



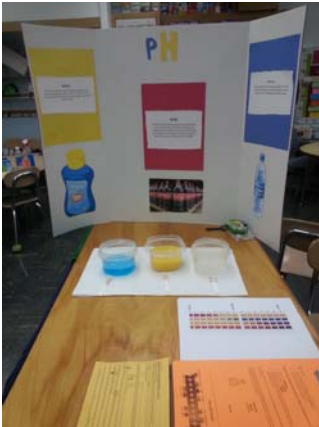
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NIAGARA FRONTIER
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Message from the Chair

Paul VanKerkhove

It's sad to say, but summer is winding down. As we look back at our "too-short" vacations, get the kids ready for school, and try to complete those unfinished outdoor projects, we also look forward towards autumn. For me that means welcoming everyone to the 2014-2015 program year for the Niagara Frontier Section of the Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA-NFS).

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve as the Chair of A&WMA-NFS for this new program year. I hope to fulfill the duties of this position as well as the many past Chairs. I want to thank our Chair from last year, Michele Pratt for all her hard work. Unfortunately we may not see Michele at many future A&WMA events as she has left the environmental field to pursue opportunities in the educational field.

We will also miss Rich Wise who has stepped down as Secretary of A&WMA-NFS. I want to thank Rich for his many years of dedicated service and for continuing as Secretary despite retiring from FMC several years ago. I wish him well in his "2nd" retirement.

I am hopeful for another great program year even with losing the work of Michele and Rich. Fortunately, Mike Emery has stepped in as Secretary to ensure a smooth transition for the position. We also have some great additions to the A&WMA-NFS Board: Dave Copeland (as our new Vice Chair), Tim Bathory (as a new director), and Mark Hans (as a new director). Plus we have the other officers and directors that bring a great deal of experience. Finally, thanks to Pat Filey to agreeing to stay on for another year as Past Chair (and to a lot of work on a great new website).

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Next Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

First Meeting of the 2014-2015 A&WMA-NFS Program Year

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2014

Topics and Speakers: Abby Snyder, NYSDEC Region 9 Director, will provide a brief overview of Region 9 activities. Don Zelazny, NYSDEC Great Lakes Program Coordinator, will provide discussion on the improved Niagara River ecosystem and a brief look at emerging issues in the Great Lakes emerging issues.

Location: Chef's Restaurant in Downtown Buffalo

For more information, go to www.awmanfs.wildapricot.org or contact:

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Awards**Paul VanKerkhove**

2013-2014 Awards Banquet

The Pearl at the Webb Hotel

May 22, 2014

Scholarship Awards

A&WMA-NFS provided \$5,450 for college and DEC camp scholarships this year.

DEC Environmental Education Summer Camp Scholarships

A&WMA-NFS funding allowed for seven \$350 camp scholarships so that the following middle school students can attend DEC camp this summer:

Nicholas Novelli, Olivia Pino, Lynda Pratt, Christian Rouf, Owen Van Kerkhove, Vivian Wattle, Noah Webster

College Scholarships

A scholarship is being awarded to the following students currently enrolled in college:

John Grasso (\$750 Scholarship): John is a freshman at SUNY Buffalo (UB) majoring in chemical engineering.

Angela Wager (\$500 Scholarship): Angela is a freshman at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) majoring in chemical engineering.

Dave Sauer High School Scholarships

Scholarships are given to graduating high school seniors in memory of Dave Sauer, a well-respected environmental professional who was very active in A&WMA. A scholarship is being awarded to the following students:

Leah Middagh (\$750 Scholarship): Leah is a senior at East Aurora High School. She plans on attending either SUNY Geneseo or St. Bonaventure University to study biology.

Audrey Filey (\$500 Scholarship): Audrey is a senior at Kenmore West High School. She plans on attending SUNY Brockport and is currently undecided on a major.

Olivia Streit (\$500 Scholarship): Olivia is a senior at Lancaster High School. She plans on attending either the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) or the University of Maine at Machias to study marine biology.

Service Awards

William A. Faust Award: See page 6.

Distinguished Director Award: See page 6.

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Message from the Chair (cont. from Page 1)**Paul VanKerkhove**

Even with the great people serving as officers and board directors, the success of an organization like A&WMA-NFS relies on the active participation of all its members. Please consider joining one of committees set up to plan our events or share that suggestion (or two) you have on how to improve the association. We want your input and your help. Finally, spread the word about A&WMA-NFS to you colleagues who may not have heard of us or attended a meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting in September!

Seminar**Patrick Filey****NOW Forming****Seminar Committee**

The 2014 Seminar committee is now forming. We are looking for more (10-12) volunteers to assist in the planning of this year's venue.

A typical meeting is over breakfast, before the start of the work day, and last no more than 1 - 1 ½ hrs.

First meeting September 4th at Corner Bakery Café on Niagara Falls Blvd in Amherst: Brain-dump of potential topics
- need 5-6 good draw topics and a keynote lunch speaker

- it's not too late to join the committee.

Second meeting (October): Identify potential speakers for topics

Third-Fifth meeting (Nov-Dec): continued updates

Sixth meeting/Final meeting (Jan): tie up loose ends before the big day

Volunteers Needed:

Coordinator for Sponsorships (already have list of potentials)

Coordinator for Exhibitors (paperwork is complete, need to send out, drum up interest)

People for committee with ideas/topics

First meeting: September 4th

Where: Corner Bakery Café on Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst, NY

Time: 7:30am - 9:00am (if you need to leave early - no problem)

Topic: Brain Storming with ideas, bring past talks from other venues

Please RSVP with Patrick J Filey at pfiley@alphalab.com or by phone at 716-392-3932

Website**Patrick Filey**

Opportunity Corporate Website Sponsorships

Last year, the A&WMA Niagara Frontier Section launched a new website using a platform sponsored by WildApricot. In order to defer the cost of this website, a new sponsorship level, the "corporate webpage sponsor", was created. We have elected to limit the number of corporate website sponsors to five (5) this year. We have had a number of firms express interest in participating at corporate website sponsor level. To ensure equitable process, corporate website sponsors will be selected this year using a lottery system. Any firm interested in stepping up to the corporate website sponsorship should send an email to Patrick Filey (pfiley@alphalab.com). As a reminder, there is no limits on the number of firms that can participate at our standard corporate sponsorship level!

DEC Camp**Vivian Wattle**

Dear Air & Waste Management Association, Niagara Frontier Section:

Thank you for giving me the scholarship to go to DEC camp Rushford this year. I just want to say that I was so glad to be able to go. I really had a great time when we played Zap, and when we got tagged out,

we had to answer a question about camp. I also really liked that we sang a lot of songs. The trip to Hanging Bog was so fascinating with the floating plants, its a really special place to visit.

One of the other things I learned was that an animal has to constantly look over their shoulder for enemies. At camp, I was also able to make some new friends, so that was really nice. I was so surprised at the end of camp during the award ceremony when the camp counsellors chose me for the Emily Timbrook award. She used to go to Camp Rushford and volunteered there too and loved everything about Camp Rushford. Her parents set up a scholarship in her name. The award means I get the chance to attend camp for free next year but first I have to write an essay about my camp experience and I hope it gets chosen.

Thank you

Vivian Wattle

6th grade

Transit Middle School

Membership**Timothy Bathory**Membership

Applications for renewing your AWMA membership for 2014/2015 was distributed for the year. The application will also be available through the AWMA NFS website, www.awmanfs.wildapricot.org.

Membership dues are as follows:

Local Affiliate Member: \$35

Local Affiliate Member (Full-Time College Student): \$10

International Member: \$195

International Member (Young Professional-35 or younger): \$98

International Member (Full-Time College Student): \$35

International Member (Emeritus-65 or older & member >15 yrs): \$88

Corporate Sponsor (includes one local and one international membership): \$325

Corporate Website Sponsor: \$500

Please contact Tim Bathory at 716-432-6532 or awmanfsmembership@gmail.com with any questions.

Communications**Mike Emery**

To simplify e-mail communications we have set two new e-mail addresses. Even though dinner reservations should be made on-line, www.awmanfs.wildapricot.org, if you must make them by e-mail they should be sent to awmanfsreservations@gmail.com. Mark Hans will be managing this e-mail. As you have seen, most dinner announcements and other email blasts will be set from awmanfssecretary@gmail.com. Mike Emery will be managing this account. Tim Bathory, our new Membership Chair, will be taking over the awmanfsmembership@gmail.com address. By setting up these addresses you will received e-mails from known addresses from year to year even though the person responsible for the address may change. With this in mind, please take the appropriate steps to allow these addresses through your spam filters.

Facebook**Mike Emery**

We have a Facebook page and a Facebook group page where we have posted upcoming events. The information is the same that is sent via e-mail. The purpose is to communicate with the people on Facebook, presumably the Young Professionals. If anyone is interested in managing our Facebook accounts please contact me at awmanfssecretary@gmail.com or 851-7130.

Awards (cont. from Page 2)**Mike Emery & Patrick Martin**

**Twentieth Annual Presentation of the
William A. Faust Award for Meritorious and Distinguished Service
to the Air & Waste Management Association
Niagara Frontier Section**

The William A. Faust Award was established by the Air & Waste Management Association, Niagara Frontier Section to recognize a member for distinguished service and outstanding contributions to our Section in 1993.

Our 2014 honoree has been a very visible and major contributor to the Niagara Frontier Section for 15 years. Our recipient has been actively involved in many facets of AWMA, serving on the Board of Directors, as Chairperson of our Section twice in the span of 6 years and as Chairperson of the Seminar at least six times. He has organized two recent golf outings and most recently coordinated the complete makeover of our Section website. The Seminar is a major part of our fundraising effort each year, and has resulted in the donation of thousands of dollars to benefit our student scholarship program. This level of involvement makes him synonymous with our organization.

Our honoree received his Bachelor of Science degree from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in 1988. He began his professional career as a chemist at Recra Environmental in 1988 and subsequently worked as a Project Engineer until 1992. In 1992 he transitioned to the position of account executive at RECRA and continued in that role as the company evolved into Severn Trent and then TestAmerica. In 2011 he joined Alpha Analytical as VP of Technical Sales and continues in that role currently.

Based on that impressive record of service and dedication to our Section, he has truly rendered “distinguished service” that is the cornerstone of the AWMA-NFS Section William Faust award honorees.

It was with honor that the 2014 William A. Faust Award was presented to Patrick Filey, for meritorious and distinguished service to the AWMA Niagara Frontier Section. **Congratulations, Patrick!**

Distinguished Director Award

Rich Wise was awarded the Distinguished Director Award at the May 2014 Awards Banquet. Rich has been our long time Secretary, at least 25 years. He reliably documented the Board meetings and distributed meeting, seminar, and scholarship notices to the membership. After Rich retired from FMC a few years ago he continued to volunteer as Section Secretary. Rich has been an active member of the Section since 1983 and received William A. Faust Award For Meritorious and Distinguished Service in 1998. Congratulations Rich on your Distinguished Director Award and thank you for dedication to the Niagara Frontier Section!

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

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