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New Advisory Council Elected at Inaugural Annual General Meeting

A new advisory council was elected for the Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater Management Association (SOWMA) during the first Annual General Meeting held in Saskatoon on February 18. The SOWMA is the Saskatchewan Chapter of the Western Canada Onsite Wastewater Management Association. The Advisory Council represents Saskatchewan industry members. The new Advisory Council members are:

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If you have questions or concerns regarding the onsite industry in Saskatchewan, please contact a committee member or call the WCOVMA office at (818) 478-5397.

Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Training

The six-day Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Training Program will be held in Prince Albert on April 27–29 and May 11–13, 2011. This training program focuses on installation and design of onsite wastewater systems and is of interest to anyone working in the onsite industry.

The curriculum used in this training session has been adapted from the Alberta training material to meet the Saskatchewan regulations and the Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater Disposal Guide.

Successful completion of this training program will allow candidates to apply for an Alberta Private Sewage Disposal System (PSDS) ticket. Saskatchewan Health has indicated that a provincial certification program will likely be in place in the near future. At that time those holding an Alberta PSDS ticket will be recognized as being certified in Saskatchewan.

WCOVMA is committed to working with industry and the Government of Saskatchewan to build a sustainable, well-trained onsite industry.

Upcoming Training Dates

Days 1–3, April 27, 28 & 29, 2011

Days 4 – 6, May 11, 12 & 13, 2011

For registration information contact: info@wcowma.com or call the WCOVMA office.

Questions or comments? Contact us at (818) 4785397 or email us at info@wcowma.com

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New Website Launched

The SOWMA has a new website. The association has created a new look, better functionality and more features for members.

The new website has just been uploaded, so there will be some final housekeeping and testing of its features for the next while in order to ensure it is functioning the way it was intended. If you are on the site and notice something not working or identify a useful feature that is not present please let us know so it can be addressed in these early phases.

One of the most valuable features to our members is the membership list available to homeowners and the general public through our web interface. Over the next few months, members will be contacted by SOWMA staff to ensure that the contact information we have for you is up-to-date, that we understand your scope of work for our referral purposes, and that any other pertinent information such as member's website links is known to us and can be programmed into the system.

The website will also feature a member interface where members may access information on the many benefits available to them, along with forms, worksheets, templates and publications only available to members.

The website is located at www.sowma.ca.

Saskatchewan First Annual Trade Show

Saskatchewan hosted its first Trade Show and Annual General Meeting in Saskatoon on February 18, The event was well attended by local onsite wastewater stakeholders. The show opened mid-morning on Friday, delegates were able to visit the vendors during the trade show and participate in the technical sessions presented by industry suppliers. A highlight of the event was a presentation by Chris Seeley from Saskatchewan Health. Chris explained the work that the ministry is doing on land use planning as it pertains to onsite wastewater and discussed plans for future training requirements for onsite wastewater practitioners in the future.

The inaugural Annual General Meeting took place in the early evening after the trade show closed and was followed by a banquet dinner and networking opportunity.

Plans are already in place for next year's event. If there is a topic you would like to see presented, please contact a committee member or call the WCOWMA office.

The Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater Management Association would like to thank the following industry sponsors for their support of this event:

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