

# Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association officers help organization thrive



Bob Hand

Bob Hand, Nelson Irrigation Corp., is finishing his first year serving as president of the Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association.

Derick Attebury, Rain For Rent, Idaho Falls, served as vice president until his appointment as Region 6 (Upper Snake) Idaho Fish and Game commissioner and

had to resign.

Loni Monson, Pipeco, Nampa branch, was accountable as treasurer.

Two board members are finishing their terms: Quentin Nesbitt, Idaho Power Co., Boise, and Dallas Jensen, Agri-Lines Irrigation, Parma.

Tawna Root, Layne Pumps, Twin Falls; Cody Kemp, H.D. Fowl-

er Company, Idaho Falls; and Kent Kidd, Valmont Industries, Declo, have another year on their terms.

Dana Duffin, The Sprinkler Shop, Paul, is the immediate past president.

The following members have served as committee chairs for association activities this year:

- Education chair: Dr. Howard Neibling, University of Idaho, Kimberly.

- Scholarship chair: Dirk Leavitt, Valmont Industries, American Falls.

- Ag Membership chair: Jim Mitchell, TRO Inc., Meridian.

- Turf Membership chair: Jim Moyer, Irrigation Design, Meridian.

The chairmen for the 2015 Idaho Irrigation Equipment Show and Conference, scheduled for Jan. 7 at the Nampa Civic Center, are Monson and Larry Spath, Robertson Supply-The Pump House, Nampa.

Tondee Clark, Boise, has begun her 20th year as secretary of the IIEA.

## Scholarships available for students in irrigation field

The Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association expects to award thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving students going into agricultural irrigation or turf-landscape irrigation fields in 2016.

In 2015, the IIEA awarded \$18,500 in scholarships to 30 students. College scholarships ranged from \$500 to \$1,000 per student. These students were selected on the basis of academic accomplishments, activities, leadership and interest in pursuing a degree in an agricultural irrigation or land-

scape-related field.

The IIEA has awarded 629 scholarships totaling \$380,500 since 1980. The IIEA's Scholarship Program received the Idaho Governor's Award for Excellence in Agriculture in the Education/Advocacy category at the 2012 Larry Branan Idaho Ag Summit.

Students who will be enrolled in a college program in the fall semester of 2016 are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Applications are available at [www.idahoirrigationequipmentassociation.org](http://www.idahoirrigationequipmentassociation.org).

org. All applications must be postmarked by Feb. 26, 2016. Any questions, contact Scholarship Chairman Dirk Leavitt, Valmont Industries, at (208) 226-5639.

The IIEA was established in 1971 and membership consists of 120 separate entities including wholesale suppliers, retail dealers, equipment manufacturers, public utilities and financial institutions engaged in serving Idaho's irrigation needs. Scholarship funds are donated by IIEA members and the general funds of the IIEA.

## IIEA conference showcases latest in irrigation technology

The Idaho Irrigation Equipment Show & Conference will showcase the latest information in the irrigation industry.

The free event is Thursday, Jan. 7, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Nampa Civic Center, 311 Third St. South, Nampa. No registration is required.

More than 60 irrigation equipment manufacturers, dealers and distributors of landscape and agricultural

irrigation products will be at the show to display their latest equipment and services.

"This is a great opportunity for growers and landscape irrigation contractors to come and see the latest developments in the industry and find solutions for their irrigation needs," said Howard Neibling, education chairman. The event rotates annually between the cities of Nampa, Burley and Idaho Falls.

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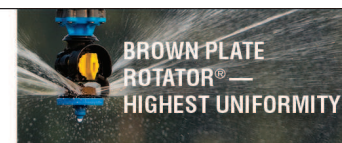


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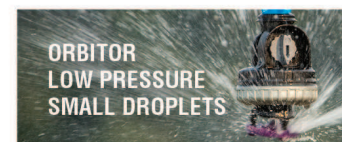
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