



# Hole Talk

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## TURNING STONE CASINO SHENANDOAH LODGE

ESWWDA Annual Meeting  
January 16-17, 2018

*The 2018 ESWWDA annual meeting* is returning to **Turning Stone Casino**, which is located just minutes off exit 33 of the NYS Thruway.

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All of the ESWWDA functions will take place at the **Shenandoah Lodge** adjacent to the Casino. Wherever you choose to stay, shuttles are available to take you to and from the different sites.

We will be featuring a combination of live and silent auctions to raise money for **ESWWDA legal fund**.

**Henry Boyd** is offering a class on **General Knowledge/Pump Primer**. There is an additional fee to attend this class. Anyone interested in taking the primer class should look at **page 9 for more details**. There is \$35 entrance fee for the day for any nonmembers.

*The WWDR will be in attendance taking photographs for publication.*

*See page 2 for the complete meeting itinerary and directions.*

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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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# Annual Meeting Agenda

January 16-17, 2018, Turning Stone Resort & Casino

**Meeting Schedule:** ALL ACTIVITIES AT THE **SHENANDOAH CLUBHOUSE**  
located adjacent to the Casino

## Tuesday – January 16

**8:00 am ESWWDA Board Meeting**

**10:00 am – 2:00 pm Henry Boyd** – General Knowledge/Drilling Certification Primer Course  
(Additional Fee required)

**12:00 noon – 2:00 pm Tom Stephen**, *Goulds Pumps* Electrical Safety and Controls

**2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Jim Tucci** – *Control Valves*  
Selection, Sizing, Troubleshooting

**2:00 pm – 4:00 pm David Byrd**, *Grundfos Pumps*  
Solar Pumping Systems and Constant Pressure Systems

**4:30 pm – 7:30 pm Trade Show**  
**Vendor Sponsored Cocktail Party**  
**Auctions**

## Wednesday – January 17

**9:00 am ESWWDA General Meeting**  
Speakers:

**Terry Morse** ~ *NGWA Executive Director*

**Greenberg/Traurig** – the status of Groundwater  
legislation for the 2018 legislative session

## WINTER MEETING DIRECTIONS

**Location:** **Turning Stone Resort & Casino**  
5218 Patrick Road, Verona, NY 13478  
**1-800-771-7711**  
**www.turningstone.com**

**Directions:** Take the New York State Thruway (Interstate 90) to Exit 33 (Verona-Rome). At the exit, turn left. At the first traffic light, turn left again.

**If you can spot the 19-story Tower Hotel at Turning Stone Casino Resort, you're headed in the right direction, 5218 Patrick Rd, Verona, NY.**

Follow the signs for directions to the different buildings, parking garage and free parking areas. *Valet parking is also available for a minimal fee.*

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	Junior Suite:	<b>\$214.00</b> per night plus tax
	Lodge Suites:	<b>\$215.00</b> per night plus tax

A block of rooms with the above special rates have been set aside for Monday, January 15 through Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

**Please make your reservations early, by 5:00 pm on Friday, December 15th, 2017** to obtain these prices. After December 15th the room rates will be at standard rates based upon availability. **Make sure to mention the ESWWDA** to obtain the special group rate pricing.

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## The President's Thoughts Worth the Time.



**Hi everyone, I hope everyone has been busy.** It seemed to take a few months to dry out this summer, but it finally has. Maybe that is why we did not get as many coming to the fall meeting as usual.

If you were busy it was hard to get away! It is always good to get together with my other similar professionals. The fall colors were not in full color for our meeting, but the first reds of the maples were there and the weather was beautiful. We couldn't complain.

**Hunter Mountain** is always a gorgeous place to stay overnight. I am already planning next year's fall meeting there; so try to fit it into your life in 2018. It really is a nice place to stay.

My daughter was able to swim after dinner with her 6 year old and had a great time in the indoor/outdoor pool. I noticed most of us gravitated to the bonfire patio outside the bar. We had some new faces and yes, mostly the old! Ha-of which I am one.

The **Arsenic Removal** representative, **Kevin Osborn**, was very informative at our meeting. I learned a lot about where arsenic comes from, why, and how it's removed in so many different ways. I also learned why we are finding it so much in our area. It is very prevalent through the Catskills and a ribbon crosses the whole state. Kevin, thank you your presentation was great.

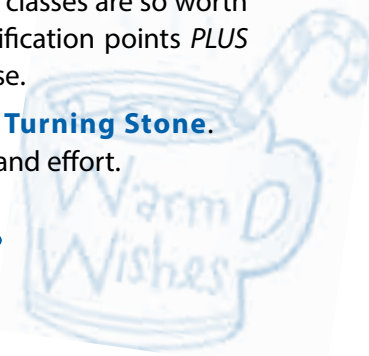
**Our next meeting in January** is our annual Empire State meeting at **Turning Stone Resort** again! We had such great reviews last year that we are having it there for the second annual in a row. How can you not like it; when you have 7 or 8 places to choose from to eat dinner and all the night life? That is not the main reason though to go, the meeting and the classes are so worth being there and getting your Certification points **PLUS** your NYS volunteer points for license.

I hope to see all my friends there at **Turning Stone**.

It is a meeting well worth the time and effort.

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and **Jeff Quinn** are looking  
for members who are interested  
in serving on the  
**Board of Directors.**

The official slate of candidates  
will be posted on  
**[www.nywelldriller.org](http://www.nywelldriller.org)**  
as soon as it is available. 🗨️

# Fall Meeting Minutes

## October 7, 2017 - Adirondack/Lake George, NY

**President Walter Wyckoff** called the *fall meeting of the Empire State Water Well Drillers Association* to order at **10:17 am** on **October 7, 2017** with 33 members in attendance. **Dan and Adrienne Boyd** sold **50/50 tickets**.

A roll call of officers showed the following **Board members** to be in attendance:

**Walter Wyckoff**, *President*

**Jim Wild**, *Vice President*

**David Rosick**

**Mike Palleschi**

**Bernie Kistner**

At that time **President Wyckoff** welcomed the members and thanked all attendees. **Kevin Osborn** from **Water-Right** had given a presentation on Arsenic before the meeting. It was very informative. President Wyckoff thanked him for the presentation.

**Joey Flood** made a motion to accept the reading of the minutes as they appeared in the last edition of *Hole Talk*. **Dave Root** seconded the motion with no additions or corrections and the motion was carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no Treasurer's report given at this time. Copies of reports can be requested.

There was no **President's Report** given at this time.

**The Secretaries** had no communications to report that this time.

It was reported to the membership that: **Michael Ormsby** was recovering from a heart attack; **Tony Ferraioli** was having minor surgery; **Greg** and **Jeannie Russell** (who did the signage and banners and assisted **Jim** and **Carol** at the expo) whose house had burned down.

**Insurance:** **Sherri Gray** announced that those who are insured through **Liberty Mutual** would no longer have to pay for special endorsements.

**Membership:** **Sue Bates** announced that we have a total of **316** members. **42** are still unpaid for **2017**. We had one new member, **Susan Green**, this last quarter. The **invoices for 2018** will be going out the end of October.

**Scholarship:** **Dave Rosick** reported that they have not heard from **Bryce Moravec**. There were no new applicants.

**NEWWA:** **Henry Boyd** reported that the dates for the **2018 Expo** are **March 16-17**. The ESWWDA received a check for \$3000 from the NEWWA.

Both rig and booth rates were increased this year.

**Budget & Finance:** There was no report given.

**Education:** Henry Boyd announced that there would be a class at the annual meeting.

**NGWA:** Sue Bates announced that she needs names of anyone who would like to be a delegate at the expo in Nashville. We would be requesting the new NGWA Executive Director attend our annual meeting.

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

**Public Information:** No report given.

**DOT:** No report given.

**Accreditation:** CEP and affidavit forms will be mailed out with the membership renewal if individuals would like to participate.

**Past President:** **Past President Joey Flood** asked the membership if we should make a donation to the **Russells** whose house burned down. **Bernie Kistner** made a motion that ESWWDA send the family a check for \$500. **Dave Rosick** seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all in favor.

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**Old Business:** The annual meeting will be held **January 16-17, 2018** at **Turning Stone Casino & Resorts** in the Shenandoah Lodge. The Board of Directors is looking at doing a **Lobby Day** in the spring. More information will be available to Board members and others by the annual meeting. The **spring general membership meeting** will held in the **Oneonta/Cooperstown** area. The **Summer Expo** is yet to be determined. The **fall meeting** will be hosted by the **Wyckoffs**.

There was no **new business**.

The winner of the **50/50 drawing** for **\$78** dollars was **David Bruce**.

A motion to adjourn was made by **Jim Wild** and seconded by **Joey Flood**. **President Wyckoff** adjourned the meeting at **10:45 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Julie Boyd**  
Correspondence Manager

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT November 2017

Total New Members this quarter = 2

CATEGORY	PAID	UNPAID	TOTAL
Contractors	173	25	198
Suppliers/Manufacturers	43	10	53
Associates	59	7	66
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Total Members	275	42	317

**2018 membership invoices will be going out in November.**  
Payment is due prior to the annual meeting if you are planning to vote.

*Payments may be made by mailing checks to:*  
**ESWWDA, 1054 Route 52, Carmel, NY 10512**  
PayPal at [www.nywelldriller.org](http://www.nywelldriller.org)

## Welcome New Members

### CONTRACTORS

**Susan A. Green**

*Hydrologist*

905 McCabe Ave., Wilmington, DE 19802

*Joined after the Summer Expo*

**Scott King**

*Sr. Associate Hydrologist for Wood*

324 Beard Ave. Buffalo, NY 14214

*Joined on-line*

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- **Educational programs in:** water well drilling, pump installation, general management.
- **Informative newsletter:** *Hole Talk* covers local, state and national issues and news.
- **Annual Tuition Scholarships**
- **A united voice:** ESWWDA speaks for drillers on issues of far reaching impact.
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## ESWWDA

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# Changes in NGWA/PSI EXAM REGISTRATION

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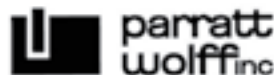


## Kevin McCray

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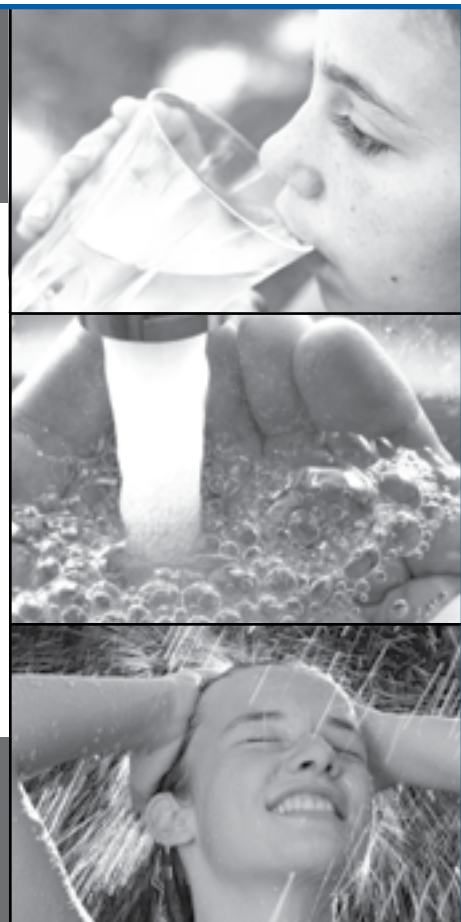
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## A General Drilling and Pump Installer Class Will Be Offered at the Annual Meeting

Tuesday, January 16

At the annual meeting of the *Empire State Water Well Driller's Association*, we will be offering classes.

**Preregistration is required one week in advance**

and classes must have a minimum attendance or classes will be cancelled.

The first two hours of the class from **10 am to Noon** will cover **general drilling knowledge** which will assist individuals in taking the **Drilling General Exam** and some questions on the **General Water Systems Exam**.

The second two hours of the class (**Noon to 2 pm**) will cover more of the **Water Systems General** and the **Pumps under 100 gpm exam** for pump installers.

*Please note exams will not be given on-site.*

There will be no Cable Tool or Rotary Classes. Information on nearby testing opportunity is available below.

**You must schedule for the test on your own and in advance.**

Completion of this class and general hands-on experience will enable you to prepare for the required NGWA exams. Licensing for any person operating a drill rig or performing pump work is a DEC requirement.

Class size will be limited. This class will be held on **Tuesday, January 16** from **10 am to 2 pm**. The rates will be **\$75** for **ESWWDA members** and **\$150** for **non-members**. Any member, who has already taken any of the classes offered between 2002 and 2017, may retake these classes for \$40.00. Payment can be made with cash, check or credit card.

Contact **Henry Boyd** or **Julie Boyd** to pre-register at **845-225-3196** or at **Julie@nywelldriller.org**.

To take **NGWA Certification Exams** on computer call **PSI Exams** at **800-733-9267** or **www.psiexams.com** or visit the **NGWA Certification** program page at **www.ngwa.org**.



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*From NGWA's Safety Talks and The Hartford*

**One of the key words in accident prevention is "anticipate."** By anticipating what could happen, it's possible to take safety steps to prevent an accident.

One of the steps we can take is to investigate all near-miss accidents. We should always be on the lookout for unsafe practices and for accidents that do not result in injury.

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a major injury can be as high as 600 incidents.

So, we see that accidents do not have to result in injury. But, they are strong indications that something is wrong. If not remedied in time, they may very well result in a major lost-time injury.

We know that accidents without personal injury, however minor they may be, occur frequently. They have the same causes as personal injury accidents, and they can be prevented in the same ways. They are expensive and add to the cost of production. Preventing these accidents is important.

When an accidental injury does occur, unsafe practices probably had previously been committed. There probably had also been previous narrow escapes. If you stumble, fall, and sustain an injury, chances are that this was not the first time you stumbled and fell.

If you have a near miss while driving your car, do you take corrective

action to prevent the same type of near miss from happening again? If not, you should. If you find yourself hitting your brakes in a panic stop, it may very well be that you are following the car ahead too closely. You should take action to prevent this from happening again.

How many times do we need to have a narrow miss before we get the message? If we really believe in safety and want to avoid personal injury, one near miss should be enough.

Near misses or no-injury accidents, as well as injuries, must be investigated.

Report all accidents to your supervisor. If you don't, eventually the law of averages will catch up with you...changing that near miss into a serious injury.

So, let's try to anticipate what could happen by being aware of near misses and reporting them. In this way, we all can play a big part in preventing accidents. 🗨️



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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Janice L. Hawk-Baldwin, CWD/PI

*The last year was a busy year.* As you are aware, **Jeff Smith** and I talk with our lobbyists from Greenberg/Traurig (**Mark Glaser** and **Josh Oppenheim**) on a regular basis.

In the fall of 2016 the Governor had announced, via a press release, that he intended to introduce legislation requiring testing of private wells. Little details were given at that time. In January 2017, the Governor's State of the State address and the Executive Budget Proposal included the proposal to regulate private well testing. ESWWDA decided not to outright oppose the legislation but make some recommendations for modifications. January to March of 2017, meetings were held at DOH, DEC, the Governor's Office and the Senate and Assembly to advance the ESWWDA position concerning the water quality bill. In April the Legislature rejected the Governor's proposal regarding the testing of private wells.

**Greenberg/Traurig** opened many doors for us this past year. Our voice has been heard and lines

of communication are open for future issues. The plan for 2018 is to work with DOH to prepare effective private well educational materials consistent with our general positions and to continue to advocate against proposals that are harmful to the well drilling industry. It is our hope in 2018 to continue our conversations with DOH and DEC as there have been staff changes in both agencies over the past few years. **Beth Guidetti** has now taken over **Dan Kendall's** role in the Water Well Program. Dan continues to work at DEC but will be working on other projects and assisting Beth when needed. Last week, I "met" **Steve Marshall**, via conference call who is **Ben Pierson's** replacement in **Water Supply**.

We hope to see you at the **Annual Meeting at Turning Stone** in January 2018. **Mark Glaser** will be outlining our legislative plans for 2018 year. It looks like it is going to be another busy year.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Jeff or me.

Respectfully submitted, **Janice Hawk Baldwin**

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## Sickness and Health

It has been reported that **Mike Ormsby**, Ormsby's Well Drilling out of Schuyler Falls is recovering from a recent illness.

We wish Mike a speedy recovery. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mike and his family.

We wish a speedy recovery to **Tony Ferraioli** after his knee surgery.

And also, **Tom Bates** from Lee Bates & Son Well Drilling and **Rick Menshausen** from Morris Pipe on their recent hospital stays

Prayers for their families as well. 🗣️

## Condolences

The ESWWDA wishes to express its heartfelt condolences to:

The family of **Betty Lou D. Frey**, of Alden, NY  
September 18, 1928 - October 24, 2017

Dear mother of Beth (Paul) Quenzler, William (Bonnie), James, Michael (Dawn), Kenneth (Cheryl) and the late Dorothy Louise Frey.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Global Outreach Missions, 16 Hopkins Rd., Getzville, NY 14068. Share your condolences at **meyerfuneralhome.com**

**Rick** and **Lucy Ruhle Goodchild** of Mid Hudson Pump on the passing of Lucy's son **Kevin Edward Ruhle**.

Kevin passed on August 16, 2017 at the age of 32. A Celebration of Life took place on August 26th.

A private burial was held at Union Cemetery in Hyde Park.

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


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### Accredited Well Driller/Pump Installer Program

In keeping with our statement to educate and promote the protection and use of groundwater, the following voluntary program will be implemented in 2017.

- 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.
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Members can download the voluntary accreditation affidavit and continuing education forms at [www.nywelldriller.org](http://www.nywelldriller.org) or contact [Julie@nywelldriller.org](mailto:Julie@nywelldriller.org).

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### **January 16-17, 2018**

#### **ESWWDA Annual Meeting**

**Turning Stone Casino**, Verona, NY 13440

**Registration and Classes** will be conducted on **Tuesday, Jan. 16th**; Suppliers sponsored **Cocktail Party and Live bidding auction** from **4:40-7:30pm**.

**General membership meeting and election of officers** is on **Wednesday, Jan. 17th** beginning at **8am**. *Details will be available on the website [www.nywelldriller.org](http://www.nywelldriller.org) as they become available.*

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

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### **April 2018**

#### **ESWWDA Spring Meeting**

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### **July 2018**

#### **ESWWDA Summer meeting**

*Date and site to be announced*

### **October 2018**

#### **ESWWDA Fall Meeting**

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