Well, one thing we can say is that 2020 speeded up the learning curve for not only our children and/or grandchildren but for us adults as well. The Board and many members quickly learned how to participate in meetings virtually.

Due to the existing concerns and limitations regarding Covid-19, the Annual meeting of the Empire State Water Well Drillers’ Association will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 9 a.m. This issue of Hole Talk will include an agenda (page 7) for the meeting, etiquette guidelines (page 10) for attending the Annual Meeting via Zoom and details for first time Zoom users (pages 8 & 9).

Please follow the instructions on pages 8 & 9. You do not have to download Zoom to use it. The meeting ID is what you will need to join the meeting. The meeting ID is 864 9747 0953. When joining the meeting you will be placed in the waiting room until you are granted access. Please be patient, I will be checking the waiting room frequently.

Officers and Directors Election

One item we will not be able to accomplish via Zoom is the election of Officers and Directors. The election ballots will be sent by mail. The ballots need to be returned to Susan Bates no later than January 15, 2021. Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

Future Educational Opportunities

We are currently working on providing some educational opportunities for this spring. Details on those opportunities will follow in the next issue of Hole Talk. Hopefully, by 2022 we will be back at Turning Stone participating in live classes, chatting with our favorite suppliers and manufacturers and greeting old friends and colleagues.

The Association wishes everyone a safe, healthy and prosperous 2021.
General Membership Meeting
January 20, 2021
Everywhere, NY

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Treasurer’s Report

IV. President’s Report

V. Communications

VI. Sickness & Health:

VII. Committee Reports:
   a. Insurance & Safety
   b. Membership
   c. Scholarships
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   m. Continuing Education
   n. Past Presidents

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business
   a. Election Results
   b. Dismiss Nominating Committee
   c. Possible Educational Opportunities

X. Motion to adjourn

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2021 Slate of Officers and Directors

Here is the slate of officers and directors for the 2021 year. There were no changes made to the current slate, and the directors and the Board of Directors approve the slate. To officially handle the elections for 2021, you will be receiving a paper ballot. This ballot must be returned to Susan Bates by January 15, 2021.

All ballots will be counted and need to be postmarked before January 15, 2021.

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Since then, we have had numerous requests to embed the website/email links in each of the ads that appear in our newsletter. These links have been activated in this online issue of Hole Talk.

“Log onto” the website, click on “news”, then on “Hole Talk”. Click on the ad’s ‘email address or website’, and the advertiser’s home page will open. You will be able to email, or to access the information that the company has on their website.

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10 years. Just remember that for a bit. I’ll get back to that shortly, but for now it is my way of baiting you to read the whole article.

I am sure Julie is counting the days to the next president of ESWWDA, as every Hole Talk article I write is sent in late. At our last meeting, she specifically told me, TYLER, YOU NEED TO HAVE YOUR ARTICLE IN BY NOVEMBER 1ST. But this time, I made it late on purpose. Today is November 4th. Yesterday was the presidential election, and as of writing this article there has not been a winner declared. I had hoped I could incorporate the results into this article, but unfortunately, that is not the case. Hopefully, by the time you read this article the joys of election season will be over and things will have settled down.

We recently held our Fall meeting via Zoom and discussed our options for our annual meeting. I would like to thank Richard Mest from Masters Water Conditioning for attending our meeting, as he took time out from his Saturday to give us a run down on virtual conferences and the success they have had with such. Richard stated that many feel the current restrictions will be carried into the second quarter of next year. The Board discussed the options of having a virtual trade show, however with the short timeframe to assemble such, it was decided to forgo such an event in January. Depending on restrictions and such, we may assemble something late next year, but only time will tell.

Jeff and Bernie had been in contact with Turning Stone, and discussed the rules and regulations that would apply to the members to have an in-person meeting. Turning Stone has been very accommodating and were willing...
to do whatever they can for the association. However, room capacity, food services (beverage services!), vendor table participation, and other hotel services are severely restricted at this time. Knowing many of us use this meeting to see familiar faces, and trade war stories from the previous year, while sipping some various elixirs, the tough choice was made to cancel the meeting at Turning Stone and hold our Annual Meeting via Zoom. We will be mailing ballots out for our annual election of officers, and I promise that Sue and Julie will do a wonderful job of tallying the votes as they come in. I think they both had some previous experience in Florida recounting votes in 2000 or something like that.....

The past 20 years I have been in the business, I’ve seen ups and downs, new rigs, drillers come, drillers go. But, for the most part, I’ve seen drillers go. By far, the one thing I have noticed is the overwhelming number of drillers who have retired out, with a severely disproportional number of replacements. It’s not just drillers, I see it in virtually all “capital crazy” industries. There is a severe condensing of the industry going on in New York.

In the early and Mid-2000’s there was a massive influx of new iron into the state that had the capability to get a lot of work done quickly. Many guys, ourselves included, upgraded to bigger air, faster rod handling, and consequently a massive amount of work was able to be performed in a shorter timeframe than ever before.

Then by the late 2000’s emissions became an expensive proposition, while horsepower and handling had basically plateaued. Costs increased sharply. Around that time, I also noticed the average age of the guys was now 50’s I’d say. Add 10 years. Here we are. The average age is now 60’s or darn close. I’m hearing “I’m not buying another rig; I don’t have much time left”.

Let’s jump ahead 10 years and look around. Who will be left? There is a driller shortage coming. There is an association shortage coming. Looking back through the years, almost every other town had a well driller. In 10 years will there be one in every county? The industry will condense. There will be a decline in rigs, as well as operators. Supply and demand is about to shift in NY. The extreme costs of drilling equipment, as well as the costs of doing business in NY are taking their toll. The next generation to take over is maybe ¼ the size. What will the next 10 years look like?

President, Tyler Wills
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3. **Close unneeded applications** on your computer to keep the video optimally functioning.

4. You might want to **use a headset with an external mic** for best hearing and speaking capabilities.

5. When you are speaking, let others know that you are finished by saying one of these sign-offs: “That’s all.” “I’m done.” “Thank you.” So that everyone knows you have finished your comments.

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If you leave an extension cord on the floor long enough, one of several things will happen to it. It’s either going to be stolen, tripped over or damaged. Extension cords are designed to be conveniences, not hazards. But, too often they’re converted into hazards by the people who use them. So for a few minutes let’s go over some of the ways these safety hazards are formed.

Extension cords are often placed in areas where people aren’t used to having them around and a tripping hazard results. This type of hazard is one of the more common ones; so when you use an extension cord, try to keep it out of aisles and other places where pedestrians might trip over it.

Sometimes the tripping hazard can be eliminated by hanging the cord overhead. Ample clearance should be allowed. However, the fasteners used should be a type that won’t damage the cord. Or if the cord is on the floor, a board can be placed on each side of the cord to protect it.

When someone trips over a cord, there’s not only a chance of injury but the plug may be jerked to the extent that it’s damaged, making it an electrical hazard.

But maybe I’m getting a little ahead of the story. Many hazards can be eliminated to start with by selecting the right extension cord for the job. All cords should be UL approved and meet electrical code specifications. If you’re using portable electrical equipment, the equipment should be properly grounded, and green-covered ground conductor should be used with a polarized plug and receptacle. If polarized receptacles aren’t available, third-wire grounding should be used. The wire should be taped at intervals along the cord to avoid a tripping hazard.

Extension lamp cords are items that get considerable usage. Usually these cords are on automatic take-up reels which ease movements and prevent kinking and excessive bending of the cord.

Jacketed cords should be used with portable electric tools or extension lamps to be used in boilers, tanks and other grounded enclosures.

It should also be noted that extension lamps are sometimes used under conditions where a 120-volt shock could be fatal, so cords should always be kept in excellent condition. Extension lamps with brass shell sockets should not be used. Porcelain, composition or rubber sockets are recommended. Handles of portable lamps should be made of non-conductive material, and there should be no metallic connection between the lamp guard and socket shell.

Plastic covers of some type are recommended for extension cords which are used around solvents or oils. Be careful not to twist or kink cords and always protect them from sharp objects.

If moisture, heat or chemicals are present, be sure your cord is the proper type to resist the conditions there.

A word of caution. If you make a good connection with a live wire carrying even 110 volts it can be fatal. Wet or sweaty hands make a dangerous connection when at the same time they are in contact with a good ground like a wet floor, a steam or water pipe, or another electrical connection.

Actually, a lot of the strains on current-carrying parts of extension cords can be prevented by use of heavy-duty plugs which are clamped to the cord. This is particularly helpful in cases where the cord is accidentally pulled or jerked.

You’ve probably noticed that several times I’ve mentioned the dangers of pulling and jerking on cords. This is the type of torture that they often receive but aren’t built for. That’s why it’s important to inspect extension cords often, and if they’re damaged, don’t use them.

Not too many of us qualify as electricians with enough know-how to wire a building safely. Yet, we all become instant electricians of some sort when we use extension cords. We plug them in all over the place and we connect them to anything we want to, often overloading electrical circuits.

So try to remember what extension cords really are. They’re a convenience designed for a specific purpose. Handle them with care and use them safely. They aren’t the answer to every electrical need but they’re a lot of help when used correctly.
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NGWA Special Recognition Award for 2020

The recipients of NGWA Special Recognition Award for 2020 were Jeffrey Smith, MGWC, Smith Well Drilling, and Janice Hawk-Baldwin, CWD/PI, Hawk Drilling Co. This award recognizes an individual or organization that has demonstrated dedication, service, and commitment to the groundwater industry and community through achievement on a local or regional level that would not normally be known at the national level.

Jeff and Janice were instrumental bringing ESWWDA to the table to work with Department of Health, Department of State and Department of Environmental Conservation regarding the current Well Driller and Pump Installer certification and the well construction standards for New York State. Now, thanks to their efforts and continual service, ESWWDA is recognized in the State of New York. This recognition is well deserved and long overdue. Congratulations to both!

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The GPDA, an independent network of water system professionals established in 1969, awarded a local recipient one of the 2020 awards. Kevin Johnson of Halcott Center, NY was one of 16 deserving recipients awarded $1500.00 based on academic standing, volunteerism and leadership skills. The GPDA has awarded $324,000.00 to 288 recipients since its inception. For more information visit www.goulds.com or gpda.info.

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Winter Quarter 2020
Condolences

The ESWWDA wishes to express its deepest sympathies to the family of Terence Kendrick of Kendrick Drilling out of Monroe, NY.

Mr. Kendrick passed away unexpectedly on June 27, 2020 at Orange Regional Medical Center in Middletown, NY. Services were private at the request of the family.


Mr. Goold was predeceased by his wife Ruth and is survived by his children Ricky, Walter, Debbie and Judy and their families.

Services were held Friday, August 21st in Chatham with burial services at the Chatham Center Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Tri-Village Fire Company or the Chatham Lions Club.

The ESWWDA expresses its sympathies to the family of Raymond Gillespie, Gillespie Well Drilling of Montgomery, NY. Mr. Gillespie passed away on October 4, 2020 in Beacon, NY at the age of 88.

He is survived by his wife Virginia, daughter Brenda and son Randy and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Services were private at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Legion Osborn-Fitzsimmons Post 521, PO Box 1131, Montgomery, NY 12549.

We at the ESWWDA are sad to announce the passing of Wayne Nash, aka Cowboy or Pappy, on October 23, 2020 in Brunswick, GA.

Wayne was a 50-year experienced driller both in the water industry but also in the oil industry. He was also a long time contributor to the National Driller, “The World According to Wayne”

A memorial will be held at Family of Life Church, 5140 Blythe Island Highway in Brunswick, GA and officiated by his daughter, Pastor Emily on November 14, 2020 at 1pm.
Scholarship Money Available

As we approach the beginning of another school year, college-bound students and their families are searching for available funds to help offset the cost of further education. The ESWWDA offers a scholarship to applicants whose course of study is related to the water well industry. Preference is given to family members of association members and secondly to those attending 2-year programs at an accredited school.

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.
Any ESWWDA member wishing to voice their concern with the contamination of ground water by injection wells should contact:

Dennis McChesney, US EPA Region 2, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866
or by phone at 212-637-4232, or by email at mcchesney.dennis@epa.gov
The membership of the ESWWDA consists of contractors involved in the water supply industry including but not limited to:

- Drilling Contractors
- Water System Installers
- Manufacturers and Suppliers
- Engineers & Hydrogeologists
- Contractor Associates
- Student Associates

Send us your events!

To place an item in this calendar, or to submit an article or advertisement, please email Jewels2564@aol.com or Gramsue67@gmail.com no later than February 1, 2021, the next Hole Talk deadline.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 8-10, 2020
NGWA Groundwater Expo
Las Vegas Convention Center
CANCELLED due to COVID-19 Restrictions

January 19-20, 2021
ESWWDA Annual Meeting
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING @ 9am
The Zoom site can be accessed through your preferred search engine.
Click on join meeting; the meeting id# is 864 9747 0953; be patient, you will be granted access in the order that your request is received.
Since we will not be able to have the election of officers over Zoom, ballots will be mailed out and must be returned to Susan no later than January 15, 2021.

March 12-13, 2021
New England Water Well Expo
CANCELLED due to COVID-19 Restrictions

TO BE ANNOUNCED
ESWWDA Spring Meeting

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