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# ONSITE INFORMER

## Onsite Wastewater Management Association of BC

### 2011 Trade Show and Convention

The 2011 Trade Show and Convention recently held in Kamloops, BC was well attended by more than 100 onsite wastewater stakeholders. While vendors were setting up their booths on Friday morning, delegates participated in a filing workshop. Once the show opened mid-morning on Friday, delegates were able to visit the vendors during the trade show and participate in the technical sessions presented by industry suppliers. The second Annual General Meeting took place in the early evening after the trade show closed and was followed by a banquet and entertainment by a local comedian.

The convention opened on Saturday morning and proceeded with a series of educational presentations and technical papers provided by industry experts from across North America. Educational sessions continued all day Saturday and were followed on Sunday with a Pressure Distribution Design Workshop.

For access to the convention proceedings, go to [www.wcowma-bc.com](http://www.wcowma-bc.com).

Dates for the 2012 convention will be available soon!

### Annual General Meeting

The WCOWMA-BC Annual General Meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. on February 4, 2011, in Kamloops, BC. Approximately 90 attendees were present at the meeting of which 60% were members.

Discussion during the meeting focussed on the association structure and governance, the need to develop BC specific bylaws and future training plans.

Elections for officers for the Advisory Committee were also held at this time. The newly elected committee members are:

Brent Dennis	Chair
Glen Kawaguchi	Co-Chair
Betty Holtskog	Secretary/Treasurer
Curt Kerns	Director
Brent Schofield	Director

Stepping down after dedicated service to the board and the members is Greg Baytalan. Many thanks to Greg for the time, hard work and effort he has donated to the association. Greg's experience and understanding of the regulatory environment in BC and specifically of the BC Sewerage System Regulation has been and will continue to be invaluable to the association. Greg commented that he would remain actively involved as a member of the association.

*Did you know?*

*WCOWMA-BC is a non-profit association solely funded through membership and training revenues. WCOWMA-BC does not receive any government funding.*

*Have a voice. Join your member driven industry association.*

## Upcoming Training Events—Kelowna, BC

There is still time to register for the Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Training Program—Equivalent to ROWP Installer/Planner—WCOWMA Member Cost—\$2397 + tax for the full program plus the review day.

The current program is six days in length with a final examination on Day 6. An additional day will be added for curriculum review prior to the examination. The association will be adding a mandatory site and soil evaluation field day to the core training program in 2011.

When: Days 1–3 April 6, 7 & 8 2011; Days 4–6 April 19, 20 & 21, 2011

Where: Kelowna, British Columbia

### Want more information or registration forms?

Please contact the WCOWMA office at [info@wcowma.com](mailto:info@wcowma.com) or call 818.478.5397 toll free for registration forms or log on to [www.wcowma-bc.com](http://www.wcowma-bc.com) to sign up online.

## Field Training Days—Training Sites Needed

With the more reliable spring, summer and fall weather fast approaching, WCOWMA-BC is planning a series of field training days. If you have a suitable site for a soils and site evaluation training day and/or an installation training day, please contact WCOWMA-BC staff.

The goal is to provide field training in as many regions of the province as possible dependent upon site availability. Training will be planned for one and two-day sessions and will consist of a classroom overview followed by a field (hands-on) training component. These full day workshops provide professional development credits for those maintaining a work log.

## Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

The WCOWMA-BC is looking for Corporate Sponsors for its field training events this year.

Sponsoring events in partnership with the association allows contractors to receive quality educational opportunities at a lowered cost, exposes those contractors to the sponsors available products and technologies and opens the door to better networking opportunities for the sponsor, the attendees and the association.

If your company is interested in co-hosting or sponsoring a training event, please contact the WCOWMA-BC office at 1.818.478.5397.

## New WCOWMA-BC Website

WCOWMA-BC has a new website, while the WCOWMA website has undergone a face lift. The association has created a new look, better functionality and more features for members.

The new website has just been uploaded, so there will be some final housekeeping and testing of its features for the next little while in order to ensure it is functioning the way it was intended. If you are on the site and notice something not working or identify a useful feature that is not present please let us know so it can be addressed in these early phases.

One of the most valuable features to our members is the membership list available to homeowners and the general public through our web interface. Over the next few months, members will be contacted by WCOWMA-BC staff to ensure that the contact information we have for you is up-to-date, that we understand your scope of work for our referral purposes, and that any other pertinent information such as member website links are known to us and can be programmed into the system.

The website will also feature a member interface where members may access information on the many benefits available to them, along with forms, worksheets, templates and publications available only to members.

The website is located at [www.wcowma-bc.com](http://www.wcowma-bc.com).

### Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Training Curriculum Outline

The WCOWMA-BC office receives many requests for copies of our training program outline. The training program is delivered through the Alberta chapter under the TILMA process. Upon successful completion of the training program, trainees receive certification in Alberta which is then transferable in BC to the ROWP Installer/Planner for Type 1 and Type 2 systems.

Students in the Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Program must successfully complete the course curriculum and along with the final design assignment. Two instructors are present during the training, an academic instructor whose role is to teach the curriculum and explain the science and math involved in onsite wastewater technology and design, along with a practical instructor whose field experience allows him/her to help the student apply theory learned in the classroom to real life design and installation situations.

All tests and examinations are done in class under an invigilator. Below is a list of the Modules and topics covered in the training program.

<b>OWTS100</b>	<b>Overview and Principles of OSS Treatment</b>
<b>OWTS101</b>	<b>Regulations and the SOP</b>
<b>OWTS102</b>	<b>Sewage and Effluent Strength</b>
<b>OWTS103</b>	<b>Movement of Water in Soil</b>
<b>OWTS104</b>	<b>Soil Treatment of effluent</b>
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<b>OWTS105</b>	<b>Determining Sewage Volumes and Loading Rates for Design Purposes</b>
<b>OWTS106</b>	<b>Basic Soil Evaluation for OWTS</b>
<b>OWTS107</b>	<b>Site Evaluation</b>
<b>OWTS108</b>	<b>Initial Treatment Processes</b>
<b>OWTS114</b>	<b>Treatment Plants</b>
<b>OWTS115</b>	<b>Sand Filters</b>
<b>OWTS116</b>	<b>Surface Discharge</b>
<b>OWTS117</b>	<b>Lagoons</b>
<b>OWTS109</b>	<b>Effluent Distribution Systems</b>
<b>OWTS110</b>	<b>Dose Tanks or chambers</b>
<b>OWTS111</b>	<b>Pumps and Controls</b>
<b>OWTS112</b>	<b>Drainfield design and Sizing</b>
<b>OWTS113</b>	<b>Mounds</b>
<b>OWTS 118</b>	<b>Review and preparation for Design Assignment</b>
<b>OWTS 118</b>	<b>Design Assignment</b>

More information on the training program is available through the WCOWMA-BC office. Feel free to contact the administrative staff and/or the Advisory Committee members at any time for information on training and the association.

**Membership Renewal**

It is a new year, and many WCOWMA-BC memberships are now up for renewal. To ensure your membership doesn't lapse, fill out the form below and fax it into the association.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send member updates (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ by mail \_\_\_\_\_ by email \_\_\_\_\_ by fax

The services that I expect to receive through membership in the WCOWMA-BC are (please number in order of importance from one to six):

_____	Advocacy	_____	Training	_____	Convention
_____	Communication	_____	Business Services	_____	Other (please specify)

Please list my contact information on the WCOWMA-BC website \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate Membership \$300.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate memberships cover one owner and two employees. Each corporation is allowed one vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Please select your business category(s):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Installer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Designer/Planner
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pumper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Maintenance Provider
- \_\_\_\_\_ Supplier
- \_\_\_\_\_ Inspector
- \_\_\_\_\_ Engineer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional members:**

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