



Wisconsin Onsite Water
Recycling Association

Summer 2015

President's Message: Aaron Ausen

Friends of WOWRA,



I hope this season has been very busy and everyone is keeping up with their work. As we get closer to the fall, I have a few things on my mind, but none more important than membership. Sooner than later you will be seeing your membership packets and I hope that you will take the time to get your membership packets in and in early. And I know everyone has no time these days, but if you see a colleague or competitor and have time, encourage them to join. The WOWRA Board works tirelessly to retain and add membership but we can't do this alone. So please take the time to spread the good word about WOWRA and help us get members.

Second, you will see in the legislative update we, or I should say George, has had a busy few months with the budget. My opinion on the budget is that George did a great job! Yes you will hear about the time of sale inspection law change, but beyond that George did a stellar job. I will let him explain that in his section, but he did a great job again showing me that he is the best at what he does.

Lastly, you will also see that we sent out a Request for Speaker form for our Annual Convention. The board met in July and decided that this would be the best route to get the most cutting edge speakers and topics back to the Onsite Show. So if you have any speakers that you have seen please encourage them to fill out a sheet. Or let the board know and we will approach them.

With that, I wish everyone a safe and prosperous finish to the season. And the Pack is back, so GO PACK!
Sincerely,

Aaron J Ausen
President --WOWRA

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Legislative Update: Executive Director George Klaetsch

Wisconsin Legislative Budget Proposal Includes Electrical Changes to Septic Systems



For WOWRA members that install septic systems, you are aware of the electrical connections that are required to ensure a POWTS is fully operational and up to code. Most, if not all of you are also aware of a series of state legislative proposals and law changes over the past decade that created some interpretational concerns of what a septic installer could and could not do from an electrical standpoint. For those that don't, here is a quick history lesson on the changes.

- In 2007, Act 63 revised 101.862(4)(g) to clarify the scope of the exemption it creates for individuals who install manufactured equipment, utilization equipment, and manufactured systems
- In 2014, Act 143 amended provisions in 2007 Act 63, specifically to clarify manufactured and utilization equipment for a system

Both WOWRA and WLWCA were heavily involved in the legislative drafting and negotiations of the 2014 legislation in hopes of ensuring those who installed the junction, pull or device box would be legally able to complete this portion of the job without having to employ an electrician to finish the job.

Unfortunately, our efforts in passing 2014 Act 143 did not fulfill our vision to ensure two utility trucks (septic installer and electrician) were not in a customer's driveway for one septic installation job. In the field, some inspectors told septic tank installers that they needed to bring in licensed electricians to complete the task of hooking up the systems to the disconnecting point. Therefore, we needed to come back in the 2015-16 legislative session to ensure septic installers were able to start and complete the job in connecting the minimal wiring necessary for a septic installation.

I am happy to report, that with the assistance of Assembly Speaker Vos, Representative Larson and legislative council, we were successful in drafting language that was included in the Joint Finance Committee version of the budget that created specific exemptions for septic and well pump installers to perform the minimal wiring for installations. The following is the language that was inserted into the current budget proposal.

Section 1. 101.862 (4) (p) of the statutes is created to read:

101.862 (4) (p) A person engaged in installing, repairing, or maintaining a private on-site wastewater treatment system, as defined in s. 145.01 (12), if the activity only involves installing or modifying a conductor going from the system's junction, pull, or device box to the nearest disconnecting point and the conductor is buried with the system.

Section 2. 101.862 (4) (q) of the statutes is created to read:

101.862 (4) (q) A person engaged in installing, repairing, or maintaining a pump for a well, as defined in s. 280.01 (6), if the activity only involves installing or modifying a conductor going from the pump's junction, pull, or device box to the nearest disconnecting point and the conductor is buried with the pump.

PLEASE NOTE – Governor Walker signed this provision into law on July 12, 2005.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George A. Klaetsch".

George Klaetsch

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- Read and complete the application below.
- Save this document.
- Print or attach to email and send to the address on page 3.
- Submit Application by September 1, 2015



WLWCA/WOWRA Joint Winter Conference

January 29-30, 2016

Call for Presentations

The Wisconsin Onsite Water Recycling Association (WOWRA) is now accepting proposals for WOWRA specific breakout sessions at the 2016 WLWCA/WOWRA Joint Winter Conference. We are searching for two or three sessions to include in our conference agenda.

Presentations

- Sessions will run for one (1) hour.
- Panel discussions will be considered. Please include the information for all proposed panelists in your submission.
- Sessions should be designed to educate the audience and not promote any specific products.
- Exhibit space is available for all promotional activity and registration will be open in October 2015 at www.wowra.com.
- Only presentations that are product-neutral will be considered.
- Presentation selections will be made based upon desired topics, flow of content, educational value and understanding of the content.

Goals of Your Presentation Should Include:

- Targeting information that is meaningful and will add value by serving the nonprofit professional, advancing the nonprofit sector, or growing the organization.
- Providing practical hands-on tips, tools and resource materials for participants
- Clear session objectives

Preparing Your Call for Presentation:

- Identify a topic that best describes what you intend to present including:
 - How it applies to WOWRA members
 - How you intend to facilitate the session
 - Your experience with the topic
 - Include a sample outline/draft of content, job aids, PowerPoints and other materials you will share with the attendees

Who Attends?

- Septic system installers
- Soil testers
- Designers
- Manufacturers
- Related governmental and education personnel

Agenda/Schedule

The conference organizers will set the day and time for each presentation.

Registration/Expenses

Conference registration is not included in speaker selections. Speakers wishing to attend other aspects of the conference are encouraged to register at www.wowra.com in October when registration opens.



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If you are selected and agree to present, you agree to the following:

- Work with our Association Management team to coordinate details, equipment needs and other set up accommodations.
- Your session materials will be made available in a timely manner for distribution to attendees in a written or electronic format.
- Your presentation will be objective and unbiased and not contain any promotion of yourself and/or your organization.

Steps in the Call for Presentation Process:

1. Identify a topic that is current and meaningful for the WOWRA membership
2. Prepare your Call for Presentation Application in full
3. Forward your Call for Presentation Application to the WOWRA office (see below)
4. Members of the WOWRA Board of Directors will review your request and respond to your inquiry within a timely manner.
5. Upon submittal, you will receive confirmation of your submission via email. Should your program be selected, WOWRA administration will contact you to discuss the details of the event.

Timeline

Proposals Due:	September 1, 2015
	Submit to wowra@morgandata.com
Selection Notification:	September 21, 2015
Agreement Due:	October 1, 2015
Conference Dates:	January 29-30, 2016

Additional Information

WOWRA reserves the right to decline a submission for presentation at the 2016 WLWCA/WOWRA Joint Conference.

Information regarding exhibit space will be available at www.wowra.com in October 2015.

Questions, concerns or comments should be directed to:

WOWRA Administration
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Speaking References (Please also provide contact information. You may also submit Evaluation Summaries that show your quality ratings and scores from previous speaking engagements):	Click here to enter text.



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Title of Session (Should be brief and descriptive - 15 word maximum):

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Session Description: (Describe your session in 150 words or less - be sure to use clear, conversational language.)

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Learning Objectives: (Please provide a list of THREE learning objectives that someone would attain as a result of attending your session.)

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Speaker Biography (75 word maximum):

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