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Carolinas Irrigation Association

2011 E-SPRINKLE

April 2011



Water is Life

Regulatory Reform Meetings

The NC Legislature recently established a regulatory reform committee made up of House and Senate members. The committee's purpose is to look closely at the entire regulatory environment in North Carolina and determine what problems exist and what changes are necessary.

If any green industry business has experienced regulatory issues in the past that have caused undue expense or business hardship the regulatory reform committee would like to hear your story. Your presentation must be short, under three minutes, concise and factual.

We need growers or green industry businesses to speak at these meetings if they have an experience or story to tell about how state government regulations have negatively impacted their business.

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

**Monday, April 4. Pitt Community College,
Goess Building, Rooms 137-139, 1986 Pitt Tech Road, Winterville,
N.C.**

Signup to make a two minute statement: 12:30 p.m. Meeting: 1 to 3 p.m.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

**Friday, April 15. Blue Ridge Community College,
Thomas Auditorium, 180 West Campus Drive, Flat Rock, N.C.
Signup to make a two minute statement: 12:30 p.m. Meeting: 1 to 3 p.m.**

North Carolina Irrigation
Contractors Licensure
Board



New Members

Contractors

Asheville Irrigation, LLC
Brandon Laughinghouse
Weaverville, NC

Greenstate Landscape
Myra Norton
Lumberton, NC

Ideal Landscaping, Inc.
Larry Bird
Holly Springs, NC

Jones' Landscaping &
Maintenance, Inc.
Jack Jones
Fuquay Varina, NC

Outdoor Images Mgmt.
David Henderson

RALEIGH

**Thursday, April 21. Legislative Building Auditorium (3rd Floor),
16 W. Jones Street, Raleigh, N.C.**

Signup to make a two minute statement: 12:30 p.m. Meeting: 1 to 3 p.m.

Click on this link for more information: [The Joint Committee on Regulatory](#)

Carolinas Irrigation Association Presents Award

In January, The Carolinas Irrigation Association presented its first annual Dr. Ronald Sneed Friend of the Industry Award to Dr. Ronald Sneed for whom the award was named. The award was created to recognize and honor outstanding individuals and leaders in the Irrigation Industry.

When deciding on what to name this award, it was clear to the CIA Board of Directors that no other person in the State of North Carolina has done as much to promote, educate, advance, and champion the cause of irrigation than Dr. Sneed, and that no other person is as deserving of receiving this tribute than the man for whom it is named.

While earning undergraduate and graduate degrees at North Carolina State University and as a long time professor at NCSU, Dr. Sneed has promoted the efficient use of water through sound and proven methods of designing, installing, and operating irrigation systems. During his tenure in the classroom, he was noted for having not only a fundamentally sound approach to the engineering and calculations involved with planning and operating irrigation systems, but was the rare individual that understood the myriad of interrelated factors of economy, climate, soils, crop production, biology, water quality, water availability, and timing that all play a role in irrigation decision making and the success or failure of irrigation systems.

Since retiring from NCSU, Dr. Sneed has given of his time and energy to numerous ventures in the irrigation industry. He is a noted designer and Professional Engineer who consulted on many projects from waste water application to golf course irrigation design. He has been active for many years with the Irrigation Association helping with certification efforts and advising.

When the CIA began promoting the idea of pushing for irrigation licensing of turf and landscape irrigation contractors, Dr. Sneed was quick to help in both an active and advisory capacity, and once the legislation was passed, he was appointed to the Board of the NC Irrigation Contractors Licensing Board and currently serves as its chairman.

Dr. Sneed is retired from the NC National Guard, serves as field coordinator of the

Charlotte, NC

Providence Landscape
Group
Chris Estep
Charlotte, NC

Providence Landscape
Group
Tom Gaddy
Charlotte, NC

Yardworks, Inc.
Chad MacAvery
Emerald Isle, NC

Allied Member

G. Suggs Insurance
Agency, Inc.
Greg Suggs
Raleigh, NC

**Calendar of
Events 2011****RAIN BIRD**

Two-Wire training
Raleigh - March 28
Charlotte - April 1

CIA-NCICL exam review
Raleigh - April 11 & 12

NCICL License Exam
Raleigh - April 15

Smart Irrigation Month
July

NC Special Olympics, is active in Operation Christmas Child, and is active in his local church.

The CIA hopes to annually present this award to leaders in the irrigation industry who strive toward the exemplary example set by Dr. Ronald Sneed.

Submitted by: Bill Sparrow, Jr., Carolinas Irrigation Association

Check out the updated CIA web site. We are developing a member's only area which needs a password to enter. Contact the CIA office at info@carolinasirr.org for your membership password.

Kurt Thompson of K.Thompson and Associates, LLC has developed a new workbook to help review for the NCICL Irrigation license exam. Workbook information and order form can be found on www.carolinasirr.org.

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