



**Welcome to the 6th  
Geothermal Alliance of Illinois  
Annual Meeting**

# Order of business

- 1. Call to order/quorum declaration - Dan
- 2. Review of bylaw proposal – John
- 3. Action on bylaw amendments - Dan
- 4. Nomination Com., board nominee introductions – Brian
- 5. Election of GAOI board members –Dan
- 6. New business – Dan
- 7. Adjourn.



# Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Changes are marked as follows:

~~Strikethrough~~ – delete

**Red font** – additions



# ARTICLE II: MISSION STATEMENT

- A. The GAOI brings together an exceptional group of unaffiliated professionals, with a unified voice:
- \* to promote and expand the uses of geothermal technology
  - \* to help assure and maintain the highest level of proficiency in the construction and installation of geothermal systems
  - \* to establish a talent pool in Illinois to nurture the design, implementation, operation, and installation of ~~this~~ **systems employing the use of this** highly-efficient renewable energy technology.



# ARTICLE V: CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

- Section 2** A Manufacturer member produces Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) certified geothermal systems for sale in Illinois.
- Section 3** A Distributor member is an independent HVAC wholesaler of AHRI certified geothermal systems; or **manufacturers or distributors of other** geothermal materials (non-equipment related) related to the industry.



# ARTICLE V: CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP cont...

- Section 4** A Utility member is an electric utility (investor-owned, cooperative ~~and~~ **or** municipal) that provides retail electric service in Illinois, or an association of these utility providers.
- Section 5** A Designer/Architect/Engineer member is a **firm employing professionals** ~~professional who is~~ experienced in the design of geothermal systems. ~~and has attended GAOI-approved training specifically targeting geothermal applications.~~



# ARTICLE V: CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP cont...

## **Section 7**

A Loop installer member is a company whose primary business is the installation of geothermal loop field systems. ~~and is certified as a loop installer by GAOI or similar organization.~~



# ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP

**Section 2 Application.** Application for membership shall be made in writing and in a form acceptable to the Board of Directors with appropriate documentation and collateral materials as may be required by the Board of Directors for its consideration. Applicants must agree to abide by the Alliance Code of Ethics, their Bylaws, and any other regulations adapted by the Board of Directors or the membership of this Alliance. ~~Applications for membership shall be approved by the GAOI.~~





# ARTICLE VIII: DIRECTORS

**Section 2**     **Number, Election and Tenure.** The Board shall consist of no more than 15 directors: no more than four from the contractor classification, no more than four from the utility classification, no more than four from the distributor and manufacturer classifications combined, **no more than four from the engineer/architect category**, and no more than four from the Loop Installer category. Directors shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee selected by the Board of directors, or nominated by another member in good standing at the annual business meeting or meeting where the election is taking place. Board members will be subject to election by a majority of the votes cast at the annual meeting of members. Directors shall serve for terms of three (3) years. It is the goal (but not mandatory) that board members represent all geographic areas of the state. **No more than one representative (employee) of any single GAOI member-organization can serve on the board at the same time.**



# ARTICLE VIII: DIRECTORS

## cont...

**Section 6**     **Attendance of Directors at Board Meetings.** Board members are expected to regularly attend meetings of the board of directors. Any board member absent (either in person or by phone) for three meetings in the one-year period between GAOI annual meetings will be considered inactive and will be removed from the board of directors. Under special circumstances, such as illness or very extended travel, the board of directors may grant an approved absence, upon petition, from the board member.



# ARTICLE VIII: DIRECTORS cont...

- Section 6 **7** ...
- Section 7 **8** ...
- Section 8 **9** ...



# PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

- Questions...
- We will need a motion and action on approving the proposed bylaw amendments as presented.



# NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Met on February 18, 2014 by phone
- Brian Houchin
- Gary Hurley
- Bruce Barkau
- Marshall Collins
- Jeff Hurst



# NOMINEES

- Peter Kalman, Central Heating and Cooling - Pekin
- Dan Couillard, GI Energy - Chicago
- Kyle Smith, Enertech Geothermal - Greenville
- Paul Habighorst, WaterFurnace Int. - Saint Peters
- All have expressed interest in the board



# NOMINEES cont...

- Brent Braker, Garber Heating and Cooling  
- Peoria
- Gary Hurley, CWLP – Springfield



# NOMINEES cont...

- Are there any nominees from the floor...
- I need a motion and a second to close the nominations process and proceed to the election





# ELECTION

- This is a contested election. We have handed out a paper ballot to one appointment from each member company.
- If your company does not have a ballot – please let us know.
- Kristin Banks (GAOI); Jeff Hurst (Connor Co.); & Bill Stalder (Adams Electric Cooperative); will be election tellers



# Elections – 5 Board Positions

- Brent Braker, Garber Heating & Cooling – Peoria
- Dan Couillard, GI Energy - Chicago
- Paul Habighorst, WaterFurnace Int. - Saint Peters
- Gary Hurley, CWLP - Springfield
- Peter Kalman, Central Heating & Cooling - Pekin
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