



IWA PIPELINE



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IWA NEEDS YOU!



It's election time at IWA again, and next year three seats on our Board of Directors will be up for election. The three seats are currently held by Board Treasurer James Griffith, Board Secretary Lewis Garrett "Gary" Dutton, Jr., and Board Vice President Paul Garvey. Mr. Griffith and Mr. Dutton are eligible for re-election to their third two-year terms. Mr. Garvey is eligible for re-election to his second two-year term.

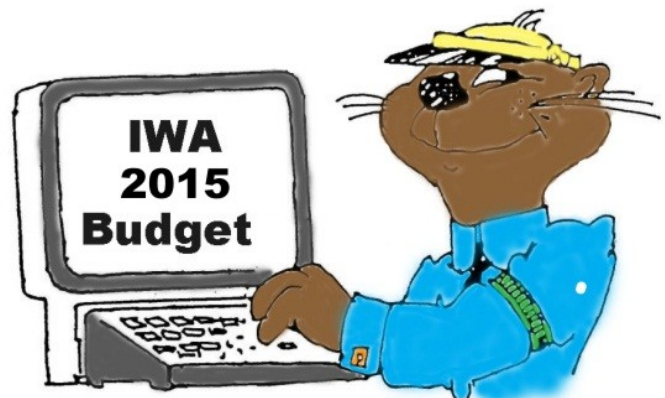
IWA is governed by a five member Board of Directors who all serve without pay. Directors must be residents of Sanibel or Captiva so that they can attend all Board meetings, and must be IWA members or an official representative of a condominium or other IWA Corporate Member. Directors must have no conflict of interest, including, but not limited to, active involvement in an enterprise which could potentially do business with IWA or which could benefit from involvement with the Association.

Meetings are normally held on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Directors are elected by the Membership at IWA's Annual Meeting which is held on the second Monday of every April. Anyone who would like to run for one of the open seats should contact our Board Recording Secretary, Beau Stanley, at (239) 472-2113 (extension 114) or by e-mail at beau@islandwater.com **no later than January 9th, 2015.** A background check will be run on all Board candidates in our post-911 world.

BUDGET TIME AT IWA

The Island Water Association was incorporated 50 years ago next January 19th, and franchised by Lee County as a member-owned, not-for-profit association. Our fiscal year is synonymous with the calendar year, which means it is now budget time at IWA. Our Department Managers are currently analyzing their needs for the upcoming year. The Revenues, Operations/Maintenance, and Capital Budgets are being compiled in order to present them to the IWA Board of Directors for their approval.

Budgeting has always been a bit of an art for a water utility business on a resort island due to variables beyond our control, such as rainfall and seasonal visitors. Revenues should remain fairly





Northern View of Distribution Pump Station Addition

steady at about \$7.1M, with O&M and Capital expenses estimated close to \$7.0M, as one would expect from a not-for-profit organization.

Included in the budgeting process is estimating the cost of 2015 Capital projects. Capital spending involves projects that maintain or upgrade IWA's infrastructure.

Capital expenditures for 2014 included construction of an addition to the RO Plant to house our upgraded High Service Pumping Station. The High Service pumps provide the pressure to our



Southern View of Distribution Pump Station Addition

distribution system, moving water from our two 5MG storage tanks at the plant to your homes. We have increased the pumps, motors, and piping sizes to relieve the strain on our pumping system during times of maximum demand, usually at night during dry season when members' irrigation systems are operating. The building should be complete by year's end. The pumps, motors, and piping will be part of our 2015 budget. Another major Capital project included in the 2014 budget was the abandonment and plugging of a very low capacity well located at the site of our original water plant on Sanibel Captiva Road, which is now the tram stop for the Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

A new well, extending into the high capacity Suwannee aquifer, will be drilled on the same site. This project has been delayed until 2015.

We also have our annual recurring Capital accounts for the maintenance of our RO Plant and distribution system.

In this day and age, budgeting has become even more challenging due to the increased volatility of the cost of energy, chemicals, employee medical insurance, and the overall state of the economy.

SEND IT IN

Tired of mailing us your payment every month? Join many of your fellow IWA Members and enroll in our direct debit program. We will automatically



debit your bank account each month, after you have had a chance to review your bill. You will save a stamp and envelope. IWA will save the time of opening your payment and inputting it into our computer, thereby keeping our costs and your water rates as low as possible. Contact our Membership Coordinator, Kathy, at (239) 472-1502, or email kathy@islandwater.com, to enroll, or fill out an online application. She will be happy to discuss the program with you and to answer whatever questions you may have. To us, it seems like a real win-win proposition!

YOUR HOUSE VALVE

Here at IWA, we often get calls from our members when they are without water inside their residence. Many times we send out a technician only to discover that the house valve has been turned off. House valves often accidentally get turned off due to the fact your house valve is usually located right below an outside spigot.

Over the years, our technicians have found that the house valve is usually located closest to the water meter on the same side of the house as the meter. So if the water meter is on the left side of the property, the house valve is most often on the left side of the house, usually just below an outside spigot. On a stilt home, the house valve can be found on a vertical pipe under the house also closest to the meter and on the same side of the meter. Often times the house valve will be a red PVC "ball" valve. Some house valves are quarter



A Quarter Turn Single Lever Ball Valve in the Off Position

turn levers. If the lever is horizontal, the water to the house is off. If the lever is vertically lined up with the pipe, the house valve is on. Most times the house valve turns off the water to the inside of your residence as well as the outside spigots on the house. It usually does not turn off your irrigation system.



A Quarter Turn PVC Ball Valve in the On Position

We often recommend that our customers turn off their house valve when not in residence to prevent any high usage caused by a running toilet or, even worse, a broken washing machine hose. Some of our members have now moved their house valve into their garage to prevent it from being turned on when they are not in residence. Others have installed a locking device over their house valve.

ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

At this point most people are familiar with the Ice Bucket Challenge, sometimes called the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. It involves “dumping a bucket of ice water on one’s head to promote awareness of the disease amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and encourage donations to re-

search” (Wikipedia). After a person or organization performs the challenge, they nominate another individual or organization to do the same. In August, IWA was nominated by the Sanibel Police Department to participate in the challenge. On August 21, nine IWA employees stepped up to the challenge,



IWA Employees Taking The Ice Bucket Challenge

dousing themselves and donating \$150 of their own money to the Lee Memorial ALS Clinic. Lucky for them, they took the challenge in August, not February!

IN MEMORIAM

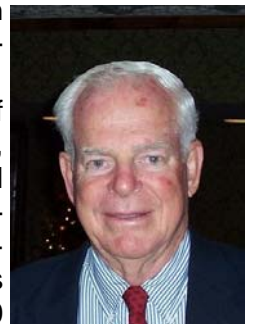
In the past few months, we have mourned the passing of two long time Board members of IWA, Bob Wigley and Andy Schroder, and our recycling guru, Bob Degand.

Bob Wigley, formerly of Golden Valley, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on November 2, 2014. He served on IWA’s Board of Directors twice, from 1992 through 1998, and again from 2002 through 2010. Bob used his extensive knowledge of the water industry to IWA’s benefit during his tenure on our Board. He worked for Neptune Meters, a manufacturer of water meters, for over 10 years before founding his own company, Water Products Company, Inc. Bob and his wife Jean retired to Sanibel Island in 1985 where he continued his philanthropy and conservationism.



Bob Wigley

Andy Schroder, formerly of Philadelphia, PA, and Wilton, CT, passed away at home on Sanibel Island on December 1, 2014, after a courageous battle with melanoma. He served on IWA’s Board of Directors from 2000 through 2006. After receiving his



Andy Schroder

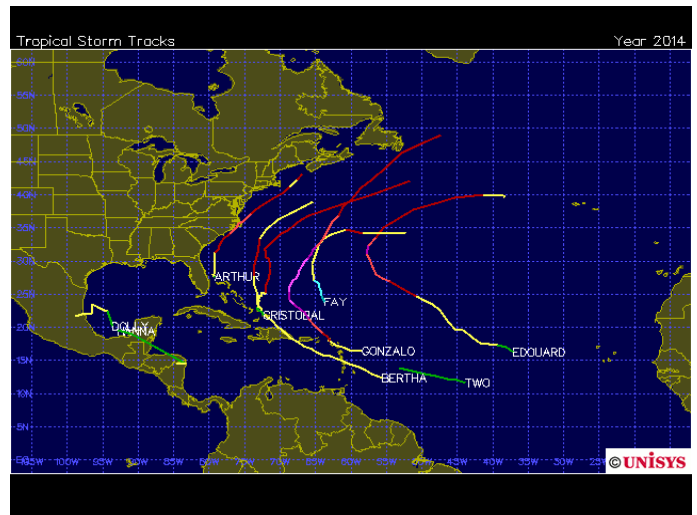
Law Degree from Georgetown University, he worked for Kraft General Foods for over 25 years. Andy's knowledge of corporate law was extremely helpful to IWA during his time on the Board and continued afterward. We knew we could always count on Andy's prudent advice on any legal matter confronting IWA. Andy and his wife Charlotte will be missed at our annual holiday parties.

Bob Degand, a longtime Sanibel resident, passed away on August 25, 2014. Along with his career as an expert dock builder, Bob's passion was recycling metal. Bob began his recycling career in the 1970's and was a familiar face at IWA and many other island businesses, stopping by almost every day to see what was in the pile of used materials we kept for him. Bob kept a lot of Sanibel and Captiva waste from ending up in a landfill over the decades. When he wasn't cleaning up scrap to separate different metals, or hauling a load into "town" to be recycled, Bob and his wife June would stop in at IWA every day to say hello and have a short visit with us.



Bob Degand

for the second year in a row.



After Hurricane Arthur, this year's hurricane season was another non-event for not just Southwest Florida, but the entire U.S.

HURRICANE SEASON ENDS

The 2014 hurricane was a mild one for the Atlantic and Caribbean, with only eight named storms, although six became hurricanes. The most powerful, Cat 4 Hurricane Gonzalo, churned away harmlessly in the Atlantic after brushing by the Virgin Islands as a Tropical Storm in mid-October. Hurricane Arthur brushed by the Carolinas as a Cat 2 Hurricane, drowning out Independence Day celebrations, but other than that, the U. S. was unscathed. IWA storm shutters remained uninstalled



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