



WOWRA NEWS

ALERT: WOWRA Membership VOTE!

Your WOWRA Board has been hard at work considering and developing a revised Dues Structure that is more commiserate with other state associations with the intent of:

- Offering more opportunities for membership within a business group at a potentially reduced rate.
- Encouraging attendance at the winter conference at a reduced, member rate.
- Addressing the need for increased dues revenue due to the higher cost of business (dues last increased prior to 2008) and a more robust calendar of programs such as Rejuvenate a Family Day and WOWRA POWTS Evaluator with expanded outreach.

During its March 26, 2014 meeting, the WOWRA Board decided to propose the following practices and bylaws changes to the Membership for a vote:

1. Create a dues category called "Individual" at a rate of \$240 (in place of the "Full" membership level).
2. Create a dues category called "Business Group" which allows for up to 5 people from one company to join for a total of \$340 (in place of the Additional membership level).
3. Increase Associate member dues to \$100 for NOWRA + WOWRA and \$70 for WOWRA only.
4. Allow each Individual member and each member of a Business Group to vote.
5. Send all paper mailings only to Individual members and Business Group company representatives (one per company). Send all electronic mailings to all members.

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Legislative Update: Executive Director George Klaetsch

Wisconsin Legislature & Governor Walker Provide Clarification on Electrical Work



On March 19th, Governor Walker signed 2013 Wisconsin Act 143 into law. This is a major victory for WOWRA, its members and Wisconsin septic installers in general. It is also a victory for electricians who preferred septic installers conduct some minor electrician work themselves.

As many of you know, there was a great deal of confusion with previous legislation attempting to address what regulators considered prohibited electrical work and what they considered allowable electrical work. Even after a two-year delay of new statutes both electricians and plumbers wanted clarification of what was allowable and what was not.

In late January, State Representative Tom Larson and State Senator Glenn Grothman introduced AB 683/SB 545 to address and clarify state statute as it related to the regulation of permitted electrician work. Rep. Larson (an electrician by trade) wanted to make sure of one important item within this legislation – “I want to avoid two utility trucks in the same driveway for one job.”

As mentioned in the last newsletter, AB 683 appeared to be an electrician’s bill, but when you dug deeper, we found something that has been on your minds for the past five years - **what can installers do and what can't they do when dealing with electrical connections associated with septic and holding tanks?**

WI Act 143 answers that question by clarifying that plumbers and septic installers can conduct minor electrical work in support of septic and holding tank installation and maintenance.

101.862 (4) (g) A person engaged in installing, repairing, or maintaining manufactured equipment or utilization equipment, including ballasts, electric signs and luminaires, or any other manufactured system that is designed to provide a function that is not primarily electrical in nature if the installation, repair, or maintenance does not involve only involves the modification or installation of conductors beyond that are considered part of the equipment or system under this paragraph. For purposes of this paragraph, any conductor going from the disconnecting point or beyond the last nearest junction, pull, or device box, whichever is nearer to the point where the person is performing the installation, repair, or maintenance to the manufactured equipment or utilization equipment or the manufactured system is considered part of the equipment or system.

What does this mean to Wisconsin installers?

Please see the diagram created by WOWRA staff on page 4 We are continuing to work with the DSPS to ensure that their interpretation matches that of the WOWRA. As soon as it is finalized with the Governor’s office, we will share it with the WOWRA membership immediately.

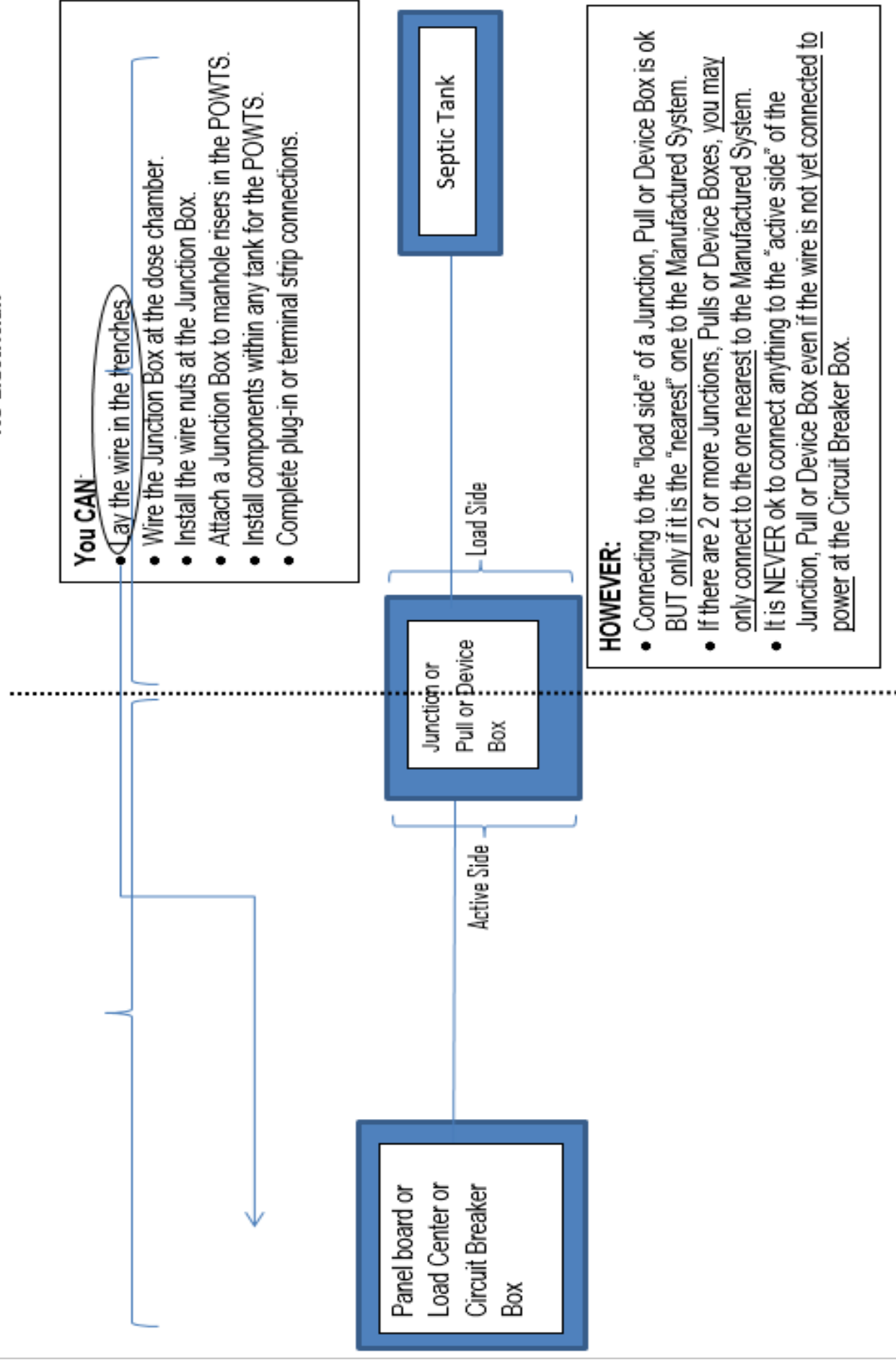
If WOWRA members have any questions relating to 2013 Wisconsin Act 143, please contact Katie Boycks at kboycks@kpasllc.com.



2013 Wisconsin Act 143 (formerly AB-683/SB-545)

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President's Message: Aaron Ausen

Friends—

Let's hope spring is here to stay and we can finally start firing up equipment and digging holes. It has been a long winter and it's time to get things rolling. WOWRA has been really busy over the winter working on many items. First and foremost as you will read in this issue we worked on and pushed the passing of AB 683 (Act 143) the Electricians Bill. This bill was the most widely talked about bill in our industry last year and thanks to the help of you, our board, our association staff and our friends in the legislature we got



what we wanted. Although no piece of legislation is perfect this bill will allow you to continue to work as you have in the past. We view this as a huge victory for WOWRA that really shows the power of our organization.

Next we have been actively planning our second installment of WOWRA's Rejuvenate a Family Day. Board member Roger Fanning has taken the reins this year and has really been running hard with this. He has identified a family in Rock County and to date we have more than 50% of the items donated. I've said it many times, but ***events like these are what non-profit organization are all about.*** If you have not donated please consider it and also please consider joining us on July 21st. Even if you aren't a septic installer the more hands we have the better.

Lastly work is underway for the POWTS Evaluator Course for this year. Although many details are still to be hashed out we are actively pursuing a joint meeting with the folks of the PHCC. PHCC members have shown interest in attending the WOWRA POWTS Evaluator Course and creating a unified inspection process across Wisconsin. Again the details are being hashed out but the tentative plans are to hold the course in conjunction with the PHCC fall meeting on September 17-18 in Hayward, WI.

So, we have many exciting things in the mix and we haven't begun conversations on next year's winter conference. I hope that as the ground dries and up and we start digging we stay safe and stay profitable. Good luck everyone on a good 2014 season!

Sincerely,

Aaron Ausen



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Proposed By-law Changes

May 2014

BY-LAW THREE

MEMBERSHIP

(a) INDIVIDUAL ~~FULL~~ MEMBERSHIP. Any person who is engaged in private sewage disposal system work is eligible to become an individual ~~business~~ member of this association, with full voting and other privileges. This would include installers, soil testers, designers, manufacturers/suppliers. ~~and government personnel (optional).~~

(b) BUSINESS GROUP ~~ADDITIONAL~~ MEMBERSHIP. ~~Any person who is employed by a business that has subscribed as a Full Member.~~ A group of individuals who each meet the criteria for membership set forth in By-law Three, section (a) above and are employed by the same business.

(c) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP. Government personnel whose function is education, inspection or regulatory; or anyone with an indirect interest in onsite waste disposal wishing to support the association. These members will have no vote.

(d) VOTING. Individual~~Full~~ Members and ~~Additional~~ Members of a Business Group as described above will each be entitled to one vote.

Please cast your vote **by June 15th**

Either mail the ballot on the back of this page to:

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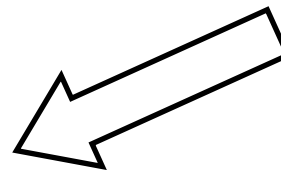
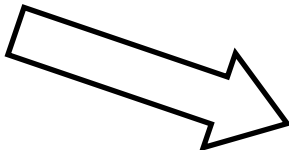
email a "Yes" (in favor if the changes) or "No" (opposed to the changes) to

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Vote by June 15th!



BALLOT

Membership Structure Bylaw Changes May 2014

I support the Membership bylaws changes dated May 2014 as developed by the WOWRA Board during the April 26, 2014 board meeting.

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YES

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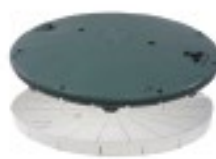
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