

Wyoming Water Well Contractor's Licensing News

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WWCB Annual Board Meeting!

The Water Well Contractors Board held their annually scheduled Board Meeting on September 7, 2016 in Cheyenne. The Board discussed a statute change to allow for a probationary period and the ability to fine licensed contractors who have violated license laws. The fine discussed would be a maximum of \$2500 per violation. The Board will be

looking for legislatures to help introduce the bill with the proposed changes.

The Board also discussed the Notice of Intent requirement and the lack of licensed contractors supplying the required notice. The Board directed Executive Director Ritter to begin researching U.W. 6 Statements of Completion for wells completed from

the beginning of the year by licensed drillers who have not supplied a notice. Advisory letters will be sent as an initial notification of violation of the rule. Public members in attendance gave great input to the Board during the meeting. Minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Board's website after they are approved and ratified.

In the Field!

Inspectors have been traveling around the state meeting with licensed contractors and landowners. The inspection process was slow starting but we have made great progress.

Inspectors are pleased with the majority of inspections. They have met with licensed contractors and, when asked, have worked to help to aid in the compliance of the State Minimum Construction Standards.

The word is getting out and we have had a few landowners call and request an Inspector to be on site. The Inspectors would like to give kudos to those contractors professionalism and their exemplary work!

Disciplinary Actions.

Cordon Nelson, Nelson Water Well Drilling, Afton, WY- Violation: W.S 41-3-935(a) filing reports with State Engineer within 30 days after completion ...

W.S. 41-3-909(a)(vii) - ... flowing wells to be capped or equipped that the flow of water can be stopped ... W.W M.C. Standards,

Chapter 3, Sec. 2(c), ... wells shall be constructed with at least a 2-inch annular space ... W.S. 33-42-111, failure to follow rules and regulations of the Board, and, Board's Rules and Regulations, Chapter 5, Section 1(a) (iv) ... failure to comply with all federal, state, pertaining to the certificate holder's professional

practice. **Discipline:** Eight (15) additional hours of education, shall not complete any electrical work without obtaining a Ltd. Electrical License, shall not perform custom perforations without written approval from SEO.

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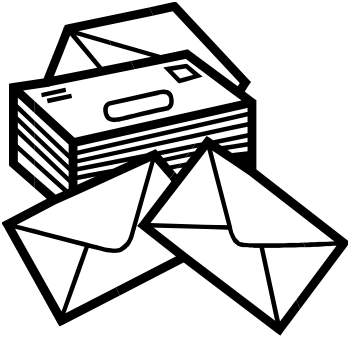
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Letter from the Executive Director



Summer is over and Fall has moved upon us. The Board held their annual meeting in Cheyenne on September 7, 2016. It was a productive meeting with lots of input from public members who attended. I'd like to thank them for expressing their concerns and frustrations and offering suggestions. It would be nice to have more like them!

As my work load continues to increase I would like to ask those contractors that have ideas for articles or who would like to write an article for the monthly Newsletter to please let me know. I have thought about offering a section on "Best Practices" so if you have something you would like to offer please call or email me with the information. It would

be greatly appreciated and your experience and involvement as a water professional could make a lasting impression! Also, possibly having a section for the President of the WWSA to give an update on what their Board is doing would be a nice addition.

Until next time! Stay safe.

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DID YOU KNOW!

7 Things Entrepreneurs Should Consider when Running a Business!

Contributor: Jeffrey Hayzlett ----Here are the first 2, more to come:

Growing up, we spend a lot of time being told what to do by our parents. Now, as parents (and grandparents) ourselves, we spend a lot of time telling our kids and grandkids what to do and what not to do. But, have we ever taken a step back to think what our kids can teach us?

As entrepreneurs, we find inspiration in any number of places, so why not our kids? They may lack specific expertise, but they do have a few traits that haven't been jaded by adulthood, like taking risks, being bold and being assertive. They are also sponges that absorb everything they see and hear, so why not apply those practices to our business lives?

So, here, are a few lessons kids can teach us entrepreneur dads (and moms) about life and growing our companies:

1. Stay curious.

Kids ask a lot of questions and sometimes drive you nuts! Sometimes, all they do is ask questions. As a parent, I may occasionally find that infuriating, but look at the bigger picture. Why are they so curious about everything? Because they want to learn.

You too should want to learn as much as you can, too. As an entrepreneur, your mission is to deliver something unique for your customers. Knowledge is power, and the more knowledge you accumulate, the more you'll be helped, personally and professionally.

My son, Tyler, asked me once: "Hey, Dad, how does ink get into this pen?" as he held a regular BIC pen in his hands. At first I thought, "Who would ask such a question?" Then I was suddenly in awe. It was an inquisitive question, and while most entrepreneurs are inquisitive by nature, we don't ask questions often enough. Instead, we make assumptions, which can lead to mistakes down the road.

In business, change begins by changing the question. As business owners, we should be questioning everything that's mundane, easy or standard. Never settle for the status quo. That's when real change happens -- when you think outside the box. It's the leaders who are the ones who are hungry for more, who question everything and continue to innovate -- that drive the most change.

You may have a lot of expertise and experience, but if you think you know it all, let me burst your bubble, you don't! Stay curious, my friends.

2. Be a risk-taker.

How many times have we heard other parents describe their kids as fearless? I'm betting plenty. As entrepreneurs, we have a healthy dose of fearlessness, but that is not synonymous with being reckless. It would be a big mistake to confuse the two.

Putting time, money and resources into a business venture that's about to take off can always be risky, but it's why you became an entrepreneur in the first place. Risk is always challenging, and you will be faced with difficult decisions along the way, but if you've done your homework and rely on your gut instinct, you'll be confident about the calculated risk you're taking. Just don't let fear be the determining factor.

Calendar

Continuing education opportunities for March and April: The codes in the first column are as follows:

WWWA – Wyoming Water Well Association

NGWA – National Ground Water Association

NWDA – Nebraska Well Drillers Association

CWWCA – Colorado Water Well Contractors Association

WARWS – Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems

WWA- Wyoming Water Association

WWQ & PCA – Wyoming Water Quality & Pollution Control Association

The topic, date, time and location are given. Please refer to each respective association's website for more information on how to register, and/or for future educational opportunities.

BIDP – Baroid Industrial Drilling Products

AGWT – American Ground Water Trust

SEDC – Shallow Exploration Drillers Clinic

ISWD – International School of Well Drilling

CPS - CPD Distributors

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

AGWT	Educational Videos and Books	Website	www.AGWT.org
ISWD	International School of Well Drilling Online Courses	Website	welldrillingschool.com
NGWA	Introduction to Groundwater Resources (#1012)	Website	Online self-paced course
NGWA	Best Suggested Practice for Residential and Other Smaller Diameter – Well Cleaning	Webinar	October 19, 2016
WWQPCA	WY Water Quality & Pollution Control Assoc. Conference	Casper, WY	October 24 – 28, 2016

If you have any training opportunities you would like to be published in this newsletter please send them to the Board office.

Next Board Meeting scheduled for January 18, 2017, Parkway Plaza, Casper at 10:00 am.

Professionalism is: the skill, competence, or character expected of a highly trained profession.

Be a professional, call yourself a professional, work like a professional, and demand the same from everyone in your profession!