

**Connecticut Geothermal Association
Meeting Minutes
Chuck's Steak House, Rocky Hill, CT**

Feb 2, 2016 6:30 pm

I ROLL CALL

John Sima	Guy Wanegar	Chris Sima
Peter Tavino	David Corcoran	Rob Sima
David Ragaini	Phil Robert	Larry Sima
Doug Rothman	Mark Henderson	David Hermantin
Carla Churyk	Janice Wilhelm	Rich Vocke
Will Oritz	Shelbie Heritage	

II OFFICER REPORTS:

A. PRESIDENT:

The April 2 Conference was discussed. Cost \$25 to CGA members who preregister, \$30 at the door. \$50 others preregistered, \$55 at the door. Vendor booths @ \$250 for CGA members include 2 free meals. \$300 for non members with free meals.

Dave Ragaini of Blake Industries will offer heat fusion certification. Shelbie Heritage of ISCO Pipe (who won the free dinner raffle) will provide additional pipe.

Speakers are:

Matt Davis: Ground Energy Support Monitoring and New Hampshire Renewable Energy Credits,

Mike Dion: Air Source Heat Pump Water Heaters

A third speaker is being finalized.

John Sima reported on the new \$1000 scholarship program to be called the Connecticut Geothermal Association Scholarship. John Sima, Jim Sansoucy and Guy Wanegar met with Norwich Tech's Ray Mensio and Pat Tarlegio on January 27 to discuss the planning.

There was preference for buying geo / hvac tools instead of giving cash away.

The membership voted to prefer an essay contest rather than require a technical heat loss and gain or loop sizing contest.

John Sima said there are 23 Customer Satisfaction replies- all very satisfied except one questioning a high electric bill. John asked for more Survey participation from our past clients here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7QTYNJC>
Replies to Woodie Weiss at woodie.weiss@icloud.com

- John emailed Joe Swift at Eversource asking for an increase in the \$1500 rebate, and Joe said maybe in the Spring.
 - No further word on tax credit extension from Doug Doherty.
 - Comprehensive Energy Strategy is up for Renewal. Plan to work with DEEP's Diane Duvah.
 - NYSERDA is looking for proposals on geo and the Albany conference is April 19.
 - Ray Sima signed up for a \$25 booth at the Newington Home Show, and members are welcome to hand out business cards from it.
 - Ray Sima renewed our insurance.
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- Guy Wanegar noted that NESEA's Mark Rosenbaum promotes Mitsubishi air source heat pumps instead of geothermal.
 - Guy Wanegar will forward an email from Debbie Suberian about collecting thermal conductivities of various Connecticut Soils used for horizontal trenches.

There was some discussion about the new **Connecticut Sales Tax** policy after Jan 1, 2016. Ground source heat pumps are now included, and no longer sales tax free. Drilling under new installation guidelines is still considered tax exempt, but all installers should determine for themselves. State web site is:
<http://ct.gov/drs/lib/drs/publications/pubssn/2015/sn2015-11.pdf>

B. SECRETARY: Peter Tavino posted January 2016 minutes to the website.

C. VICE PRESIDENT & TREASURER: No reports at this time.

VII ADJOURNMENT 8:40pm

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Peter Tavino