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# THE RELEASE

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## Message from the Chair

Mark Hans

### Upcoming Events - Get Involved

As the calendar flips over to January, our Seminar Committee is making final preparations for the 2017 AWMA-NFS Annual Seminar – Hot Topics in Environmental Technologies, Law, and Regulations. The committee has put together an interesting program with a broad range of speakers and topics. Of particular note is the keynote speaker, NYS Assemblymember Sean Ryan, who is a member of the Committee on Environmental Conservation and the Committee on Energy. The seminar is being held at Templeton Landing on January 25, 2017. The doors open at 7:30 am with a Continental Breakfast and a chance to talk to the Exhibitors. Presentations start at 8:30 am and run until 4:00 pm with a Social Hour after the last presentation. If you plan on attending, please register soon at our website ([www.awmanfs.org](http://www.awmanfs.org)) as the event is nearing capacity. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Seminar.

After the seminar in January, we return to our regular monthly dinner meeting schedule. Eric Warren is working on an exciting schedule to finish out the year. If you get the chance, take the time to come to one of our monthly dinner meetings. If you've ever been to one, you know that we have quite a diverse group of members. Our membership includes people from industry, government, the retail/service sector as well as college students (our future). We have engineers, geologists, chemists and other environmental professionals. As a former NYSDEC employee, I always found the monthly dinner meetings to be a great place to meet and talk

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## Envirun

Mike Emery

The 27th running of the Envirun 5K will take place on Saturday April 22, 2017 at Whirlpool State Park along the beautiful Niagara River Gorge. Come run with us, then explore the gorge! See you at the Envirun!

This event is put on by our A&WMA Section to raise funds for local worthwhile environmental causes. To make the event a success we depend on volunteers from the Section and sponsors. If

you can volunteer or would like to sponsor the race please contact Paul at (716) 858-7897 or Mike Emery at [awmanfs-secretary@gmail.com](mailto:awmanfs-secretary@gmail.com). This is a fun event on a Saturday morning to attend with family – so please mark it on your calendar and plan to attend. Click [here](#) for registration details.



**New Members****Mark Hans**

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Niagara Frontier Section of the A&WMA:

⇒ Alali Abdulrhman	State University of New York at Buffalo
⇒ Gary Carrell	Erie County Department of Environment and Planning
⇒ Martin Doster	Lippes, Mathias, Wexler , Friedman LLP
⇒ Linda Grimmer	Allied Environmental Services
⇒ Lynne Judd	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
⇒ Geoffrey Knall	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
⇒ Carlo Lodi	Wheelabrator Technologies
⇒ Gregory Sutton	Ecology & Environment
⇒ Judy Wilfrom	GHD

If you see them at a future meeting, be sure to welcome them to the group.

**Education, Scholarships, & Grants****Dr. John D. Atkinson**

**Earth Day Grants:** A&WMA-NFS will be awarding as many as 5 Earth Day grants worth up to \$500 each to celebrate Earth Day 2017. Successful Earth Day Grant applicants should clearly describe how their proposed activities will promote environmental awareness in the WNY community. Applications are due by March 3, 2017.

**High School and College Scholarships:** A&WMA-NFS will be awarding one or more scholarships to high school seniors and continuing college students in amounts ranging from \$500 - \$1,000. Applications are due by April 14, 2017.

For more information on these opportunities, please visit the Education section of our website by [clicking here](#) or contact Education Director John Atkinson at [AtkJDW@buffalo.edu](mailto:AtkJDW@buffalo.edu).

**UB Student Chapter**

The UB chapter is currently focusing on community out-reach as well as providing educational and professional opportunities for students. One upcoming opportunity for students is the annual AWMA NFS Seminar on January 25th. At the event, many of the student members will be volunteering to make sure that the event runs smoothly. Similarly, many student members will also be volunteering at or participating in the annual [Envirun on April 22nd](#).

In addition, the Student chapter also plans to get involved in a project with the Coalition of Positively Charged People in an effort to promote the recycling of alkaline batteries throughout the UB campus community. Finally, the chapter's semester will come to a close after student members give a presentation of their design projects at the April AWMA NFS meeting, concluding their hard work from the Spring Semester.

## Membership

**Tim Bathory**

We encourage all of our members to visit our website and use it to register for dinner meetings. Over the past year, we have been slowly adding items to the website. The latest addition is the page dedicated to the 2017 A&WMA Annual Seminar that will be held on January 25, 2017 at Templeton Landing in Buffalo, New York.

Another updated page includes the current roster of members. Just click on the tab for Membership and then on Membership Status on the left side of the home page and then click on the latest update. If you don't see your name on the list and you believe that you are a current member, please contact either Tim Bathory ([awmanfsmembership@gmail.com](mailto:awmanfsmembership@gmail.com)) or Mark Hans ([mjhans9@gmail.com](mailto:mjhans9@gmail.com)).

If you have any suggestions for additions, corrections or improvements to the web site, let me know at [mjhans9@gmail.com](mailto:mjhans9@gmail.com) and I'll see what I can do.

Currently we have over 100 members of Air & Waste Management's Niagara Frontier Section with roughly a 50/50 split between international and local affiliates. To check membership status please visit the [AWMA-NFS Website](#).

Corporate memberships are valid for one year from the date of renewal while local memberships expire on August 31<sup>st</sup> annually. New members and renewal applications can be found on our website. Payment can be made either through the website or mail. Membership categories and dues are as follows:

Local Affiliate Member	\$36
Local Affiliate Member [Full-Time College Student]	\$11
International Member	\$195
International Member [Young Professional - 35 or younger]	\$98
International Member [Full-Time College Student]	\$35
Corporate Sponsor*	\$325
Web Sponsor*	\$500

\* Corporate Sponsor includes an International Membership for one person and a local affiliate membership for a second person.

If you have any questions about becoming a member or renewing your membership please contact Tim Bathory at [awmanfsmembership@gmail.com](mailto:awmanfsmembership@gmail.com) or 534-6885. A list of current membership can be found on the [AWMS-NFS website](#).

I am pleased to announce that the [Niagara Frontier Section of A&WMA has been selected as one of the Best Performing Chapters in Membership Development for 2016](#). This award from the parent A&WMA organization, places our Section in the top third in membership development for 2016. This award is a reflection on all the people that support our Section and encourage others to join. Thanks to all our members that make our Section a great one. A copy of the award letter can be viewed on our website.



**People on the Move****Mark Hans****New Job and Position Changes**

Recent changes in job status (that we are aware of) include:

- ◆ Michele Pratt left Great Lakes Environmental to accept a position as Vice President of Business Development at OSEA in Orchard Park, New York.
- ◆ Steve Drozdowski, P. E. left OSEA to become the EH+S Department Manager at Sienna Environmental Technologies in Buffalo, New York.
- ◆ Karen Schmitz is now with Evoqua Water Technologies in Tonawanda, New York.

If you have changed jobs, gotten a promotion or retired, let us know. Information can be sent to Kevin Sullivan (newsletter editor) at [ksullivan@trcsolutions.com](mailto:ksullivan@trcsolutions.com).

**Message from the Chair (cont'd)****Mark Hans**

with other environmental professionals in an informal setting. It was a chance to hear a different perspective on the interaction between government and the regulated community and to get to know the people that I regulated and met with on a more personal basis. I found that it made my job easier when it came to "sitting down at the table" to discuss a new project or a problem.

**Save the Date** – Our next dinner meeting will be on Thursday February 23, 2017 starting at 5:00pm at the Guaranty Building located at 140 Pearl Street, Buffalo. A tour is planned for the historic building followed by dinner and a talk given by Mr. Michael Hecker attorney for Hodgson Russ LLP.

**Young Professionals****Mark Hans**

Join us for a night of curling and fun at Buffalo

RiverWorks!

Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm

The first 30 to register are guaranteed a spot to curl. Register at

**AWMA-NFS**



Curling is free, food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Hope to see you there!

## Seminar

**Michael Hecker/Patrick Martin**

There is still time to register for the AWMA-NFS Annual Seminar—"Hot Topics in Environmental Technologies, Law, and Regulations", featuring keynote speaker Assemblymember Sean Ryan. For more information and registration instructions, please click the graphic below or visit <https://AWMANFS.wildapricot.org>.

Hope to see you at the Seminar.



## Scholarship Winners—Where are They Now

**Mark Hans**

Starting with this issue of The Release, we are going to spotlight some of our previous scholarship winners and let you know what they are doing now. First up is Akshita Iyer (daughter of Dharma Iyer, Board Member and ENVI-RUN co-chair) who received an A&WMA-NFS college scholarship. Akshita graduated from Orchard Park High School and Duke University (BS, Neuroscience). She recently co-founded a company, and is working with an engineering firm to develop a kitchen safety product to address fire hazards associated with stovetops. The product, Inirv React, will turn off a stove to reduce fire hazards. It consists of two units: knobs with universal adaptors and a timer that replace knobs on the stove, and a wall unit with gas and motion sensors, and a smoke detector. For more information on the Inirv React product you can visit <https://www.facebook.com/inirvlab>.

## Financial Report

**Dominic Buccilli**

<i>Category</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>
Administration	\$ -	\$ 4,296
Education	\$ 2,584	\$ 9,050
Environ	\$ 11,000	\$ 10,500
Membership	\$ 8,985	\$ 6,785
Program (dinner meetings)	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,400
Seminar	\$ 13,000	\$ 6,450
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 43,069</b>	<b>\$ 47,481</b>

You may have heard Dominic's financial report at a dinner meeting:

'We got a lotta money.'

With that lead in, here is a summary of our 2016-2017 Budget. The budgeted loss will be covered with reserve funds.



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