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THE RELEASE

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John Hoffmann—Editor

The Chairman's Corner

Bruce Wattle

Greetings everyone! These spring months are busy times for you're A&WMA-NFS. First, in March the joint dinner meeting with the Technical Societies Council (TSC) was held at the Classics V restaurant. We were well represented at the dinner with about 25 attendees. An interesting talk was given by the head of the American Society of Civil Engineers about the need to repair/replace the aging infrastructure in the United States. I also have to brag a little – we cleaned up quite well on the prize give-aways by correctly answering the skill testing questions that TSC posed throughout the evening. It was a joint effort at our table with the calculators humming away!

In early April, I attended the AWMA International Leadership Training seminar in Pittsburgh. International has made a lot of improvements in their operations and I came away from the meeting with confidence that AWMA International is on the right footing to continue as a strong organization.

April of course is our big month with both the Annual Seminar and the Envirun. First of all, I want to personally give a big thank you to both Committees for a job very well done on both events. I know both Committees spent many hours planning the events and both were run smoothly. I also want to thank the Exhibitors at the Seminar and Sponsors for Envirun. Your participation helps support our fund raising efforts for Education and the grants we give to deserving organizations.

Randy Rakoczynski leads the Seminar Committee; Seminar attendance was on par with last year and we had over 20 Exhibitors. We were very fortunate to have Mayor Paul Dyster of Niagara Falls give our lunch-time Keynote address. He gave a great talk about the green initiatives in Niagara Falls and how their planning process incorporates green concepts. Thanks goes to Elsa Schmidt for arranging our Keynote speaker.

Next Meeting

Date: May 26, 2011

Time: Social hour 5:30pm, dinner 6:30pm, speaker 7:30pm

Location: Templeton Landing, 2 Templeton Terrace, Buffalo NY 14202

Menu: "Lakeside BBQ Buffet"

Topic: "Annual Awards Program"

Speaker: TBD

Cost: \$35 local members, \$40 non-members & guests

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EDUCATION**Michele Pratt**

Scholarships



I am pleased to announce that the recipients of the Dave Sauer Memorial College Scholarship for High School Seniors will be awarded to Alexandra Filey and Carl Copeland and the college scholarships will be awarded to Christopher Hoffmann, and Stephanie Kranz. Award recipients will be invited to receive their awards at the May dinner meeting to be held at Templeton Landing on May 19th. Letters will go out shortly. They are all intelligent and well-deserving students who took the time to put together great essays with their applications. Congratulations to all award recipients.

EARTH DAY GRANTS**Dave Copeland**

The Earth Day Grant Program had another great year. We had 9 very good applications submitted and we were able award funding for 5 of them.

Having gone through this selection process for over 10 years now it always amazes me on when you have different people evaluating the applications you sometimes get very varying results. An application that I think is great and one of the best, another evaluator will rank at the bottom of the list. In many cases it seems to be influenced on what types of projects the evaluators have a preference for. Some like planting projects such as tree plantings, community/school gardens while others prefer field trips and still others prefer classroom experiments. Some evaluators like projects that involve only a few people but to a great depth. While other evaluators like projects that involve many people but not to such a great depth.

To best handle this variability we have developed a pretty good system for making project evaluations. Each evaluator ranks the applications in numeric order with 1 being the highest. We then take all the rankings from all the evaluators and then total them. Basically the lower the total the better the applicant's score is. Then we look for where a good split is to decide who gets awards and who does not. Some years it is pretty obvious where to make the split and other years it is not. This year it was not but we did not have funding for all 9 projects, so difficult decisions had to be made. If needed we will adjust the award amounts lower if we feel the project will still be doable and the money saved will allow us to give more awards to other closely ranked projects.

This year's evaluators were Jill Banaszak, Joe Pietro, Michele Pratt and Dave Copeland. If you have an interest in being an evaluator in next year's Earth Day Grants please contact Dave Copeland at Dave_Copeland@Praxair.com

It is important to note that most of the Earth Day Grant funding comes from money raised at our annual seminar. A BIG thank you for all of our members that support the seminar.

The following is a listing of the five projects we awarded.

EARTH DAY GRANTS cont.**Dave****2011 Earth Day Grant List**

Project	Organization	Granted	Comment
Falk Urban Farm	Stanley G Falk School	\$200	Special Day School for special needs students to help set up an urban garden for their teaching and learning
Green Dream	Saint Mary's School for the Deaf	\$500	Environmental program involving high school students going to Reistien Woods and learn about environment and then pass this along to kinder garden class. Also to setup a garden. This project was a joint effort between Science and English classes
Organic Garden Project	Cardinal O'Hara High School	\$490.15	Garden supplies for organic garden as part of a environmental and wellness learning experience
Earth Day's Place in Education	Tonawanda Middle/High School	\$400	Special needs students in the HS environmental club buying bracelets and coloring books for all students in school district. They are raising \$794 through their own fundraisers and bottle collections. Need \$500 from grant to do rest of project
2011 Erie County Envirothon	Erie County Soil & Water Conservation District	\$400	Erie County Envirothon which is an annual outdoor environmental program open to all high school students in Erie County - \$400 covers a portion of the \$3750 it costs to run the program

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Dharma Iyer leads the Environ Committee. The weather was not as cooperative this year as in past years, although during the race itself the clouds parted briefly to let a little sun in. Our runner count was down this year – no doubt due to the rainy weather prior to the race. Putting on this race takes the work of many volunteers donating their time, use of their vehicles to pick up food and other supplies, to set up before the race and clean up after, and to marshall the course. Thanks to all.

The ballot for the 2011-2012 Board of Directors election will be sent out this week, so be sure to check your email for it and vote. You will see that we will have a Co-Chair arrangement for next year – unfortunately the job travel requirements for this year's Vice-Chairperson increased dramatically such that he is not able to serve as Chairperson for next year.

Our annual awards night and dinner will be held on May 26th at Templeton Landing in downtown Buffalo. Please attend and acknowledge our student scholarship recipients and other awardees. And finally, we will have a summer social this year! It will be on Saturday June 18th in Jordan Ontario and include lunch and wine tasting – look for an announcement in early June.

Thanks for reading, and hope to see you at our May and June events.

Bruce Wattle A&WMA-NFS Chairman

Envirun**Dharma Iyer**

The A&WMA 21st Annual 5K run for the environment was held on Saturday, April 16 on Goat Island, Niagara Falls. The weatherman was right about the weather this time and not even Dharma's rain dance could hold off the rain. We had 192 registrants, far fewer than in the past however, it was still a good turnout considering the weather. This year the race started and finished just in front of the Three Sisters Island. This is still the most scenic race in WNY, and we hope to keep the race course the same next year. Justin Weldon finished first overall at 17:09, and Kim Vona was the first women at 19:04. Congratulations to the winners and everyone who completed the race. In spite of the light rain our committee members, volunteers and runners did a great job of making the race a success. The rain did stop during the awards ceremony, but turned into a downpour while we were dismantling the tents. Thanks to NYS Parks for allowing us to use the new location and helping us in many different ways and also to our donors and sponsors. The t-shirt for runners was new again this year and was a hit with everyone. Kathy and Maria have the food down to a science and everyone loved the peta bread with chicken salad. Over \$6,000 was raised to be donated to one or more local environmental causes. Please let us know if you know of a deserving environmental cause. Next year's ENVIRUN '12 is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2011.

Envirun '10 results are posted at <http://www.buffalorunners.com/results/2011/envirun11.htm>

Envirun photos (3 sets) can be seen online at the link below. Contact Michele Goldfarb at michele-goldfarb@me.com

for prints <http://www.flickr.com/photos/michelegoldfarb/ons/72157626403393701/>



Seminar**Randy Rakoczynski**

April 13, 2011 saw about 180 participants take part in another successful Annual Seminar program sponsored by the Niagara Frontier Section. Twenty-four (24) exhibitors and twelve (12) corporate sponsors allowed the budget projections for revenue from those sources to be met and exceeded.

The program offered fourteen (14) talks that were presented in three separate tracks – air, sustainable/renewable energy and waste related topics. Ten of the fourteen talks carried PDH credit for P.E.s who participated in the seminar program. A rousing keynote speech by Paul A. Dyster (Mayor – City of Niagara Falls) was presented as part of the luncheon activities and was enjoyed by all attendees.

Special thanks go out to all of the members of the Seminar Committee who dedicated their time and efforts to ensure the success of the event – Al Carlacci (NYSDEC), Pat Filey (TestAmerica), John Hoffmann (Paradigm), Pat Martin (Golder), Cliff Olson (Dupont – Retired), Jim Stadelmaier (Mitkem) and our ever vigilant financial watchdogs - Dominic Buccilli and Hal Pierce.

Final accounting of all revenues and expenses for the Seminar has not yet been completed but early indications show projections that will meet and exceed our budget projections and allow our scholarship and education programs to receive the financial support they deserve. A final accounting of Seminar revenues and expenses will be provided in our year-end newsletter.

Once again thanks go out to all of our members who attended along with those companies that participated as either exhibitors and/or corporate sponsors of the event - without your involvement we would not be able to enjoy the level of success that was achieved.

Randy Rakoczynski

Seminar Committee - Chair

The Niagara Frontier Section of the A&WMA, Inc. publishes its newsletter, *THE RELEASE*, monthly as a service to its members.

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