TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION SCHEDULE

Information and registration can be found at www.nawt.org/training

INSPECTOR TRAINING & CERTIFICATION:
August 27-28, 2012 - (TBA) Arizona
University of AZ - NAWT
Contact: Kitt Farrell-Poe at (520) 621-7221
September 7-8, 2012 - Arlington, TX
TAREI, RETS & SoS
Contact: Andrea Barnard at andrea@tarei.com
N-MOWA - NAWT, Contact: Jace Ensor at (575) 937-8304 or nmowa.president@gmail.com
November 15-16, 2012 - Lakewood, CO
CHURCH Onsite Wastewater Consultants
Contact: Kim Seipp (303) 622-4126 or highplains@tdsnet

INSTALLER WORKSHOPS
October 15, 2102 - Dover, DE
DOWRA Conference Contact Hollis Warren at (302) 284-9070 or Htwarren430@aol.com

October 25-26, 2012 - Lakewood, CO
CHURCH Onsite Wastewater Consultants
Contact: Kim Seipp (303) 622-4126 or highplains@tdsnet

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE
TRAINING CERTIFICATION:
September 12-13, 2012 - Mill Valley, California
Operation & Maintenance, Level 1 - Instructors: Mike Treinen or Kit Rosefield - Go to www.COWA.org
November, 2012 - (TBA) California
Operation & Maintenance, Level 2 - Instructors: Nick Weigel or Kit Rosefield - Go to www.COWA.org
January 2013 - Lakewood, CO
CHURCH Onsite Wastewater Consultants
Contact: Kim Seipp (303) 622-4126 or highplains@tdsnet
Public Notice

Hereby given is 30-day public notice to all Members for the intent to amend the By-Laws; Section 1. Name: The name of this Association shall be NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WASTEWATER TRANSPORTERS, INC.

Proposed amendment; Section 1. Name: The name of this Association shall be NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WASTEWATER TECHNICIANS.

To effectively resolve this amendment there needs to be a two-thirds (2/3) majority affirmative vote of the Board of Directors.

Please email or mail any comments to the office of NAWT prior to the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of August 20, 2012, where Board action will be taken.

NAWT - New Name & New Look

For the past year there has been discussion on changing the name of NAWT. Most of you know and recognize NAWT by the acronym rather than the National Association of Wastewater Transporters. As many years have gone by NAWT has been more than an association for solely pumpers and transporters in the business. NAWT encompass many aspects in the wastewater industry today and it is transparent in our diverse membership as well as the different national accredited certifications that we have to offer. Today NAWT is a service provider and works side by side with other national, state, and local affiliations. After some debate there was a new NAWT name on the table and it proposed to change the “T” from Transporters to Technicians. There were many positive comments to come forth in using Technicians as a part of our name. It included not only the pumpers but it branches out many others in the industry that are already members to the association. With the change in name a new logo was designed to portray this new professional and accredited image. If you have any feedback on all of this please send it to the office prior to the regular meeting in August.
Scholarship Funding Available

Who doesn’t want extra money to go toward school tuition? This year we are changing a bit from the traditional essay question. The 2013 Scholarship will be awarded to the student who creates and designs a slogan or a bumper sticker representing NAWT, and then writing a 250-500 word essay of why you think NAWT should choose your slogan/bumper sticker. So do your homework and get creative. Your new creation may be used by NAWT for years to come or you might even see it on a truck that passes you by someday.

Many professionals working in the wastewater industries are members of NAWT. Keep in mind NAWT is a national association that focuses on maintaining a unified voice of the industry, a leader in education, and projecting a positive public image. We provide information and educational opportunities to the working professionals in the industry. A $1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a current full-time college student majoring in environmental science, life science, or related curriculum. The William Hapchuk Memorial Scholarship has been awarded year after year in memory of Hapchuck, one of the founding members of the Pennsylvania Septage Management Associations. There is an application that can be found on our website that can be emailed or mailed to NAWT for the Scholarship Committee to review. Deadline for all applications is January 1, 2013. Don’t miss your chance to receive some extra funding for your education.

Maintaining NAWT Certification

Probably the most frequently asked question we hear is, “Why isn’t my name on the NAWT inspector list on the website anymore?” Answer: Your certification has expired. A credential is good for two years, and you can check its expiration date at www.nawt.org. Retaining the credential requires eight hours of continuing education taken during the last 18 months before the certificate expires. In other words, any classes taken the first six months after the certification date do not count toward the required eight CEUs. We chose this route because technical knowledge changes rapidly in two years.

We’re open-minded regarding the type of onsite training you choose provided it doesn’t involve business or municipal treatment plant operator courses. Many other entities and university extensions offer acceptable classes. In addition, NAWT has many Education Partners who offer a number of courses throughout the year and will also present courses at the Pumper & Cleaner Environmental Expo International in Indiana next year. If you have any doubts about which credits we’ll approve, call our toll-free number and ask before registering.

New Requirements for New Mexico

There are new qualification requirements for the state of New Mexico. Liquid Waste Regulations (20.7.3.904.D) states by January 15, 2013, all persons who pump septage must have successfully completed the NAWT Vacuum Truck Technician Training Certification Program, or an equivalent training approved by the New Mexico Environment Department. NAWT will be working with POWRANM and N-MOWA to make courses available in September at a number of locations and dates. There will be Vacuum Truck Technician courses available September 17 and 18 in Albuquerque and September 19 at Ruidoso. In addition there will be a NAWT Inspector Training and Certification Course offered in Ruidoso on September 20-21. Go to the NAWT website for additional information.
Act of Generosity – Pay it Forward

It’s a great idea for businesses to pay it forward. There is always someone out there who could truly use assistance or a helping hand. This idea of doing deeds of generosity is not a new idea but maybe an idea that isn't often acted on. Recently Professional Onsite Wastewater Reuse Association (POWRA) and the New Mexico Onsite Wastewater Association (N-MOWA) lead by example and repaired septic systems for indigent recipients. “On the surface it simply sounds like a good thing to do but it gets better than that” said Jace Ensor, President of N-Mowa. “Having a ‘mission’ has brought the membership together and has been a morale booster like no other. The donor list is extensive and we can’t thank everyone enough.”

Acts like this are indeed positive press for the industry and are great for both small and big businesses alike. As I've learned many people don't always remember what you said but they are more often remember how you made them feel. POWRA and N-MOWA jointly challenge all NAWT member associations to one indigent repair/replacement annually. Are you up for the challenge?

NAWT Partners with DOWRA to Present the Professional Installer Program

NAWT is pleased to work with the Delaware On-site Wastewater Recycling Association (DOWRA) conference planning committee to present the Professional Installer Training Course, on Monday, October 15 as the first day of the 16th annual DOWRA conference. Specific topics covered include; Planning and Site Evaluation; Installing Sewage Tanks; Installing belowground systems; Installing aboveground systems; Installing pumps and pump stations and Installing media filters. Jim Anderson, NAWT Education Program Coordinator is working closely with Jim Cassidy, Daniel String and Hollis Warren to ensure that information presented during this one-day course fits with current Delaware requirements. Instructors for this course will be the nationally recognized team of Dave Gustafson and Jim Anderson.

Support Important Causes

Giving to nonprofit organizations, like NAWT, gives you the opportunity to support causes which you feel are important. NAWT has been able to award an annual scholarship by means of contributions that are made by people like you. What better investment can any of us make than supporting the hopes and dreams of a student. Every amount adds up, however big or small of a contribution towards the scholarship fund. Additionally as a nonprofit association we continue to seek ways to help cover our costs. NAWT is looking to businesses to sponsor our newsletter in exchange for advertisement and acknowledgment for this contribution within the newsletter. Promoting your business is a positive side effect of being a sponsor. Have you or your business considered allocating a part of your marketing budget into a charitable form of giving?