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THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

BY RANDOLPH RAKOCZYNSKI



As we reflect on the past Summer (that never really was) and prepare for the upcoming Fall season, the Board of Directors and the leadership of your Niagara Frontier Section of AWMA have been hard at work developing the dinner meeting program for the upcoming 2009-2010 program year. Vice Chair, Bruce Wattle, has put together a most interesting variety of different technical sessions for this coming year.

We begin with our September meeting where we will hear from Bob Shipley from SUNY-Buffalo about the UB 2020 Master Plan for the growth and expansion of our major, local university. October brings us a talk on Global Renewable energy issues and in November we will be meeting with our colleagues from the Ontario Section of AWMA to hear information on cross-border transportation issues and planning efforts. We will be meeting in Canada, so you will need either a passport or an enhanced NYS drivers license for the border crossing.

Our December holiday social will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall on Kenmore Avenue and will feature a bowling outing for our members.

The balance of our program will be featured in future newsletters and meeting announcements.

We have been successful in making progress in identifying contacts that will hopefully enable the Niagara Frontier Section to establish an AWMA Student Chapter at SUNY-Buffalo. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Last year was very successful in many respects but unfortunately we took a bit of a financial hit because of lower than expected revenues from our Annual Seminar and from our Envirun 5k Race. The lower revenues were attributable almost entirely to the downturn in the economy that we have all suffered through.

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Next Meeting

Date: September 24, 2009

Social Hr. 5:30-6:30

Dinner: 6:30

Place: Ramada Inn &
Conference Center
2402 North Forest Rd
Amherst, NY

Menu: Buffet

Cost: \$35.00 Local Members
\$30.00 Intl. Members
\$10.00 Students

Topic: UB2020 Plan

Professor Robert Shibley
UB School of Architecture
and Planning

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PAST CHAIRMAN REPORT

MIKE EMERY

When I started my term as Chairman I shared nine objectives I had for the Section. Reaching these goals was dependent upon the on support of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. I'm proud to report that most of the objectives were reached, and we will continue to work on those that were not met. I must thank everyone who worked to achieve these goals, GREAT JOB! A brief description of what was done to meet the objective follows:

- ◆ Provide member discounts at the Seminar and Envirun – For the Seminar we offered the early registration rate to our members during the late registration period when the price increased. For the Envirun we did not offer a member rate because only a very small percentage of the runners are members.
- ◆ Provide discount membership for Local Associates who renew/join early - We offered discounts to Local Associates who renewed by the October meeting.
- ◆ Provide a discount membership for new International members - We offered discounts to new International members who renewed by the October meeting.
- ◆ Publish a monthly newsletter - A newsletter was published monthly.
- ◆ Bring the website up to date - Current documents were posted and some older material was removed.
- ◆ Offer Professional Development Hours (PDH's) at more meetings - PDH's were offered at just about all of our dinner meetings.
- ◆ Publish a membership directory - A directory was not published so we will try it again this year.
- ◆ Finalize our Federal Tax status with the IRS - The application requesting Federal tax-exempt status was submitted.
- ◆ Apply for the George Minasian Award at A&WMA International - The George Minasian Award application was submitted, but the Section did not make the top three.

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Membership is one of the areas where we can work to keep the organization economically healthy. Please try to pay your local section dues as promptly as possible this coming year and if the company, firm or organization that you are affiliated with can afford to, please consider becoming a Corporate Scholarship Sponsor and Corporate Member of AWMA.

Randy Rakoczynski

Chair – AWMA – Niagara Frontier Section

2009-2010 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

BY BRUCE WATTLE



We have put together the following 2009 2010 program for your enjoyment. I would like to remind members to please help support AWMA by cancelling reservations if you are unable to attend, as AWMA is charged for all reservations not cancelled.

Date	Topic	Location
September 24, 2009	Professor Robert Shibley UB School of Architecture and Planning UB2020 Plan	Ramada Inn & Conference Center
October 22, 2009	Global Renewable Energy	Dock-at-the-Bay Hamburg, NY
November 19, 2009	Joint Meeting w/ Ontario Section Cross Border Transportation Planning	Fallsview Casino Niagara Falls, Ontario
December 2009	Holiday Social Bowling Outing	Knights-of-Columbus Kenmore, NY
January 28, 2010	Green House Gas Inventories	Curley's Lackawanna, NY
February 25, 2010	Modern Landfill (Tour/Talk	Riverside Inn Lewiston, NY
March 25, 2010	Technical Societies Council Joint Meeting	Salvatore's Depew, NY
April 22, 2010	Mobile Source Air Pollution	Pearl Street Brewery Buffalo, NY
April 24, 2010	20th Annual Environ	Goat Island Niagara Falls, NY
April 28, 2010	Annual Seminar	Hearthstone Manor Depew, NY
May 20, 2010	Annual Awards Dinner	Beaver Island Casino Grand Island, NY
Jun/Jul/Aug 2010	Summer Social / Picnic	Cave-of-the-Winds Niagara Falls, NY

2009 EARTH DAY GRANTS

BY DAVE COPELAND

This year's Earth Day Grant Program was a huge success with 31 applicants with all very good projects. 11 applicants were picked for the \$4,000 in Earth Day Grant Funds available and a big thank you to NRG Dunkirk who donated \$1,000 towards the Earth Day Grants.

Picking winners from all the good applications was very difficult. All applications are reviewed by a committee of folks including Jill Banaszak, Charlie Porter, Paul Van Kerkhove, Mike Emery and Dave Copeland. Each committee member reviews all the applications and ranks them. Then all the rankings from each committee member is added together and the lowest ranked scores wins.

Here is a list of the 2009 winners

Project	Organization	Award Amount	Total Rank	Comment
Alternative Energy Solutions	Attica Central School District	\$340	56	Science students competing in building wind mills and solar cars out of recycled materials
S.T.E.M. Boat Building	WNY Maritime Charter School	\$400	34	Build Boat and then use boat for taking samples out of Buffalo River
Water Pond Project	Delevan Elementary School	\$340	45	Build pond in courtyard of school to help in study of ecological systems
New Home for Bats	Duffield Camp-ground Retreat Center	\$40	54	Money to have campers build new bat houses for the bats they had to evict out of main camping lodge
Greenology	Great Lakes FX	\$400	28	Dunkirk based project, support from Dunkirk school, very detailed environmental program involving beach cleanups, educational outreach, environmental testing projects.
Montessori Natural Wildlife Habitat	Nardin Academy	\$340	48	Building a wildlife habitat garden
Earth Day Cleanup	Tift Farms	\$360	46	. To cover supplies for the clean-up, as well as tree seedlings for the first 100 participants. Signage thanking AWMA Niagara Frontier Section for their contribution was featured prominently.
EVCS Earth Day Celebration	Elmwood Village Charter School	\$400	28	To fund their Earth Day outreach program. They set up booths and inviting all students to learn more about their ability to protect the earth.
Dodge Scout Pond project	Girl Scouts 1122	\$340	53	Tree Planting in Amherst Paw Park – 8 th Year Running- USFWS matches with \$750.
Earth Week	Niagara Falls High School	\$340	59	Club members assisted special education students in planting trees and flowers, as well as cleaning up the outdoor areas of the high school, Memorial Hospital, and the board of education building.
Resurrecting our School <i>Science Imagination Center</i>	School #99 Stanley Makowski Early Childhood Center	\$400	31	Rebuild science and nature garden that fell on hard times over the last few years due to funding issues. Many volunteer hours included here

MEMBERSHIP

BY MIKE HINTON

Local Membership Renewals are due!!!!

All local memberships for the Niagara Frontier Section expire in August of each Year. With the new 2009/2010 program year upon us, all local memberships need to be renewed by the October 22, 2009 meeting.

As an incentive to renew your membership, the Niagara Frontier Section will be publishing a membership directory in early 2010 that will include an opportunity for members to place advertisements promoting their business. In order to be eligible for inclusion in the directory members must have their membership renewed by the October 22nd meeting.

International Members will continue to follow the International membership cycle and as long as you are a member in good standing as of the October 22nd meeting you will be included in the membership directory. International members can renew either through the International Organization or through the local NFS chapter.

The Niagara Frontier Section for the A&WMA has three membership levels for you to choose from:

Local Associate members receive the monthly dinner meeting announcements, Section newsletters and reduced fees to local seminars and meetings. The cost of the Local Associate membership is \$25. All Local Associate memberships will expire in August 2010.

International members will receive all the benefits of the local associates plus one journal (*Environmental Manager* or *the Journal of the A&WMA*), notification of continuing education opportunities, reduced fees for national classes/seminars/conferences and further reduced prices for local meetings. International Membership is \$180 annually for existing International members. Also, in order to become active on the NFS Board of Directors or to be elected to any office you must be an International member

Corporate Membership provides one International membership and one Local Associate membership in addition to providing support to the local scholarship programs for local students in environmental programs and educational outreach. The cost of a Corporate Membership is \$295 annually. To become a Corporate Member or to renew your Corporate Membership, please mail an application and check to the A&WMA Membership, PO Box 384, Williamsville NY 14231-0384. **Please do not send Corporate Membership renewal applications or checks to International.**

Applications can be found at the A&WMA NFS web page at www.awmanfs.org. Applications will also be available at all meetings. Completed applications can be brought to the October 22nd meeting.

Michael Hinton

Membership Chair

FAUST AWARD

HAL PIERCE

The William A. Faust Award was established in 1993 by the Niagara Frontier Section of the AWMA to recognize a member for distinguished service and contribution to our Section.

The 2009 award was made to Al Carlacci for his many years of meritorious, distinguished and faithful services in the trenches of this organization. He started off as a member of the Air Pollution Control Association, then AWMA since 1979, and served on the Board of Directors in the 1980s.

He is best known for all of his contributions to the Seminar Committee where he has been the Exhibitor Chair and moderator for several years.

In addition to his dedication to his profession at the NYS DEC since 1979, he is a known motor head, avid hunter, broomball retiree, and devoted husband and father to his wife and 3 children.

Because he was unable to attend the Awards Banquet on May 21, the award was appropriately presented at the annual Seminar Wrap Up Meeting on June 23 on Dominic Buccilli's patio.

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