

AzOWRA Arizona Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association

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VOTE! VOTE! Vote! November 13, 2009

Officer and Board of Director elections will be held during the Annual Membership Meeting & Dinner will be held November 13, 2009 at:

Heidi's Event & Catering

2095 W 15th Street

Tempe, AZ 85218

Time: 5:00 pm

RSVP by November 3rd , 2009

Email kmills@millseng.com Or Call 480-235-5052

This will be your only chance to vote for the new Vice President/President-elect and Board of Directors who will assume office in January 2010. Voting is done in person (no mail in or absentee ballots) and the results of the election will be known by the end of the Membership Meeting.

During the meeting you will learn about changes coming to the organization through NOWRA, get updates on what we have been doing during the year, network with other professionals in the field and enjoy a wonderful meal at Heidi's.

Dinner this year will be BBQ beef brisket and roasted chicken, potato salad, cowboy beans, apple cobbler with ice cream, plus ice tea and lemonade. The cost per person is \$26 plus gratuity— bring your own alcoholic beverage. We do need you to RSVP no later than November 3 to Kathy Mills:

kmills@millseng.com Or Call 480-235-5052.



AzOWRA Meetings Calendar

November 13, 2009

5:00 PM Annual Membership Meeting/Election

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November 16, 2009

1:00 PM Board of Director's Meeting- Teleconference

800-771-2797ext 5629

(Board meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month)

<http://www.azonsite.org/>

January 1, 2010

AzOWRA Membership Applications and Fees Due

June 17-19, 2009

AzOWRA Educational Conference

Radisson Woodlands Hotel

1175 West Route 66

Flagstaff, Arizona

<http://www.azonsite.org/>

Questions, comments or to remove your name from our mailing list, please contact suzanne.ehrlich@co.yavapai.az.us

Member Profile-Richard Bartholomew, PE



Richard graduated from the University of Arizona in 1961 and has since obtained over 48 years of experience in the water and wastewater fields. After serving as the Director of Water Supplies for 6 years with ADHS he formed Bartholomew Engineering, Inc., specializing in wastewater design. Richard has been a member of AzOWRA since 2007 and served as the Vice President/President-elect this year. Next year Richard will be the AzOWRA President.

Report of the last Board of Directors Meeting-Oct 19

Members are invited and encouraged to listen in on the Board of Director's Meetings. These are held via teleconference. The phone number for those outside the Prescott calling area is 1-800-771-2090 ask for extension 5629, inside the Prescott calling area dial 928-442-5629. Meetings last around 2 hours and many topics of interest to the organization are discussed.

The October meeting included a report by the Education Committee on the progress and success of the Homeowner septic Education Presentations that have been made in Yavapai County. We have been asked to bring the program to Gila County as well as articles in national magazines.

The Conference Subcommittee had its first meeting in October. Planning is moving forward with reservations having been made in Flagstaff for 2010 and information being gathered to have the 2011 Conference in Southern Arizona-Tucson or other. Anyone wishing to help with either conference please contact Suzanne Ehrlich:

suzanne.ehrlich@co.yavapai.az.us

The Membership committee reported that the first viewing of the Membership PowerPoint Presentation to the Pima County Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee was well received. This presentation is designed as a membership recruitment tool.

Presentations R Us...

Did you know that AzOWRA has several presentations and education programs ready to deliver to interested parties around the state?

Our Realtor Education program is approved for 3 hours of continuing education by the Arizona Department of Real Estate. Lowell Fagen, long time REALTOR® in Arizona, and Edwin Swanson, PE are the approved instructors for this course. This program educates the real estate agent about her responsibilities when the property to be sold has an onsite wastewater system. The course goes through the specific requirements of the ADEQ required Transfer of Ownership inspection and submittal of the Notice of Transfer forms. The program includes what is a well done inspection and what to do if the inspection brings up unexpected information about the system. This program is presented during the AzOWRA Conference but can also be presented at Area Realtor Associations around the state.



The Homeowner Septic Education Course has been presented three times in Yavapai County. We have trained nearly 350 homeowners about how their septic system functions and how to operate and maintain it for long life. This program was recently recorded by a videographer. We are hoping to make the presentation available over the internet and lending libraries. Yavapai County provided for a testing audience to develop and refine the presentation. We are looking forward to making it available statewide.

The newest release is a Member Recruitment PowerPoint first presented in Tucson. This program is ready to be taken to interested groups such as Contractors' Associations, designer groups, Pumper associations and other interested groups around the state.

Do know of a group that would benefit from one of our presentations? Contact the group then contact Lowell Fagen (928-778-7575) or Lou Brown (azowraloub@gmail.com). They will begin making the arrangements.

AzOWRA part of the solution.

Industry Calendar of Events

November 19-20, 2009

Advanced Design of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems
Maricopa Agricultural Center
37860 W. Smith-Enke Rd.
Maricopa, AZ 85238-3010
ag.arizona.edu/waterquality/onsite/#2009

January 27-28, 2010

ACDEHSA Southwest Onsite Wastewater Conference
Riverside Hotel and Casino
Laughlin, Nevada
wastewater2010.wordpress.com/

March 22-25, 2010

NOWRA 18th Annual Technical Conference and Exposition
St. Louis, MO
Contact: (800) 966-2942 or
www.nowra.org



Septic Locator

"What is the *Septic Locator*," you ask? It is one of the most under used benefit of your AzOWRA/NOWRA membership. The Septic Locator is a nationwide searchable database which allows you and your customers to connect. There will be a demonstration of the information available during the Membership Meeting on November 13 at Heidi's (see article on page 2). Initial profiles are created by AzOWRA when your membership application is accepted. Then you need to update the information so it is current and relevant.

A question that is always asked at the Homeowner Septic Education programs is, "Where can I get a good service provider (pumper, installer, designer, etc) to work on my system? The Homeowner's manual and the program direct people to the NOWRA and NAWT websites, as well as Registrar of Contractors, neighbors and the Better Business Bureau to help find qualified practitioners. The really cool thing is that they **are** going to the Septic Locator and **calling** AzOWRA members!

This is a free tool to advertise your business. Don't waste it.



Membership Applications/Dues Needed January 1, 2010

It is time to be thinking about 2010. I know, Thanksgiving isn't even here-why 2010?

Your AzOWRA Membership is about to expire! Membership in AzOWRA is for a twelve month period starting January 1 and ending December 31. Each year you must submit an application to be a member and include the appropriate dues. Individual Membership dues have dropped for 2010 to \$100.00, Business Membership (includes 3 people-only 1 voting member) is \$250.00. We have different rates for Students and Copper State Sponsors.

A new part of the Membership requirements is adherence to the AzOWRA Code of Conduct adopted by the board in 2009. Members are expected to follow this code in their business dealings. The Code was adopted as part of the efforts to build a more professional organization.

Attached to the email is the membership application and the Code of Ethics. Fill out the application, sign the Code then send it all in along with payment. Next thing to do is decide which Committee you would like to volunteer your services. Contact Lou Brown: azowraloub@gmail.com.