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## Springtime in Cooperstown, NY

### ESWWDA Spring Meeting April 20-21, 2018

**The ESWWDA 2018 Spring meeting** will take us to Cooperstown this year, home of the Baseball Hall of Fame, the Famers' Museum, Cooperstown Bat Museum, Fenimore Art Museum, Fly Creek Cider Mill, and Brewery Ommegang.

Our destination is the **Otesaga Hotel** located at 60 Lake Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

The facility, located on Lake Otesaga, and dating back to 1909, still retains its old charm and is listed on the Historic Hotels registry.

**Friday evening** includes the **Board of Directors meeting** followed by the **Supplier/Manufacturer sponsored cocktail party** with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. (complete itinerary is on page 2)

We will have 2 speakers at the **General Membership breakfast meeting** on **Saturday, April 21** beginning at **7:30am**. The first will be **David Henrich**, newly elected President of the NGWA. The



second speaker will be **Neil Mansuy**, VP of Tech Services of Subsurface Technologies, specializing in municipal, industrial and residential water well rehabilitation, water well cleaning and preventive maintenance as well as water well pump services, sales and consulting and video inspection. A third speaker may be scheduled as well.

Details will appear on the website as they become available [www.nywelldriller.org](http://www.nywelldriller.org).

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### Mission

The ESWWDA is committed to taking a leadership role in protecting our natural resources through the promotion of the ground water industry. It strives to support a spirit of cooperation, communication, and education within the industry and with the consumers and regulatory agencies.



## Empire State Water Well Association

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# Spring Meeting Agenda

April 20-21, 2018 - Otesaga Hotel, Cooperstown, NY

## Friday – April 20th

\*7 - 8:30 pm **Board of Directors Meeting**

\*8:30 - 9:30 pm **Cocktail Reception** – Kingfish Tower Room

## Saturday- April 21st

7:30 – 11:30 am **General Membership Breakfast Meeting**

\*Speaker: **David Henrich**, NGWA President

\*Speaker: **Neil Mansuy**, VP Tech Services of Subsurface Technologies

\*Additional speaker **tba**

**Resort casual -  
no denim in the  
dining room (only)**

The remainder of the weekend is yours to enjoy!!

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Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum - .2 Mile  
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The Village of Cooperstown - .2 Mile  
Cooperstown Distillery - .3 Mile  
Glimmerglass State Park - 8 Miles  
Clark Sports Center - 1.1 Mile  
Lake Otsego - .1 Mile  
Fenimore Art Museum - .2 Mile

Leatherstocking Golf Course - 0 Miles  
Glimmerglass Festival - 6 Miles  
Brewery Ommegang - 6 Miles  
Fly Creek Cider Mill & Orchard - 4 Miles  
Howe Caverns - 35 Miles  
Cooperstown Dreams Park - 5 Miles  
Doubleday Field - .2 Mile

# 2017

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## Values

The Board of Directors and membership of E.S.W.W.D.A. believe in the promotion of the ground water industry through:

**Professional Standards ° Communication  
Education ° Integrity ° Affordability**



## The President's Thoughts Strength in Numbers

*Cold mornings, late starts, frozen water truck valves, hard starting motors, whining belts and hydraulic pumps, tires with low air pressure, icy walk ways, and ice around the yard...not to mention cold fingers.*



Wintertime is for machine maintenance but we all get conned into doing wells for good customers or for someone in need of a quick well. We try to pick a warm day, but Old Man Winter and Mother Nature seem to have the final say on how the job goes. OH WELL!

We had a very good meeting on January 17, 2018 at Turning Stone Casino. This was the second time we met there, and it seems to be a positive change. There are a few things that were suggested to be looked at for improvement but that's normal. Attendance was decent and thanks to our suppliers and vendors for a great auction and cocktail hour during table talk exhibit.

I feel privileged to be elected president of our association and truly very proud to be chosen to help

steer and run the order of the meetings as well as represent our association with other board members and past officers to intercede when an incident arises that will have an influence on our industry.

We are in the mode of attempting to increase our membership of well drillers, pump installers, engineers, and suppliers. This would be a great achievement as there is strength in numbers. The more professionals we have in our association (pardon the pun) "The more water it will carry" when we are told of new regulations that we must tweak or try to get abolished.

This is when we attempt to negotiate or try to abolish any new regulations that put a hardship on our industry.

Therefore, I am asking that all active members to please invite your competitors to join the ESWWDA, so we can further benefit our industry. Keeping in our mission statement a spirit of cooperation, communication and education with the industry and with the consumers and regulatory agencies.

I hope this note is taken in a positive way and I look forward to working with the past and present board members as well as the entire membership to achieve a positive forward motion for the association for the future.

**President James Wild** 



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## Mark Your Calendars

**The ESWWDA Summer Demonstration sponsored by JD's Pump and Drilling Service and the Expo committee will be held on July 16-17, 2018.**

Returning to Cronin's Golf Course in Warrensburg, we will be installing a complete commercial pump on the well that was completed last fall. It will entail the installation of a Baker unit, flow control valve, flowmeter and VFD.

On site will be the GEFCO 40K, a more diverse drilling rig and high performing design.

This is an expo you won't want to miss, be sure to mark your calendars.

**Come, learn, enjoy!!**

**You won't want to miss this.**

# Annual Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2018 - Turning Stone Casino Shenandoah Lodge

**President Walter Wyckoff** called the *Annual meeting of the Empire State Water Well Driller's Association* to order at **9:28 a.m.** on **January 17, 2018** with 85 members in attendance. A roll call of officers showed the following **Board members** to be in attendance:

**Walter Wyckoff**, *President*

**Jim Wild**, *Vice President*

**Charles Crover**, *Secretary/Treasurer*

**Julie Bullock**, *Correspondence Manager*

**Dave Rosick**, *Director*

**Tyler Wills**, *Director*

**Chris Root**, *Director*

**Mike Palleschi**, *Director*

**David Chugg**, *Director*

**Bernie Kistner**, *Director*

**Jeff Quinn**, *Director*

**Rick Menshausen**

**Jim Wild** made a motion to accept the reading of the minutes as they appeared in the last edition of *Hole Talk*. **James Dwyer** seconded the motion with no additions or corrections. The motion was carried.

**Chuck Crover** read the *Treasurer's report*. Copies of the report are available upon request. **Jeff Quinn** made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. **James Dwyer** seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**President's Report: President Wyckoff** welcomed everyone to the annual meeting. "It's been a great two years for me as president. We have a dedicated group. Many members of our board and general membership work hard behind the scenes to accomplish many of the changes that we were able to do in the last two years.

I am proud of everyone here today, taking the time to come and support your water industry. We have started the voluntary education points within the NYS organization. It may seem like another paperwork chore, but this is an important part of proving to the Department of Conservation that we are a serious group of contractors that care about our work and the environment. We hope that it will not only help us work with the NYS government; but allow us to be involved with any new laws they want to implement in the future. The quarterly meetings have all been very successful this last year. The July demo was well attended and definitely worth the effort to go. It's not only important to see other aspects of the industry, but to get together with other professionals sharing the same difficulties and it does help to network with others in your field. I find out I'm not the only one!

Thank you for allowing me to represent you the last two years. Hopefully

I haven't damaged our reputation too badly. As I look around the room I am pleased to see a younger generation coming up; and to me that is what it's all about creating a future for our industry and youth. I will continue to support our next president and help out in any way with those committees that are working hard to keep this organization alive and on track. Thank you again."

**Communications:** We have nothing to report at this time.

**Sickness & Health:** We have nothing to report at this time.

At this time **President Wyckoff** introduced **Jeff More** from the Accord Group who is the lobbyist firm for the Water Systems Council. Mr. More reviewed that President Obama signed the **Water Supply Cost Savings Act** into law a year ago. It is very important to our industry. The full presentation will be posted on the website. **In summary:**

- WSC will also develop new marketing materials about the use of wells and well systems for towns and rural areas that we will disseminate out to State Associations to share with their members
- Contractors and State Associations can help inform their local very small communities about

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the Savings Act with these marketing materials

- Additional materials will be created for dissemination to Engineers
- The passage of the Savings Act will have implications beyond having more wells used by small communities
- Having EPA and USDA attest to the fact that wells are a cost effective solution for safe drinking water will also help in our fight for exempt wells and against mandatory hook ups

#### **The results:**

- The passage of the Savings Act is a Historic Landmark for the Water Well Industry! In the 114th Congress there were 10,078 bills introduced and only 329 (3%) made it to the President's desk. Now we are building on that momentum through "SAVINGS ACTION"!
- The "SAVINGS ACTION" 3 year implementation plan will result in a depth of information never seen before from the federal government - EPA and USDA - on the cost effectiveness of the use of well and well systems for the 121,832 communities we are targeting, the 657,000 households living without water, to the engineers working on these projects, and to the contractors who are delivering the product.
- Through the "SAVINGS ACTION" targeted increase in federal rural water infrastructure funding will put in place the financial resources to construct these new well systems.
- The "SAVINGS ACTION" is our opportunity to reverse the negative sales trends we have been facing and to grow the industry to new heights! Our work has just begun!

**Jeff More** answered several questions from the membership.

**President Wyckoff** introduced **Terry Morse**, the new Executive Director of NGWA. Mr. Morse introduced himself to the membership with a

quick summary regarding his family and his professional background. He started by saying "I am not Kevin McCray." Mr. Morse brings a different background and experiences to NGWA with over 30 years in insurance, sales and marketing and over 10 years' experience in association management. He is starting the campaign "**Better Together**". **Mr. Morse went over the highlights for 2017:**

- Joint Fly-in with Water Quality Association and the Irrigation Association
- Grassroots
- Small business
- PFAS Guidance document
- Water Well Journal going electronic
- More social media presence
- Expo will be in Las Vegas for the next 3 years
- Public Supply in USA document

#### **Goals moving forward 2018 and beyond:**

- Better Together Campaign: bring everyone back together whether contractor, engineer, state associations
- Internal analysis of products, programs, people and services
- Overhaul website
- International vs. Domestic
- Streamline the NGWA Foundation
- Monitor more state issues
- Education on Well Owner Guide; Water Saving Act and USEPA grants
- Groundwater Awareness Week: March 11-17 with commercials
- Business Practices
- Certification
- Will be sending out a survey
- Upcoming important dates: **Fly-in March 6-7 and Expo December 3-6**

**Mr. Morse** also answered questions from the membership.

At this time **Paul Quirk**, President of the Massachusetts Ground Water Association, spoke on the decontamination of rigs after every

well. This issue seems to have gone away. The issue of notifying all entities prior to work is still being discussed.

**President Wyckoff** then introduced **Mark Glaser**, our lobbyist from Greenberg Traurig. This year the Governor spoke less than 30 seconds regarding water and wells in the budget address. He is still having a task force look at public water systems. After hearing Mr. More, maybe we should push the task force to look at wells as a feasible alternative to public water systems. Mr. Glaser summarized last year's meeting with the various state regulatory agencies. We will continue to meet with them this year looking at uncertified contractors, water quality issues, geothermal legislation and revising **Fact Sheet 7** with regard to the statement regarding electricians. There is no pending legislation on the agenda this year. Our priorities going forward are **1.** Working with Department of Health; **2.** Modifying any proposed legislation; and **3.** Continual meetings. Currently New York State is facing a \$4.4 million dollar deficit going into the budget year. There was discussion on local governments outlawing hydrofracking and not understanding the differences between oil and gas. We will form group talking points if individuals would like to talk with their local Assemblymen and Senators. Mr. Glaser took questions from the membership.

**Insurance & Safety:** No report given.

**Membership:** **Sue Bates** reported that we have a total 322 members. 199 members are paid and 123 members are still unpaid. We will be sending second invoices after this meeting.

**Scholarship:** **David Rosick** reported that the committee had received **Bryce Moravec's** grades, which were above excellent. He did change his major to petroleum engineering, but that is still acceptable. A payment will be sent.

**NEWWA:** **Henry Boyd** reported that the next **Expo** would be **March 16-Minutes**. . . . .Continued on Page 6

Minutes. . . . . Continued from Page 5

**17, 2018** in Marlborough, MA. A list of classes is posted on the bulletin board.

**Budget & Finance:** **Chuck Crover** reported we are fine.

**Education:** **Henry Boyd** reported that we had 33 people in the class yesterday. It was mixed, about half drillers and half pump installers.

**NGWA & WSC:** Representatives gave reports earlier.

**Hole Talk:** The next deadline for *Hole Talk* is **February 1**.

**Public Information:** Please check your listing on the website and send either Sue or Julie any updates.

**DOT:** **Jim Dwyer** talked about the future use of a hair follicle for the drug test. **Bill Frey** also talked to the membership regarding using logbooks if you drive 8 days out of 30 for commercial drivers. There are electronic logs for newer trucks. Any truck built before 2000 can use paper logbooks. It was recommend that the membership look at various apps.

**Continuing Educations:** At this time **Julie Boyd** fielded questions from the floor regarding the voluntary accreditation program. Remember you must submit points and affidavit with membership fees. Two of your 5 points must be from an ESWWDA event, which does include NEWWA Expo. Currently you are now gathering points for the 2019 year. There are over 40 members currently participating in the program.

**Past Presidents:** No report given.

**Old Business:** The **April meeting** will be held at **The Otesaga Hotel & Resort April 20-21st**. We highly recommend that membership wear collared shirts. There will be a speaker on well development, and a visit from NGWA President. There will be more details in the next issue of **Hole Talk**. The **summer meeting** will hopefully be back at **Cronins** to install the pumping system into the well. **Jim Dwyer** thanked many of the people and companies who assisted last year and this year include **Goulds, Grundfos, Morris, Alloy Machine Works, F.W.Webb, Flomatic, Bariod, the Rosicks, the Goolds** and especially **Carol Lawrence**. More details will be posted in *Hole Talk* and on the website regarding the summer meeting. The **Wyckoffs** will host the **fall meeting** at **Hunter**.

**New Business:** I am **Chris Root**, chairman of the nominating committee, which also included **Mike Frey, Tyler Wills** and **Jeff Quinn**. The following slate of officers/directors have been nominated, received, reviewed and approved for the **ESWWDA Board of Directors** for the ensuing 2018 year. These nominees are as follows:

President **James Wild**  
Vice President **Tyler Wills**  
Secretary/Treasurer **Chuck Crover**  
3 year directors Incumbent  
**Dave Rosick** and **Jeremy Baldwin**  
2-year directors  
**William Frey** and **Rus Turnbull**

1-year directors Incumbent

**Michael Palleschi** and **Chris Root**

The incumbent directors will automatically move into their positions.

At this time I ask if there are any nominations from the floor for the position that is open for the **3-year term of director**. I again ask if there are any nominations from the floor for the 3-year director. There being no nominations from the floor, I hereby instruct the executive secretary to cast 1 ballot for the nominated director for a period of three years. Congratulations and thank you to **Mr. Baldwin**.

At this time I ask if there are any nominations from the floor for either of the two positions that are open for the **2-year term of director**. I again ask if there are any nominations from the floor for a 2-year director. There being no nominations from the floor, I hereby instruct the executive secretary to cast 1 ballot for each of the nominated directors for a period of two years. Congratulations and thank you to **Mr. Frey** and **Mr. Turnbull**.

At this time I ask if there are any nominations from the floor for the position of **Secretary/Treasurer** for the ensuing year. A again ask if there are any nominations from the floor for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. There being no nominations from the floor, I hereby instruct the executive secretary to cast one ballot in the name of **Charles Crover** for the position of secretary/treasurer for




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the ensuing year. Congratulations and thank you **Mr. Crover**.

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At this time I ask if there are any nominations from the floor for the position of **President** for the ensuing year. I again ask if there are any nominations from the floor for the position of President. There being no nominations from the floor, I hereby instruct the executive secretary to cast one ballot in the name of **James Wild** for the position of President for the ensuing year. Congratulations and thank you **Mr. Wild**

At this time **President Wild** thanked the committee for their service and dismissed them. President Wild said it was an honor to be elected President and it will be a great privilege for him.

At this time the floor was turned over to Past

Presidents **Henry Boyd** and **Tony Ferraioli**. **Terry Morse** of NGWA was presented with a plaque, a map of New York State, an etiquette book for New York City, and a book on the Hudson Valley.

**The following awards were given:**



**President's Award** – **Rick Menshausen** for over 18 years of services to ESWWDA

**Ed Ebel Memorial Award** (Suppliers Division) – **Dave Chugg**

**Lee Bates Memorial Award** (Membership) – **Michael Palleschi**



**Neil A. Crandall Memorial Award** (Rookie of the Year) – **Ricky Tompkins**

Past President **Walter Wyckoff** was given a plaque thanking him for his years of



services to the association. Other gifts were given out to **Sue Bates, Kristen Wyckoff** and **Jim Wild**.

**Daniel Boyd** sold raffle tickets for 50/50 drawing; the winner was **Scott Schimer** for \$160. Two more drawings were done for 2 -\$50 gift certificates to NGWA's

bookstore. The winners were **Adam LaMarch** and **Justin Barney**.

**President Wild** thanked the membership, board and the committee for a successful meeting and made a few announcements.

A motion to adjourn was made by **Dave Root** and seconded by **Dave Chugg**. **President Wild** adjourned the meeting at 11:26 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Julie Boyd**  
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### MEMBERSHIP REPORT February 2018

New Members this quarter = 7

CATEGORY	PAID	UNPAID	TOTAL
Contractors	143	57	200
Suppliers/Manufacturers	35	22	57
Associates	55	20	75
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Total Members	233	99	332

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# Schedule of Events at the Expo

Tickets to attend the Expo are just \$20 per person (before 3/1) and \$25 at the door for both days. Seminars are free to attend. No need to pre-register or sign-up for the seminars. All seminars will take place in the hotel. There will be a sign of the seminars in the hotel lobby on Friday. There will also be onsite registration on Friday at the hotel next to the meeting rooms where the workshops are being held. If you pre-register, all name badges will be held at the expo and you can pick them up on Friday at the hotel during the day, Friday night in the expo hall from 4:00pm-6:00pm or Saturday morning in the expo hall at 8:00am when it opens.

### **Friday, March 16**

#### **Educational Workshops (at hotel):**

- 10:00 – 11:00 Asset Protection (Law Suits and Taxes), Larry Oxenham (**Seminar**)
- 10:00 – 11:00 Digital Marketing and Ways to Get Found Online, Carla Churyk (**Princess**)
- 11:00 – 12:00 Pressure Boosting: Causes-Solutions-Options, Jonny Rivera (**Seminar**)
- 11:00 – 12:00 PH Interactions and Potential Solutions, Justin Mest (**Princess**)
- 1:00 – 2:00 Workers Compensation, Arthur J. Gallagher (**Seminar**)
- 1:00 – 2:00 Economics of Geothermal Grouting: Silca Sand Vs Graphite, Todd Tannehill (**Princess**)
- 2:00 – 3:00 Variable Frequency Drives, Jeff Rook (**Seminar**)
- 2:00 – 3:00 Drill Safety, Rich Hutchins (**Princess**)

#### **Exhibit Hall (Trade Center):**

- 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Show Preview at the Exhibit Hall
- 6:30 pm (start time) Family Fun night with full dinner in Hotel Ballroom,



### **Saturday, March 17**

- 8:00 am Exhibit Hall Opens (Trade Center)
- Coffee & Bagels/donuts courtesy of D&S Pump

#### **Educational Workshops (at hotel): ALL SEMINARS WILL BE IN PRINCESS ROOM**

- 8:00 - 9:00 Water Supply Cost Savings Act, Jesse Richardson & Margaret Martens
- 9:00 - 10:00 Submersible Pump Product Data Reference, David Byrd
- 10:00 - 11:00 Dollar & Sense of Inflatable Packers, Allen Kocher
- 1:30 pm Exhibition Hall Closes

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- The program will be managed and record keeping done by the correspondence manager.
- The program will run concurrent with our membership dues (calendar year).
- Participants must be members of ESWWDA in good standing.
- Participants must be registered with NYSDEC or work for a registered company.
- Approved participants will be issued an Accredited number on their membership card.
- Sign an affidavit established for this voluntary program.
- Must submit five (5) continuing education points as established for this voluntary program, obtained during the year prior to renewal.
- Two (2) of the five (5) points must be from an ESWWDA sponsored event.

### Points can be accrued by the following methods:

1. Groundwater related conventions/expositions/meetings – one point per day.
2. ESWWDA meeting – one point per day.
3. Workshops/training schools – one point per hour of instruction.
4. High school career day presentation – one point per hour of presentation.
5. Writing an article for a groundwater related publication – two points max per year.
6. Presentation for a community service – one point each presentation.
7. Participation in groundwater related webinar – one point per hour instruction.
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9. Other acceptance of points will be at the discretion of Accredited Program committee.

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There are several types of rope on the market today, but it's generally concluded that manila or nylon rope give the best uniform strength and service. Synthetic fiber ropes are growing in popularity for a number of reasons, one of the main ones being that they can be manufactured to fit the requirements of specific jobs.

Regardless of what type of rope you select and use, there are definite safety steps that should be taken in their use and storage.

Before putting a new rope into use, it should be thoroughly inspected for irregularities that might indicate possible degradation. The rope should be inspected over its entire length and should not be put into service if irregularities appear.

Once a rope is in service, it should be inspected every 30 days, and a lot more frequently if used under critical conditions such as supporting scaffolding.

Inspection of rope should be very thorough and should cover every inch of the length. Some of the things to watch for are wear, cut or broken fibers and abrasions. In addition, other danger signals are powdered fiber between strands, displacement of yarn or strands, variations in the size or roundness of strands, rotting and discoloration of the rope.

Inner fibers should be examined, too. Untwisting the rope in several places can do this and observing if the inner yarns are bright and clear, and unspotted.

Manila or other natural fiber ropes should be taken out of service for critical jobs once they have been exposed to acids, as it is very difficult to determine acid damage through visual inspection.

Permanent damage to a natural fiber rope will result if it is loaded to over 50% of its breaking strength. A synthetic rope may be permanently damaged if loaded to over 65% of its breaking strength. This type of damage may be found through examining inside fibers. The fibers will be broken into short lengths in proportion to the amount of overload.

Strength of fibers may be estimated by scratching them with your fingernail. The fibers of poor strength will readily part. This test may also be made for chemical damage.

It is obvious that proper measures must be taken to keep rope in good condition. Don't drag it on the floor, as this abrasive action could damage the fibers. Try to prevent your rope from kinking which puts added strain on the fibers.

Twisted rope should be put in balance, that is, it should retain the amount of twist it usually seeks when free. Proper twisting of either end of the rope can restore balance if it is lost through rotting loads or improper coiling.

Rope should not be secured over sharp edges. If it is necessary to use a sharp corner, place a pad between it and the rope. Proper sheaves


or surface curvatures should be used so that a rope will not have to be bent sharply.

There are several precautions which must be taken with wet rope. It should not be used near electrical equipment or power lines. Wet rope should be thoroughly dried out to prevent deterioration. It should be hung up to dry or laid in a loose coil. In addition, never let wet rope freeze.

Storage of rope must be done under conditions that will not weaken it. It must be stored away from harmful fumes, chemicals, heat, moisture and sunlight. Rodents may present a problem, too. A dry, well-ventilated storage place should be used, but the air should not be extremely dry. Rope stored in an atmosphere of acid or acid fumes will deteriorate rapidly. Dark brown or black spots on the rope are signs that this type of deterioration is taking place.

Soiled rope should not be stored before being cleaned. If it is covered with dirt, it can be hung up and sprayed with water. However, care should be taken not to force dirt particles into the fibers with the spray. After washing, the rope can be hung up to dry and later the remaining dirt can be removed by shaking.

If two lengths of rope must be joined, they should be spliced, not tied in a knot, as splices retain much more strength.

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Further information is available by contacting the Scholarship Committee of **Dave Rosick** or **Tyler Wills**.

## Albert H. Mack Scholarship Guidelines

Guidelines for the establishment of the scholarship fund and awarding of scholarship monies for ESWWDA:

### A. Scholarship Fund

1. Maximum funds available in one calendar year: \$2,500.
2. One thousand dollars per year to be set aside until the fund reaches \$7,500.

### B. Awarding of Scholarships

1. Preference to be given to sons or daughters of association members.
2. Preference to be given to students attending 2-year programs.
3. Scholarships available only to persons whose course of study is related to the water well industry.
4. Persons may make application to the scholarship committee only after acceptance at an accredited school, offering a program related to the water well industry.
5. Funds may be distributed to more than one person in any one calendar year.

## Important Contacts:

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**Dennis McChesney**, US EPA Region 2, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **March 6-7, 2018**

**NGWA Fly-in and Congressional Summit**

Go to [www.ngwa.org](http://www.ngwa.org) for details

### **March 16-17, 2018**

**New England Water Well Expo Marlborough, MA**

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### **April 20-21, 2018**

**ESWWDA Spring Meeting**

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#### **Saturday 4/21**

7:30-11:30 General Membership

Meeting with speakers:

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