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Record Breaking Year for INLICA Auction!

Every year at convention one of the highlights is the annual auction. Typically we are able to raise around \$4,000 dollars and all of those proceeds are put into the scholarship fund. Over the past few years, there haven't been all that many applicants and our scholarship fund has grown. (Hint, hint...fill out those applications!) One of the donated items for this past years auction was a tote full of home-made knot blankets made by Brenda Noggle. These were donated with the mindset that they would be donated back to a local charity. Bids for the blankets were climbing and finally settled at 1,000 donated by FRATCO. This donation was then matched by Keith Miller Excavating and Prins Insurance both!. It was decided that both the blankets AND the \$3000 raised would be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis. What a blessing that INLICA was able to give!

In total \$6,892.50 was raised that evening.

Be sure to check out page 11 for the scholarship rules and applications!

A Word From Our President...

Welcome to the new year. I hope everyone was able to enjoy spending time with their family and friends over the Christmas holiday. It looks like 2020 is off to a good start. We have had unseasonably warm weather so far this winter. Stock up on your bug repellent for summer. Business has been busy in the drainage sector as well as residential and commercial. So far it looks like 2020 is going to be another busy year.

Con Expo is less than a month away, I hope several of you get the chance to experience this event. The expo offers a variety of educational seminars that could be beneficial to many of us, as well as the networking and meeting new friends that share the same passion about the land as you and I. And don't forget the fun and relaxation.

I would like to remind everyone about our scholarships that are available to our members' children and grandchildren. The deadline for applications has been extended to August 15 and is now available for high school seniors to apply.

As always, we are looking for new topics of interest for training and educational seminars. If there is a topic that you feel you or our members would benefit from let Nanci or myself know. We appreciate your feedback.

Have a safe and prosperous year,

Bryan Noggle

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Back Row L-R: Joe Stull, Troy Warweg, Keith Miller, Darrel Birge, Bryan Noggle, Tony Cain, John Pickering, James Ramsey Front Row L-R: Bob Clark II, Nordis Estrem, Mike Cook



Left: Recipient of the 2019 Mrs. Contractor of the Year Award was Michelle Cain, wife of Tony Cain, Brookston. Michelle was unable to attend but Tony accepted the award in her place and spoke of the many hours she put in over this past summer helping him on the job.



Above: James Ramsey passing on the INLICA Presidents Pin to incoming President Bryan Noggle.



Above:JP Fullhart receiving his 45 Year Membership Award

Right: Ron Schlatter presents James with the Past Presidents plaque and gavel awarded by Schlatter's Inc.



Left: 2020 Corn Hole Champions—Bill Rawn and Tony Cain

Right: Swearing in of the 2020 INLICA Board Members



Overview of the Navigable Waters Protection Rule On January 23, 2020, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of the Army (Army) fulfilled yet another promise of President Trump by finalizing the Navigable Waters Protection Rule to define “waters of the United States” (WOTUS). For the first time, the agencies are streamlining the definition so that it includes four simple categories of jurisdictional waters, provides clear exclusions for many water features that traditionally have not been regulated, and defines terms in the regulatory text that have never been defined before. Congress, in the Clean Water Act, explicitly directed the Agencies to protect “navigable waters.” The Navigable Waters Protection Rule regulates these waters and the core tributary systems that provide perennial or intermittent flow into them. The final rule fulfills Executive Order 13788 and reflects legal precedent set by key Supreme Court cases as well as robust public outreach and engagement, including pre-proposal input and comments received on the proposed rule. The Navigable Waters Protection Rule protects the environment while respecting states, localities, tribes, and private property owners. It clearly delineates where federal regulations apply and gives state and local authorities more flexibility to determine how best to manage waters within their borders. Assertions have been made that the new rule will reduce jurisdiction over thousands of stream miles and millions of acres of wetlands. These assertions are incorrect because they are based on data that is too inaccurate and speculative to be meaningful for regulatory purposes. The final rule along with state, local, and tribal regulations and programs provide a network of protective coverage for the nation’s water resources.

The Navigable Waters Protection Rule outlines four clear categories of waters that are considered “waters of the United States.” These four categories protect the nation’s navigable waters and the core perennial and intermittent tributary systems that flow into those waters.



- Territorial seas and traditional navigable waters (TNWs)
- Tributaries
- Lakes, ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters
- Adjacent wetlands

The final rule also outlines what are not “waters of the United States.” The following waters/features are not jurisdictional under the rule: Waterbodies that are not included in the four categories of “waters of the United States” listed above—this distinction will provide clarity that where a water or feature is not identified as jurisdictional in the final rule, it is not a jurisdictional water under the Clean Water Act.

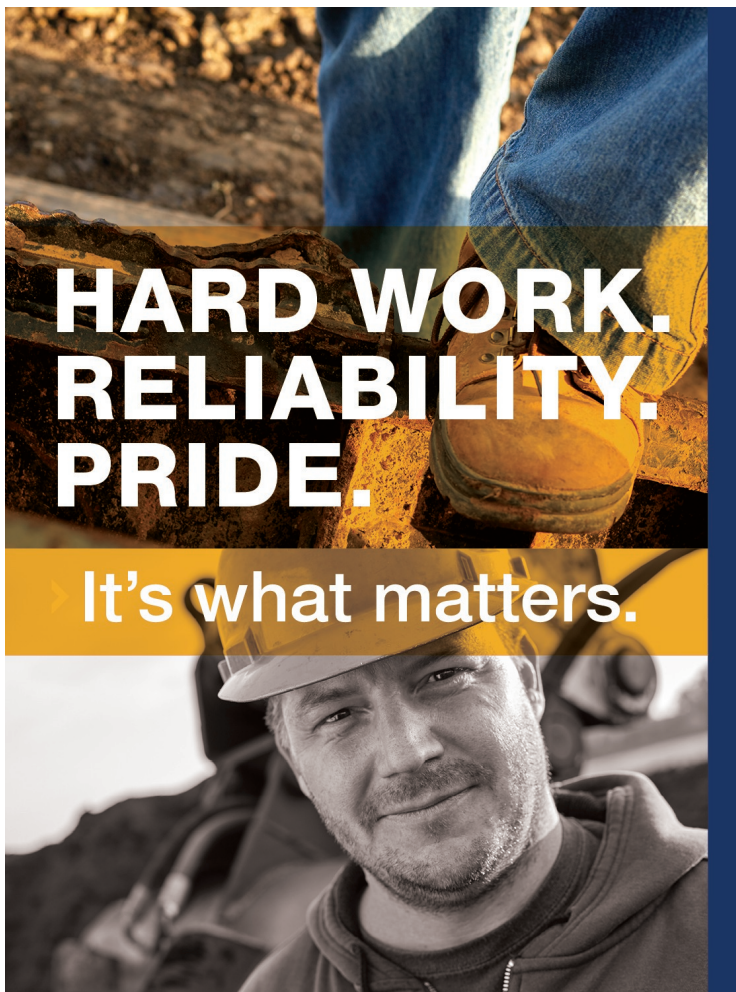
- Groundwater, including groundwater drained through subsurface drainage systems, such as drains in agricultural lands.
- Ephemeral features, including ephemeral streams, swales, gullies, rills, and pools.
- Diffuse stormwater run-off and directional sheet flow over upland.
- Many farm and roadside ditches.
- Prior converted cropland retains its longstanding exclusion, but is defined for the first time in the final rule. The agencies are clarifying that this exclusion will cease to apply when cropland is abandoned (i.e., not used for, or in support of, agricultural purposes in the immediately preceding five years) and has reverted to wetlands.

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Continuation of the Navigable Waters Protection Rule :

- Artificially irrigated areas, including fields flooded for agricultural production, that would revert to upland should application of irrigation water to that area cease.
- Artificial lakes and ponds, including water storage reservoirs and farm, irrigation, stock watering, and log cleaning ponds, constructed or excavated in upland or in non-jurisdictional waters.
 - Water-filled depressions constructed or excavated in upland or in non-jurisdictional waters incidental to mining or construction activity, and pits excavated in upland or in non-jurisdictional waters for the purpose of obtaining fill, sand, or gravel.
- Stormwater control features excavated or constructed in upland or in non-jurisdictional waters to convey, treat, infiltrate, or store stormwater run-off.
- Groundwater recharge, water reuse, and wastewater recycling structures, including detention, retention and infiltration basins and ponds, that are constructed in upland or in non-jurisdictional waters.
- Waste treatment systems have been excluded from the definition of “waters of the United States” since 1979 and will continue to be excluded under the final rule. Waste treatment systems are defined for the first time in this rule.
 - o A waste treatment system includes all components, including lagoons and treatment ponds (such as settling or cooling ponds), designed to either convey or retain, concentrate, settle, reduce, or remove pollutants, either actively or passively, from wastewater or stormwater prior to discharge (or eliminating any such discharge).



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Membership, Ladies, By-Laws, Nominating and also Scholarship. These positions don't require much time, and help the Board to operate smoothly. We would welcome all new participants! If you have any questions please feel free to contact Nanci or any other Board Member.



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Who is eligible? Indiana LICA Regular Members, Junior Members, their spouses, children, and grandchildren.

Eligibility Requirements. Must be one of the following: A. a currently enrolled college student B. a high school senior, actively enrolling in, a four year college, technical school or vocational training in Indiana. Preference will be given to those students pursuing a degree in Natural Science, Technology, Business, Teaching or Engineering. The same person is not eligible for more than one award.

Amount of Award. \$2,000.00, Up to 3 winners per year. All applicants will receive notification of status by September 1. The winner will receive a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 by September 15

Dates to Apply. Completed applications must be received by Indiana LICA between January 1 and August 15. Applications must have a postmark date no later than August 15. Incomplete applications will be automatically disregarded.

Date of Award. By September following the application.

Basis of Award. In addition to meeting all eligibility requirements, emphasis on the specific points listed will have much consideration in determining the winner. Progress toward attaining vocational and personal goals, as well as a philosophy compatible with INLICA objectives and mental character.

Information Required. A successful applicant shall have provided all the personal data requested on the application form. Key requirements include copy of birth certificate, transcripts of completed high school/college work, and an essay of 300 words or less.

Please note that there are 2 separate applications for the INLICA Scholarship. One is for current High School Seniors and the other is for current College Students. Both applications are available on the following pages.

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(College Applicant)

Applicant

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First Name

Home Phone

Home Address

City

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College Now Attending

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Years of college completed to date:

Major Course of Study:

Cumulative College Grade Point Average

Expected College Graduation Date

List Organizations, Clubs, Special Interests in College

High School you Graduated from:

City/State

High School Grade Point Average:

List Honors and Awards Received in High School

Describe your work experience to date, if any

In order for your application to be considered, the following must accompany your application: Letters of recommendation from three adults. Letters may not be written by the applicant, anyone under 21 years of age, or anyone related to you or serving as your legal guardian. At least one phone number or email address must be included for each reference.

Your essay, 300 words or less, describing your academic, vocational and personal goals and why you should receive the scholarship.

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