



The Advocate

Letter From The President Mike Anzalone

Hello and welcome to spring, kind of. Is it spring or is it still winter? This year it's been hard to tell. This has been a month of driving with heat on in the morning and AC in the afternoon and visa versa. We keep having unpredictable and fluctuating temperatures. I see yard sprinklers on in the day and irrigation water freezing in the mornings. What an up and down rollercoaster!

Every spring I mention our drought and what it means to our state and our business. The Utah drought directly influences and affects our livelihood. Every year Utah keeps getting hit harder and harder with less snow and as a result less water. What I wouldn't give to start out a newsletter with a statement about our overwhelming supply of water and high record snowpacks. Well, hopefully next year!

It is now imperative that we use our water wisely and conserve wherever we can. In our industry we can help by educating the customer and providing systems that are appropriate.

In Utah the need for water increases significantly every year with all our growth and development. I have no doubt that this will be an incredibly busy year for all of us and our industry. Our water needs keep growing and growing. I encourage you all to work together and help each other out whenever possible. We're all in this together.

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Mark Your Calendar

- Dec 8-10, 2026
NGWA Groundwater Week
- June 4-6, 2026
Moab PED and Summer Retreat
- Jan 6-8, 2027 UGWA Annual Conference & Expo

Letter From The President—Cont'd

Mike Anzalone

Our industry has a front row seat to see water needs growing each year. There are new housing developments, golf courses, agriculture, and water parks. The public is extremely concerned about the already limited water supply. With so much development and growth, there is a real cause for worry.

Another mentionable concern right now in our water industry is the price of fuel and materials. These affect us directly and make everything we do cost more. This results in needing to charge more. The customers are already feeling a huge hit just coping with their own daily fuel use and rising costs of living. Our drought and the rising fuel costs definitely are not helping us right now. Remember, have an open line of communication with your customers. Take the time to explain your bid. Explain the reasons for charges. It is not us simply charging more; it is actually costing us more. More than ever, foster good customer relations and build relationships and trust.

Remember, our UGWA Scholarship program that is funded by the Scholarship Auction in Mesquite and the Mountain States Convention in Laughlin. These auctions raise money that we put directly towards educational scholarships for any child or grandchild of members of our UGWA. The member needs to have been active for at least 2 years to be eligible to sponsor an applicant. These scholarships can be used at any college, tech school, university, or trade school. Applications are due in June. You can get more information about this on our UGWA website.

I hope your calendars are marked for our upcoming UGWA get together in Moab. Be sure to get your rooms booked. We will have a geology tour for our CEU class, a Dutch Oven BBQ, golfing in Monticello, and an ATV tour on Saturday. You can bring your own ATV or rentals are available. The ATV tour will be most of the day, from morning to afternoon. This is always a great time that you won't want to miss.

Dates to Remember:

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| May 5 | Last Day for Moab Valley Inn Room Rate Block | June 4 |
| | Monticello Golf | |
| June 5 | Geology Tour By Chris Mikell and Thom Hanna & Evening BBQ at the Gavin Holland residence - 940 Peartree Ln., Moab, Utah | |
| June 6 | ATV Ride | |

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Joke of the Month:

Why did the pipes break up?.....

They couldn't handle the pressure!!!!!!

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- A. CONTRACTOR/PUMP INSTALLER:** Any person doing business and licensed to drill, either water wells or ground water monitoring.
- B. MANUFACTURER/SUPPLIER:** Any person engaged in the manufacturing and/or sale of equipment, or materials used in the ground water industry.
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 - C. TECHNICAL:** Any hydrologist, geologist, or engineer involved in teaching, research, consulting and or government services associated with the ground water industry.
 - D. ASSOCIATE:** Any person engaged in the support of the UGWA who does not accurately fit in any of the above.
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UGWA Scholarship Program

Instructions for Application

The UGWA Scholarship Fund is made available to assist and encourage the education of qualified active UGWA members, their spouse, children and/or grandchildren.

The Program is funded by donations from UGWA Members and the Mountain States Ground Water Association. The fundraising auction held at the annual UGWA Conference & Expo is enthusiastically supported by our members and all proceeds benefit this program.

ELIGIBILITY:

- * **An** active UGWA member, their spouse, child or grandchild;
- * **And** the sponsoring UGWA member has been in good standing for a minimum of two (2) consecutive years prior to application;
- * **And** a student who is currently enrolled or planning to enroll within 6 months from award, in a full-time course of study at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational-technical school;
- * **And** who is accepted by that institution during the year which the scholarship is given;
- * **And** have completed the Association's scholarship application with required supporting documentation;
- * **And** complete application is postmarked by June 15 of each calendar year in which scholarships are awarded;
- * **And** have not previously received 4 scholarships from this fund.

HOW TO APPLY: You must submit all information in the format you feel will best show your achievements and accomplishments during your scholastic career. Scholarship selection will be based on the following information submitted for review:

- Fully Completed UGWA Scholarship Application Cover Sheet;
- Academic Record/Grade Transcripts from the most recent school year;
- Minimum of 3 Current Written Recommendations from Teachers, Advisers, etc.; **Each reference must be dated (6 months or less) and be signed. (each must be a separate document)**
- Application Essay which will include:
 - Extracurricular Activities and Leadership Experience;
 - Community Service
 - Educational and Career Goals;
 - Work Experience and History.

DEADLINE: All applications must be **Postmarked no later than June 15th**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All submittals will be confidential. No UGWA members will be directly involved in the selection process.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: The scholarship award will be in the amount of \$2,000. The number of awards will be based upon the funds available in the Association's Scholarship Fund. Scholarship awards will be based upon the merit of the applicant and the selection process will be made by an independent auditor such as the Salt Lake Community College, Office of Financial Aid.

All awards will be made by check payable jointly to the student and the sponsoring member and must be endorsed by both. A maximum of 4 annual scholarships are available to any one applicant unless the applicant is obtaining an advanced degree or furthering their education in a related field to the association at which time they may receive a scholarship for an additional 2 years, not to exceed a maximum of 6 years total.

"NEW" Presidential Scholarship: The Presidential Scholarship is for those students enrolled in a field of study that directly effects our industry. To apply, include a separate letter indicating your desire for this scholarship, your field of study and how it applies to our industry. The awarded student will receive an additional \$1,000.

DEFERAL: In the event community/civil service prevents an applicant from timely submitting an application for a current school year, consideration may be given for a future year's scholarship. The applicant must submit a request and explanation for deferred consideration, along with any supporting documentation, with their completed application. Deferral requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the current sitting UGWA Board.

SUBMIT COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:

Utah Ground Water Association
11730 E 14450 N, Mount Pleasant UT 84647
or **Email to Admin@UtahGroundWater.org**

NOTE: If selected, you will be asked to provide: applicant's date of birth, social security number and a 4x6 photograph prior to the receipt of funds.

UGWA Scholarship Application
Cover Sheet

ABOUT THE APPLICANT

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Moab Professional Education Day & Synmner Retreat June 4th—6th, 2026

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 4th

Noon-5pm Golf Outing Just Show Up!

The Hideout GC, 648 S Hideout Way, Monticello UT

Friday, June 5th

8am Registration

9am **Utah Rules & Regulations**

presented by Jim Goddard PG, Utah Division of Water Rights

10:15am Break

10:45am **Geological Tour**

12pm **Lunch** *sponsored by* **Preferred Pump**

5:30pm BBQ and Social

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Saturday, June 6th

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Building Utah's Groundwater Future:

Workforce Development and Advocacy in Action

As a Utah groundwater professional and a member of the Board of Directors for the National Ground Water Association (NGWA), I've seen firsthand how national initiatives translate into real benefits for our state and region. Over the past year, NGWA has made significant progress advancing two priorities that matter deeply to Utah: **workforce development** and **effective advocacy for groundwater professionals**.

Workforce development remains a top focus for NGWA, and recent outreach efforts are already paying dividends. One highlight is the new NGWA contractor outreach video, which tells the story of what groundwater professionals do, why our work matters, and the opportunities available to the next generation. This message is especially important in Utah, where population growth, limited surface water, and increasing water supply challenges are driving greater reliance on groundwater systems.

You can view the NGWA contractor video here:

👉 https://youtu.be/AyI5zk-xuY4?si=R_ijLQMsejrkF1h-

Complementing the video, NGWA's public service announcement has been airing on radio and streaming platforms such as Spotify, expanding the reach of our message well beyond the traditional groundwater audience. Together, these efforts help raise awareness, spark interest in careers in the trades and sciences, and reinforce the value of the skilled workforce that designs, drills, constructs, and manages groundwater systems across Utah and the nation.

In addition to workforce outreach, NGWA recently had a strong presence in Washington, D.C., during its annual Fly-In. This event gives groundwater professionals an opportunity to meet directly with members of Congress and their staff to discuss the issues affecting our industry. During this year's Fly-In, I met with **Senator John Curtis** and **Congressman Mike Kennedy**, and also spent time with staff from **Senator Mike Lee's** and **Congresswoman Celeste Maloy's** offices.

These conversations are critical. They give Utah's federal delegation a clearer understanding of how groundwater supports municipal growth, agriculture, industry, and environmental protection throughout our state. They also help communicate the real world implications of federal policy decisions related to infrastructure funding, permitting, workforce availability, and water resource management.

For Utah, groundwater is foundational. Many communities, rural water systems, agricultural operations, and industries depend on it every day. Visiting with our elected officials—and their staff—helps ensure that groundwater science, engineering, and construction perspectives are part of the national conversation. Just as importantly, it reinforces that groundwater professionals are proactive, solutions-oriented partners invested in long-term water security.



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Whether through workforce development initiatives, public education campaigns, or direct engagement with policymakers, NGWA continues to make meaningful progress on behalf of its members. I'm proud to help represent Utah through these efforts and to work alongside colleagues who are committed to strengthening both our profession and the resources we steward.

R. Jeffrey Davis, PE, CGWP





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