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President's message

A new year offers the chance to bring about new ways to share information or build upon existing processes. This year SORA will be working with our Captains of Industry (COI) to put on a presentation of technical information. This presentation will focus on COI's products or other topics related to the on-site industry. The event will be scheduled for no more than two hours, with the inaugural presentation set to happen this summer. I would also like to encourage you all to take advantage of our list serve. It is a wonderful way to gather information or get feedback from your peers across this great nation – Nicholas Huber

Summary of SORA Annual Business Meeting

SORA held its Annual Business Meeting the afternoon of November 12 via Zoom. 46 SORA members were in attendance. New board members and leadership were selected, plus, presentations from EPA (Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap, and a report of recent and planned activities of the Decentralized Wastewater partnership are discussed) NAWT (septage disposal challenges); and NOWRA were made.

Tanks: Call to Action for Secondary Safety Device Regulation Development

In this article, authors Sara Heger and Dave Lentz discuss the importance of ensuring that septic tank lids provide protection against accidental entry into a septic tank. The article highlights the many types of protective devices, cost considerations, and more.

EPA Update

At the Annual Business Meeting, Zach Lowenstein presented on the current status of the EPA technical assistance initiative called *Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap*, and Heidi Faller updated the attendees on current activities of the Decentralized Wastewater Partnership and its plans for 2025

SORA Funding Committee Is Formed

SORA has established an ad hoc committee to look at funding within the onsite wastewater sector. The group is looking at both sources of funds, and the need for those funds

National Septage Disposal Issue Being Addressed by NAWT

The National Association of Wastewater Technicians (NAWT) has recently begun an initiative to address the growing problem of septage disposal in many locations across the country.