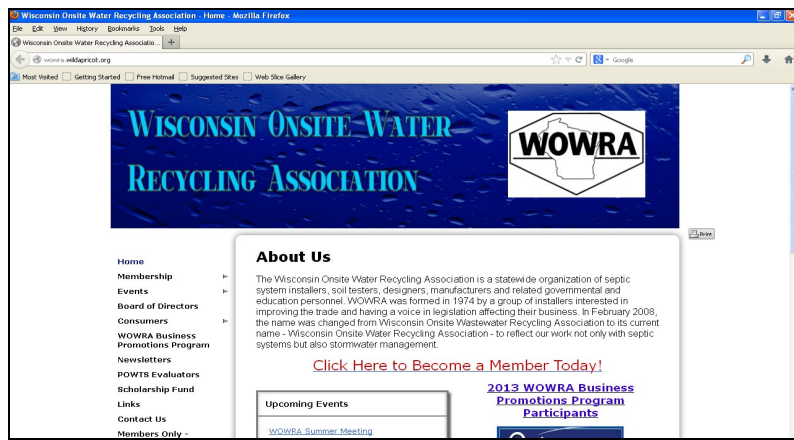
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SUMMER
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June 21, 2013
Holiday Inn
Stevens Point, WI

WOWRA News

Website Update

Introducing...

New and Improved WOWRA Website!



The WOWRA staff has been hard at work improving your WOWRA website.

It's a work in progress but a vast improvement already!

New Features Include:

User Friendly Navigation

Business Promotions Program

Searchable Membership Database

"Member Only" Section-Coming Soon!

Online Credit Card Payment-Coming Soon!

Online Event Registration-Coming Soon!

Check out all the updates at:

www.wowra.com

POWTS Evaluators: please note that you must call the WOWRA office at (608) 441-1436 to set up access to Evaluator forms.

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President's Message

Hello WOWRA Members! Happy Spring!

Hopefully you are starting to move equipment on site and getting busy with the 2013 season. It has been a long winter and I know everyone is anxious to get moving. I hope everyone has a very prosperous and safe season out there.



At WOWRA we remain busy planning the upcoming 2013 calendar. One thing that we added this year, that I am most proud of, is the "WOWRA Rejuvenate a Family Day." WOWRA will be donating an entire POWTS from design to install to a family that was in dire need of system replacement. New board member Damon Huibregtse was instrumental in coordinating this event and I am pleased to announce that we have received generous donations from WOWRA members to cover 100% of the items required to do the job and are shooting for a late July install. But that does not mean we are going to stop. We can still use cash donations and most importantly we need manpower so please consider joining us. That being said I am so proud of this board and membership for stepping up and donating. We have received numerous calls in the past days from folks wanting to help. From the bottom of my heart, I thank all of you who have answered this call. The impact we will have on these folks in Sheboygan County will last for years and I know they are so grateful for WOWRA's generosity.

In addition to that we have been busy planning a POWTS Evaluator Class slated for this fall. More information and details will follow. We encourage those who have not yet taken advantage of this education to consider enrolling this year!

Other than that we are busy working on the 2014 WOWRA/WLWCA Joint Winter Conference and keeping up with legislative activity. Longtime member Leroy Jansky and I spent some time with the A-E Advisory Board at DSPS recommending changes to the current code documents. George has been doing a great job keeping the board informed of everything at the capitol. We will always be keeping a sharp eye out for the best interests of our members. I hope everyone has a very SAFE and prosperous season and as always thank you for your WOWRA support!!

Best,

Aaron J Ausen

President WOWRA

WOWRA Rejuvenate A Family Day!

Thursday, July 25th Sheboygan, WI

(raindate July 26th)

Come and lend a hand as WOWRA donates a POWTS from design to install!

A family in need in the Sheboygan area will receive this donation.

Thanks to those who have already generously donated!

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POWTS Evaluator Certification Course: Coming This Fall!

Do you want to set your business apart from the competition? Do you want to provide your customers with best and latest techniques for evaluating their septic systems? Then consider enrolling in the WOWRA POWTS Evaluator Certification Course!

The Wisconsin Onsite Water Recycling Association has developed a two-day training course and certification for septic system professionals-Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Evaluator Certification Training-to teach the proper techniques for conducting evaluations of existing private onsite wastewater treatment systems. The innovative two-day training class concludes with a certification exam, provides much needed uniformity around the state for POWTS evaluations, and helps to ensure that consumers are receiving a high quality evaluation of their systems.

The course includes both classroom instruction and field training. Some of the topics covered during the course include: WOWRA Certified Existing POWTS Evaluator Ethics, Policies, and Requirements; Evaluation Procedures from Data Collection Through Final Reports; and Procedures for Evaluating Recent Documented POWTS and Unknown POWTS. General POWTS knowledge and experience is necessary. Upon completion, participants will receive certification as a WOWRA Certified POWTS Evaluator in Wisconsin.

This fall WOWRA will again be offering their highly coveted annual POWTS Certification course. Be sure to look for further information regarding the details in the summer WOWRA News or check out the website at www.wowra.com. If you have any questions be sure to contact the WOWRA Offices at 608-441-1436 or info@wowra.com.

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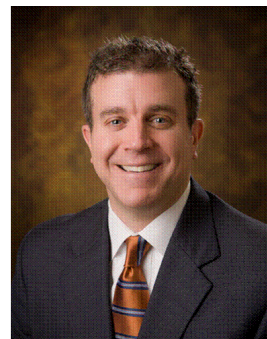
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Legislative Update from George Klaetsch, Executive Director

Legislative Session Reaches First 100 Days – What are the WOWRA Lobbying Interests ?

In mid-April the 2013-14 Legislative Session reached its first 100 days. At that time, almost 300 legislative proposals had been introduced. In addition, a 1,083 page \$69.2 billion biennial budget was introduced by Governor Walker and his administration. As you can imagine, with that amount of activity the WOWRA association staff along with the WOWRA board has seen their workload dramatically increase.



The following is a list (and brief description) of the legislative bills, budget subjects and topics the WOWRA has registered upon on behalf of its members:

Legislative Bills

- **Assembly Bill 133/Senate Bill 148** – According to the DSPS the legislation attempts to exempt cabins and cottages on licensed campgrounds from the Plumbing and 1 & 2 family Uniform Dwelling Codes. We believe these exemptions may lead to unintended consequences for the septic industry and the environment. We are actively pursuing further clarification from the DSPS and interested parties.

Budget Bill Subjects

- **The Wisconsin Fund** – WOWRA has been lobbying to make sure the Wisconsin Fund is fully funded for each year of the biennium. As of this writing, Governor Walker has proposed to provide \$2.3 million to the WI Fund for each year of the biennium – same as his last budget.
- The WOWRA has registered to participate in budgetary provisions relating to the following state agencies – Department of Safety and Professional Services and Department of Transportation. The following budget bill subjects have been on the radar screen since Governor Walker introduced his Budget Bill on February 20.
 - **DSPS** – The primary focus has been on ensuring that the DSPS plan and product review staffing needs remain fully funded and that adequate staff are competent and available for timely and thorough plan and product review.
 - **DOT** - WOWRA has been active in addressing the DOT budget provision that creates additional state positions, expenditures and oversight of the trucking and transportation industry. In particular we have raised our specific concerns as they relate to DOT Compliance Review Investigations and overweight limit fines. More coverage of this item will be provided in the summer, 2013 newsletter as the state legislature will be debating and voting on all budget provisions through June.

Topics of Interest

If items have not been formally introduced as legislation or contained in the budget bill (but legislators and state agencies are currently working on them), the government regulators identify these as “topics”. The following are a quick list of topics the WOWRA has registered on (many of which you will recognize):

- SPS 383 and 384 code revisions
- DSPS plan and product review
- Definition and regulation of POWTS
- Definition of plumbing
- Wisconsin Fund – funding and eligibility

WOWRA Summer Meeting: June 21

The WOWRA Summer Board Meeting is fast approaching. Your board members will be meeting June 21st at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Stevens Point, WI to begin the planning and budgeting for the 2014 WOWRA/WLWCA Joint Winter Conference. The 2014 Winter Conference will have new features such as a Thursday Business Day Track and much more!

Don't forget to mark your calendars!

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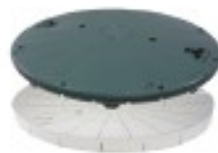
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