NOWRA e-News - July 2009

Thank you to all who contributed stories and ideas. This member communication belongs to each of us, so keep the news and ideas coming.

This month’s issue of e-News is abbreviated due to summer schedules. Look for a full e-News to return in August with more information about the current trends in the economy and the building industry.

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NOWRA Call for Board of Directors Nominations

NOWRA is soliciting nominations of members who wish to have a leadership role in helping guide NOWRA in meeting the goals of its mission to serve on its Board of Directors. Three position categories are to be filled in the September elections. The Director terms are for 3 years from December 1, 2009 to November 30, 2012. These position categories are:

- Regulator
- O&M/Service Provider
- Manufacturer/Supplier

Directors supervise and control the business, property, and affairs of NOWRA, except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation of its Bylaws. These duties include preparation for and participation in monthly Board teleconference calls and at least two face-to-face meetings at NOWRA’s annual conference and the Installer Academy. They serve voluntarily and without compensation.
Interested members or members wishing to offer a nomination are directed to NOWRA’s website (www.nowra.org/bylaws.html) for more information regarding the NOWRA Bylaws, expectations and responsibilities of NOWRA Board Members, how to apply for a Board of Directors position, and nomination and application forms. Nominations and applications should be sent preferably via email (info@nowra.org), or can also be received by fax (253.770.0896) or U.S. mail (NOWRA, P.O. Box 9309, Tacoma, WA 98490). Nominations and applications close COB August 14, 2009.

Please direct any questions on the nomination process to Richard Otis, President-Elect of NOWRA via email at otis.rj@charter.net.

A Special Issue of the NOWRA Onsite Journal

NOWRA is pleased to announce the next issue of Onsite Journal, the NOWRA News Magazine, will arrive in September as an insert in the October issue of Cole’s Onsite Installer magazine. This is in conjunction with our new partnership with Cole Publishing – who has been an active supporter of NOWRA through the years, most recently this past year with their promotional support of our 2008 Installer Academy and 2009 Annual Conference.

This is a great opportunity for NOWRA, our members, and our Business Benefit Program members. Not only will NOWRA members receive this special edition of the NOWRA Onsite Journal; but also, the 20,000 readers of the Onsite Installer will learn more about NOWRA, our activities, and more importantly, about YOU - our members. Since this Onsite Journal will include a write-up of the Septic Locator and how to use it, make sure that your Septic Locator profile (http://www.septiclocator.com/) is up-to-date. With the increased circulation, there will surely be increased traffic.

No doubt you received the announcement that the next NOWRA Installer Academy will immediately precede the Pumper Show (Coles’s big event) February 22 - 23, 2010 in Louisville, KY. Although the NOWRA training will be a separate event from the Pumper Show, the NOWRA Installer Academy’s signature event, the “Backhoe Roe-D-Hoe,” will be held during the Pumper Show in the Exhibit Hall so everyone can participate. Be sure to watch for more information and plan to join us.

Strategic partnerships like this one between NOWRA and Cole Publishing are extremely important in our current economic times. We appreciate Cole’s support to assist and strengthen our organization and ask that our members, likewise, support Cole Publishing and their activities.

Watch for even more strategic partnerships from the “new” NOWRA as we proceed into 2010.

Want to be appreciated? Volunteer for NOWRA!

Our committees are always looking for fresh talent and new ideas. If you would like to dedicate some time to helping out, we encourage you to check out the NOWRA Committee page at http://www.nowra.org/committees.html.

Reminder of New NOWRA Address

New contact information:

National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association
Try This Summer Drink

Try this adventurous drink: a BEER Mojito - a refreshing take on a Latin cocktail for beer lovers! If you prefer a non-alcoholic Mojito, look for an alcohol-reduced beer variety or non-alcoholic beer. I know that this is not a true Mojito, but it is in the style of it.

SERVES 3 (change servings and units)

Ingredients:

**Mojito Mixture:**
- 10 peppermint leaves
- 4 teaspoons sugar
- 6 teaspoons lemon juice

**Variation I:**
- 3/4 cup beer (see note)

**Variation II:**
- 1/4 cup sparkling water
- 1/2 cup beer

**Garnish:**
- 3 sprigs peppermint
- 3 lemon wedges

**Directions:**
1. Cut peppermint leaves into smaller pieces and put into a mortar. Add sugar and lemon juice.
2. Grind to crush the peppermint leaves and the sugar is dissolved.
3. Strain through a sieve into a small glass or bowl.
4. **VARIATION I:** put 2 teaspoons of Mojito mixture into a glass and cold add beer. Be careful, because the beer has the tendency to produce a lot of foam.
5. **VARIATION II:** put 2 teaspoons of Mojito mixture into a glass and add ice-cold water and then cold beer.
6. Garnish with peppermint sprigs and lemon wedges.

This should make enough for three (or 4) glasses.