

APRIL 2023 SPRING NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!

SARWP has joined Facebook! Please consider giving a "Like" and "Follow" the new SARWP Facebook page! In addition to our new page, there is a private Facebook group called SARWP members. It is the Executive's hope that this group will serve as a real-time forum for interaction and discussion between utilities. The group is open to rural water utility board members, operators, administrators, etc., whose utilities are current SARWP members. Please be patient as we grow the grow the group. We look forward to seeing the benefits of sharing the knowledge we know is out there within our membership.

SARWP Facebook Page link:

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086924082067&mibextid=LQQJ4d

SARWP Members Facebook Group

https://m.facebook.com/groups/388496630039203/?ref=share&mibextid=1066kg

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SARWP's OPERATOR TRANING and ANNUAL SEMINAR will be held: DECEMBER 5TH & 6TH, 2023 at the PARK TOWN HOTEL in SASKATOON!

Our annual seminar provides valuable information to Board Members and Operators! Topic presentations from past seminars have been: Water Security Agency Update, line locates, SaskWater updates, OH&S updates, rural pipeline associations, Operator's Certification Board and many more!

Operator Training will take place all day **Tuesday**, **December 5th**. This training typically offers 0.6 CEU's. We also hope you will plan to attend the Wine & Cheese Registration and our Annual Silent and live Auctions in the evening! This is a great opportunity to start the Christmas gift pile!



We will also work with ClearTech to offer equipment calibration again this year on December 5th.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The AGM is held during the annual seminar. More information will be sent with seminar information closer to the date of the seminar.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have an idea for a presentation, please email us at <u>info@SARWP.ca</u> and we will do our best to present on that topic.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Email is the fastest, most efficient way to reach our members and it helps us do our part to protect the environment by using less paper. If you have an email address, please let us know at info@SARWP.ca.

SASK 1ST CALL

IMPORTANT!! YOUR UTILITY BOARD MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF SARWP IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SASK 1st CALL/SARWP AGREEMENT.



The Association has joined **Sask 1st Call** on behalf of all Utility Boards in the province. Once the individual Utility Board is a member, you will receive \$3.00 per notification (ticket/locate request) which is reviewed on an annual basis by Sask 1st Call. As well, by being a member of SARWP, you save the one-time fee which is based on the number of kilometers your Utility would cover.

The Subscriber Agreement that is signed by the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Water Pipelines is for your information only and can be viewed and/or downloaded from our website (sarwp.ca). Appendix A, which your Utility will have to fill out and return to Sask 1st Call, is now available on our website. Appendixes B and C are for your information only and D is required if/when you are making any changes to the original information on Appendix A. You will then be required to provide your individual mapping data as described in the Database Correspondent Quick Reference Guide (also available on our website) and a copy of your Certificate of Insurance as indicated in the subscriber agreement in Section 5.5. If you require any assistance from Sask 1st Call – please contact Shawn Fairman, General Manager, Distribution Customer Service and Sask 1st Call at: <u>SFairman@saskenergy.com</u> or call him at: (306) 777-9224. You can also visit their website at <u>www.sask1stcall.com</u>.

****Note:** Separate of Sask 1st Call you will also have to fill in the Waiver and Indemnification Form and return to SARWP if you will be joining Sask 1st Call.

INVOICE FOR SARWP MEMBERSHIP

Being a member of SARWP has many benefits, some of which include reduced registration fees at seminars, and up to date information on mandatory Water Security Agency Regulations.

Please see the attached membership form. If you are returning member and your information has not changed, just complete the name of your pipeline group. We are asking all utility boards/groups for permission to add your contact information to our website. Please check yes or no.

ADVERTISING

If your Utility Board would like to send out a notice of items for sale or have a topic that you would like to share with other utility boards/groups, please email SARWP at <u>info@sarwp.ca</u> and we can include it with information sent to the members.

Sincerely,

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