

Happy Holidays



We wish all our members a wonderful holiday

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Season's Greetings

Letter from the President

Dear COWRA Members,

Thank you, to all of our COWRA members who attended our annual meeting held at the Elaine's in Wethersfield this year. Due to the Covid virus, the event was not well attended this year. We chose not to have vender tables this year for that reason. However, we are very grateful to those members who joined us for an annual dinner. It was a great time with much needed visits with friends and members.

We elected two new members to the Board of Directors at our meeting. COWRA is always looking for younger members who are willing to serve on our Board, we are looking forward to their contributions to our organization.

After many years of working Bob Scully of the Connecticut Department of Public Health has retired. Although, it is a much-deserved retirement he will be missed by so many of us in the wastewater Industry. We wish him all the best with his retirement.

It is my sincere hope that all of our members and their families have a wonderful, joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
Frank R. Talarico

COWRA's 2016 Annual Meeting

On November 6, 2021 COWRA held its Annual Meeting at the Elaine's Restaurant in Wethersfield.

Our members enjoyed a wonderful dinner in the company of friends and associates. We missed having vendors this year, but due to Covid and the uncertainty of this virus we felt it was the proper decision.



Our President, Frank Talarico spoke briefly on current topics being discussed at the Code Advisory meetings. He said that the revisions planned for the 2018 Technical Standards were being postponed until 2023 due the retirement of Robert Scully.

Our members enjoyed having a chance to visit with one another. Our 2020 annual meeting needed to be canceled due to the virus. Therefore, we all felt fortunate for the chance to spend time in the company of friends and associates.

The meeting portion of our annual event is usually brief. Frank thanked our guests for their dedication to our organization and the courses they teach each year for us. Unfortunately, Andrew Coleman and his wife were unable to attend as they were away that weekend. Also, Jeff Polhemus and his wife did not attend as they were, on a medical mission in Guatemala.



We were grateful that Bob and Jane were able to come and spend the evening with us. Bob Smith has taught our Installer Courses since 2015.

At the Annual meeting members elected two new board members:

William J. Coffey Jr. of Pembroke Pumping Service in Danbury, CT. was elected to our board, Bill is a licensed Installer



and cleaner. He is part owner of Pembroke pumping, a family-owned business in Danbury, CT.



Johnathan Kaiser was elected to the Board of Directors. John is a Project Engineer with Infiltrator Water Technologies in Old Saybrook, CT.

John has been with Infiltrator for over five years and works on the engineering development team.

COWRA is delighted to bring new young people on to the Board of Directors, as youth is the future of our organization.



In light of everything that we have lived through over the last two years, it is hopeful, and enjoyable to spend time with members and friends, as it has been a long time since we have seen each other in person. We are thankful to all those who were able to attend.

Robert Scully Retires

Robert W. Scully, PE, Supervising Sanitary Engineer Connecticut Department of Public Health



Bob Scully retired in November of this year after 37 years with the State of CT. He will be greatly missed by many members of our organization.

Over the many years that COWRA has worked with the DPH, Bob Scully has been the key to a great relationship. COWRA has had an indispensable relationship with the DPH because of Bob's openness. Bob made himself available to our Board, and our members. He was interested in our input and our concerns with DPH decisions that would affect our industry. Bob Scully incorporated our organization and many organizations like us through membership in the Code Advisory meeting, inviting us to share our concerns.



Bob was generous with his time, when possible, he would attend our annual meetings as a guest speaker informing our members of up-coming decisions and changes to the technical standards.

COWRA members are grateful to Bob Scully for his service. He is a man of character and integrity that led the DPH in the interest of environmental safety to the benefit of all Connecticut residents and all the industries working in our state to achieve the same goal.

COWRA wishes Bob Scully the best with his retirement and may the next chapter of his life be filled with family, friends, health, tranquility and rest. Bob you will be missed.



Although many of may have pondered as to what Bob Scully said to Bill Hall on that fateful day, we are merely left to speculate, as Bob has now retired with that secret and Bill is not talking.

COWRA 2022 Installer Course

COWRA is accepting applications for our 2022 Installer School. Students enrolled in the installer course are automatically enrolled in the cleaner course. Both courses will be held live in a virtual Zoom classroom. Classes for the installer course will begin on Thursday, February 17, 2022 and run for 7 consecutive Thursdays.

Topics for the Installers Course include, Septic Tanks: design, structure, function; watersheds and drainage profiles; Soils: physical characteristics, profiles and types, identification; Site Conditions: deep hole and percolation testing, plumbing and pipe configuration; Distribution Systems; Leaching fields; Trenches, Dry wells, Galleries; Curtain Drains; Biomat; Septic Failures; Transit work and Surveys; Septic Design: MLSS, plans and sketches, forms, etc.

Practical exercises will be assigned for classwork and field encountered problems will be discussed. Students will need to have a calculator and an engineer's ruler for

the course. The study guide will be mailed to students prior to the first night of class. (Application form can be found in the insert section of this newsletter). For more information visit our website www.cowra-online.org and go to the Licensing Class page.

COWRA 2022 Cleaning Course

COWRA is accepting applications for our 2022 cleaner course. This will be held on a zoom platform on March 31, 2022. Topics included are: Septic Tanks: design, structure, function; Watersheds and Drainage Profiles; Outlet filters; Port-O-Lets, etc.

The course will specifically cover sections of the CT Public Health Code 19-13-B103, General Provisions (pages 5 and 6 in the code) and 19-13-B100a, as well as the Technical Standards Section V on Septic Tanks (pages 28-32 in the code), Chapter 9 on Septic Tanks and Grease Traps from the Design Manual. For more information visit: www.cowra-online.org and go to the Licensing Class page, (application as insert in newsletter).

Licensing Exams

Many students have contacted our office asking for the State Exam Schedule. The State of Connecticut will no longer post an exam schedule in advance of state exams. The State of CT has a new protocol for applicants preparing to take the State exams.

Applicants must submit to the State of CT, a completed application for the exam that they are applying for. After the State reviews the application and the application is accepted, applicants will receive an email with information on future exam dates.

Water & Wastewater Equipment

**Treatment and Transport Show Indianapolis, IN.
February, 21th through February, 24th 2022**

The annual WWETT is the world's largest annual trade show for environmental service professionals. Each year, over 12,000 people gather from all parts of the world to see the latest in equipment and technology in the expo hall. The expo will host over 100 education session for participates. Those attending can network with professional colleagues. The WWETT will be held in Indianapolis at the Indiana Convention Center. To learn more about the Pumper/Cleaner Expo and how to register to attend, please visit them on the web at Info@wwettshow.com or call 877-978-7322.

Dates to Remember:

Please note; the State of Connecticut will not revise Technical Standards for Subsurface Sewage this coming year. Revision have been postponed until 2023. This will give our members plenty of time to express their concerns to the Board so that they can be disused at the future Code Advisory meetings.

Membership Renewal

COWRA's annual membership renewal forms will be mailed at the end of December. We ask members to please include the form with your renewal payment, as the information serves to update our Membership Directories.

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**John and Brittney Bair
of Bair Construction
at the 2021 Annual Meeting**

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

UPDATES!! Registration Information for 2021 and 2022 State Installers & Cleaners-Exams:

You MUST contact the Department of Public Health to register for the Installers & Cleaners Exams. Attendance at the COWRA Installer School DOES NOT register you for the State exam. Please contact D.P.H. at 860-509-7559 for any information pertaining to your results and license. You may also contact them by going to:

http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/environmentalhealth/pdf/Installer_Exam_Information.pdf

The 2021 & 2022 Examination Schedule

Subsurface Sewage Installer/Cleaner has a new protocol

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