As a licensed, professional well driller in Georgia, it would be extremely beneficial for you and your company to be a member of the Georgia Association of Groundwater Professionals (GAGwP) formerly the Georgia Drillers Assn.

I would like to take this opportunity to mention just a few benefits of membership and invite you to join. If you have any additional questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

- **Lobbying at the State Capitol on behalf of the industry.**
  You benefit from the lobbying effort that GAGwP provides. No other industry is more vulnerable to government competition that the water well industry. One of our accomplishments is that we recently got legislation passed to prohibit cities from forcing well owners to connect to city water lines.

- **Legal Assistance**
  GAGwP successfully sued the City of Sandersville, GA when one of our members was denied a drilling permit. We won the suit and they had to pay our legal fees! This case is used as a precedent anytime a permit is denied in any city in Georgia.

- **Emails and News Alerts**
  You receive emails any time there is something going on that YOU need to know about that directly affects YOU and YOUR business.

- **Newsletters**
  You receive printed Newsletters with the latest information affecting the industry. This includes a lot of pictures of the Well Show and meetings.

- **Well Show**
  You are able to attend & participate in our annual Well Show & Groundwater Expo. Use this opportunity to earn your continuing education credits needed to keep your license current, or simply meet with and get to know others in the industry. This is a great networking opportunity. Be sure to attend this Once a Year Opportunity where over 300 drillers and suppliers meet to see new products and supplies.

- **Spring Continuing Education Seminar**
  Each Spring we have a seminar in Macon, Ga with speakers who give presentations on topics that you need to know about. This also gives you 4 hours of CE each year if you cannot attend the Well Show.

- **Website**
  Our website is available to you to keep you informed with a great deal of useful information.
• **Membership list**
  You may receive a listing of our members at any time. This is specifically not available to nonmembers.

• **Listing as a member**
  You are listed as a member in the membership list, newsletters, website and other publications where members are listed.

• **Attendance at meetings**
  You or your employees are eligible to attend GAGwP meetings and offer input into decisions that affect the industry.

• **Use of Association Logo**
  You are able to use the GAGwP logo in advertising and promotions to your customers and to the general GAGwP membership. This is a helpful reminder to them, city, county, state and federal officials that you are a member and supporter of their industry and this association.

As you can see, there are many, many benefits of membership in the **Georgia Association of Groundwater Professionals**, of which I have named just a few. I hope you will seriously considering joining the ONLY organization in Georgia that is here just to help YOU and YOUR businesses.

To join simply go to [www.georgiadrillers.com](http://www.georgiadrillers.com) and click on the “Join Us” button. You may then pay your dues/investment by credit card. Or contact me and I can mail you a membership application.

For more information about GAGwP, or general information, please contact me or Bruce Widener at the GAGwP office at 678-646-0369. Also, be sure and check out our newly updated and redesigned website at [www.georgiadrillers.com](http://www.georgiadrillers.com).

Sincerely,

**Jim McClain**

Jim McClain, McClain’s Shallow Wells, Inc., Savannah, GA
President GAGwP

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*P.S. If you are, in any way, connected to the well drilling industry in Georgia, I hope we can count on your support to help protect our precious groundwater industry!*