

Wisconsin Ground Water Association Newsletter



President's Message

Dear Members,

Your President's Message comes from a new source this issue. I'm Lee Trotta and as the new WGWA President, I'd like to thank you for being members! We have a lot to look forward to together. The Spring Conference has shaped up to be very promising with a stellar lineup of speakers that will tackle the tough issues. I think we all look forward to hearing the Keynote Speaker, Professor Doug Cherkauer, when he addresses "**How long can Wisconsin continue the unmanaged exploitation of its ground-water supply?**" Get your registration in quickly!

The future of Wisconsin's water supply depends on work done on projects large and small by our members. My goal is to make our ability to educate the public on these matters more efficient. This is especially important in an election year as there will be a new set of legislators that will need our help. Part of my approach will be to get to know members better and communicate more clearly. Part of what holds our organization back is the widely disbursed population centers where our members reside. I hope to hold more face-to-face Board meetings based on my willingness to travel to population centers like Madison, Green Bay, and Kenosha (maybe even Eau Claire). If you would like to join one of these meetings and have a conference room at your office that we could use, please let me know.

If there are other ways you could see yourself contributing to the mission of WGWA, I'd love to hear about it. We always want to hear about your projects and give you a chance to publish in our newsletter. If you'd like to just report on an interesting meeting you attended or some neat geology you saw on vacation, contact our Newsletter Editor. We have exciting committees forming every few months where you can lend your expertise. Let's go forward together into a brighter future, where the importance of groundwater is understood.

Lee Trotta, PG
WGWA President

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[Interesting Articles and Other Tidbits on the Web](#)

What everyone needs to know about safe drinking water This website seeks to address the global problem of safe drinking water by providing peer-reviewed scientific and technical information to lay audiences on problems faced across the world with respect to providing safe drinking water. www.drinking-water.org/

Two minutes to water literacy Know of a public radio station that might be interested in free broadcasts on water issues? This website tells how they can get access to 133 2-minute self contained essays on different topics related to water called *Water Drops*. <http://www.watershedhydrology.com/html/WaterDrops.html>

Some claim Madison is in its own world, maybe they are right Apparently Lake Mendota is the right place for testing a new probe designed to explore the oceans of Jupiter's moon Europa http://www.world-science.net/othernews/080209_europa.htm

[Conferences, Meetings, and Courses \(March-May 2008\)](#)

Selected Ground Water-Related Conferences and Meetings

- AWRA - Wisconsin Section 2008 Meeting (Brookfield, Wisconsin, March 6-7, 2008)

WGWA SECTIONAL NEWS



North Central Section

On November 13th members and guests of the northcentral area met to discuss "Monitoring Mysteries".

This meeting was organized by WGWA member Evie Fisher and was attended by two lab managers, a chemist, a landfill operator, two landfill consultants, a city employee, a representative from the paper industry, and the local NR 500 specialist from the WDNR.

Topics discussed covered monitoring schedules and parameters at landfills, the presence and suspected sources of spurious compounds, such as phthalates, the occurrence of BTEX in groundwater associated with biopiles, and the immediate need for improvements to the GEMS reporting system.

Although there were more questions than answers, all the attendees agreed this was an excellent discussion which may be worthy of a sequel.

Northcentral's next meeting will be the second Tuesday of February, 2008

(Aside: I'll see if Evie and Chris (DNR) want to disseminate some of this information.)

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