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Kevin Sullivan — Editor

Message from the Chair

Eric Warren

Upcoming Events - Get Involved

As the 2017-2018 program year for the AWMA-NFS comes to the end, I would like to take some time to thank my fellow board of directors who attended our monthly board meetings as well as all the other volunteers not on the board who made this year a success. As I stated in previous newsletters, these people freely volunteer their time and are willing to take on additional workloads on top of both their personnel and work lives to make our Niagara Frontier Section very active and continue to grow. It was a great pleasure to be Chair and work alongside these people and it was truly a team atmosphere, we all worked great together.

Our two remaining dinner meetings will be held on Thursday **April 26, 2018** at Curly's ([647 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY](#)) which is our annual UB student project presentation from the Engineering Department (also refer to [article on p.6](#)). On Thursday **May 24, 2018** at Chef's ([291 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY](#)) will be our annual awards dinner. Any updates for these meetings can be found at our website: <https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/>. We also still have our Envirun 5K run on Saturday April 21, 2018 at Whirlpool State Park, Niagara Falls, NY. Additional info can be found at: <https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/Envirun>. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at these events.

As always we are looking to increase our membership numbers and our sponsorships. Please encourage other co-workers or other people (both experienced and young) in the

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Envirun

Mike Emery and Dharma Iyer

The 28th running of the Envirun 5K will take place on Saturday April 21, 2018 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 and student scholarships. 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 Kranz at (716) 858-7897 or Dharma Iyer at (716) 445-9687 or iegpllc@aol.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.



Future City

Hal Pierce

2018 Awardee of the AWMA "Pollution Prevention Award"

Transit Middle School - Team 22 - "Querencia"

For the second year in a row this year's Pollution Prevention Award went to Transit Middle School. This year's theme for the Future City Competition was "The Age Friendly City".

This city had Multiple Renewable Energy Sources – Geothermal, Nuclear, Wind, Water and Solar.

Brackish Water was filtered during the Hydropower production using a Carbon Aerogel – a colloid with its liquid parts emitted and replaced with carbonic gas. This altered it into a solid with a spongy texture (the lightest material on the earth).

The city had Vertical Gardens. Residential buildings were made of recycled materials.

Age Accessible Transportation included: Ultra Powered Skates, Compressed Air Cars, and a Sky Cart – a Solar Powered Pulley System.

The display was very attractive and the students were very knowledgeable.

Judges:
Rick Allen
Gary LaLiberty
Hal Pierce



Education, Scholarships, and Grants

John Atkinson

NYSDEC Summer Camp Scholarships

The Air & Waste Management Association – Niagara Frontier Section (A&WMA-NFS) awarded 7 scholarships this year to children aged 11 to 17 to attend a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Environmental Education Camp this summer. The total amount awarded is \$2,100. NYSDEC's unique residential camp offers week-long adventures in conservation education and environmental stewardship.

Upcoming Opportunities

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 13, 2018. Visit the [scholarship webpage](#) for additional details.

The **Dave Sauer Memorial Scholarship** is named for Dave Sauer who was a long time member and historian for the A&WMA-NFS. As an environmental professional, Dave was active in many environmental related community events and had a strong sense of environmental stewardship. This scholarship is awarded annually to one or

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This years' awardees are:

Serena Pang – Bedford Hills, New York
Niyama Choczynski – Buffalo, New York
Jeremy Hourihan – Orchard Park, New York
Tanner Seelbinder – Williamsville, New York
Treyton VanDyke – Williamsville, New York
Olivia Krytus – Buffalo, New York
Lucy Krytus – Buffalo, New York

Membership

Mark Hans

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

Joseph Halleck —Lender Consulting	Chad Reynolds —Allied Environmental Services of NY, LLC	Steven Smigielski —E.I. Team Engineers & Architects
Joe Hinkle —Sumitomo Rubber USA	Minerva Ringland —Solepox, Inc.	Rick Watt —Ecology & Environment

If you see them at a future meeting, be sure to welcome them. Also — a big welcome to our newest corporate sponsor — Sumitomo Rubber USA.

Currently we have over 130 members in the Air & Waste Management's Niagara Frontier Section with roughly a 30/70 split between international and local affiliates. To check membership status, please log onto the [AWMA-NFS Website](#).

Corporate memberships are valid for one year from the date of renewal while local memberships expire on August 31st annually. New members and renewal applications can be found on our website. Payment can be made either through the website or via 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 Mark Hans or Colin Casey at awmanfsmembership@gmail.com. A list of current membership can be found at awmanfs.org.

Annual Conference & Exhibition

Mark Hans

A&WMA's 111th Annual Conference & Exhibition

The A&WMA's 111th Annual Conference & Exhibition (2018 ACE) entitled "Charting the Future" will be held in Hartford, Connecticut on June 25-28, 2018. This is another close location to WNY and I encourage you to consid-



er attending all or part of the conference. They have a full schedule of programs and courses available. For more information, you can check out the conference website at <https://www.awma.org/ace2018>.

Message from the Chair (cont'd)**Eric Warren**

environmental industry to attend our dinner meetings or take part in our fun extracurricular events. Also if anyone has any ideas for future dinner topics or a lead on a speaker please feel free to come up to me or any one of the other board members and let us know. Our group always values our member's ideas and we discuss them at our monthly board meetings. I am looking forward to next year being another great year with Tim Bathory as the Chair and working with this great group of people again.

Thanks again and see you soon,

Eric Warren

Save the Date – Our next dinner meeting will be on Thursday April 26, 2018 at Curly's (647 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY) which is our annual UB student project presentation from the Engineering Department (**see p. 6**)

Seminar**Mark Hans****2018 A&WMA Annual Seminar**

The 2018 Annual Seminar was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at Templeton Landing in Buffalo. The Air & Waste Management Association - Niagara Frontier Section Board of Directors and the Seminar Committee members would like to thank all who attended. We hosted 145 attendees and 12 exhibitors at this event and raised about \$7,500. The money raised will be used to fund scholarships for High School Seniors, College students and teens attending NYSDEC Summer camps.

The Keynote Speaker was Senate Member **Chris Jacobs**, 60th Senate District of New York State. He talked about several upcoming initiatives in Albany and about what is happening in WNY. If you are interested in viewing any of the presentations made at the seminar, please visit our website at <https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/2018-Seminar>.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to all of our exhibitors and sponsors:

Allied Environmental Services of NY, LLC	Groundwater & Environmental Services	NRC
Alpha Analytical	Golder Associates	Pace Analytical
Benchmark & Turnkey Companies	Hazard Evaluations	REGENESIS
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Empire Stack Testing	The Knoer Group, PLLC	SJB Empire
Encorous Group	Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP	Sun Environmental Group
Eurofins Spectrum Analytical	Natures Way Environmental	TRC Environmental Corp.

Finally, a special thanks to **Patrick Martin** and **Michael Hecker** who chaired the seminar committee this year.

Website**Mark Hans**

Our website (<https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org>) has been a huge success, as many of you have registered and paid for memberships, meetings and the seminar since we put it up about 10 years ago. With the help of Tom Morahan, we will be giving the website a new look. A small group met in March to kick off this refresh. If you are interested in joining this group or if you have any suggestions on changes you would like to see, please contact Mark Hans at mjhans9@gmail.com.

Education, Scholarships, and Grants (cont'd)**John Atkinson**

more high school seniors in continuing remembrance of Dave and his devotion to improving our environment. Please check our website for more information on this scholarship.

The box to the right lists those individuals that are eligible for an Air & Waste Management Association - Niagara Frontier Section (A&WMA-NFS) college scholarship. ➡

Each college scholarship is awarded for the 2018-2019 academic year. For more information on the college scholarship, please check our [website](#).

- ◆ Any full-time undergraduate student attending a recognized college or university located within the New York State counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara, and Wyoming during the 2017-2018 academic year.
- ◆ A child or spouse of a current A&WMA-NFS member who is a full-time undergraduate student at a recognized college or university, regardless of location, during the 2017-2018 academic year.

James G. Strickland Memorial NYSDEC Summer Camp Scholarship

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of James G. Strickland on January 31, 2018. Jim was a long-time member of A&WMA-NFS and had been a Director since September 2011.

Jim grew up in Tonawanda, NY and graduated from Sweet Home High School. After receiving a BS in Engineering from SUNY @ Buffalo, Jim moved to Albany, NY to begin a career that lasted more than 34 years with New York State. His first position was with the Public Service Commission. He then moved over to the Environmental Facilities Corporation before finally settling in at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in Albany. Jim moved back to Buffalo in 1995 to become the Regional Hazardous Waste Engineer in the Buffalo Office of the DEC. In 2011, Jim was promoted to the position of Regional Engineer, a position he held at the time of his death. While in this position, Jim was responsible for the management of over 70 environmental professionals working in the Divisions of Air, Hazardous Waste (RCRA), Hazardous Waste Remediation, Materials Management and Water.

Jim was an avid follower of the Bills and Sabres and he enjoyed golfing, playing hockey, riding his bike and making golf clubs. He is survived by three brothers.

The A&WMA-NFS annually provides scholarships to local youths age 11 to 17 to attend a NYSDEC Summer Camp. In memory of Jim, the Board has decided to rename these scholarships the James G. Strickland Memorial NYSDEC Summer Camp Scholarship. In addition, the Buffalo Office of the NYSDEC has collected donations in Jim's memory to purchase memorial benches that will be dedicated at the Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve & Environmental Education Center located in Depew in late spring or early summer. Money has also been collected by the DEC to help fund the James G. Strickland Memorial NYSDEC Summer Camp Scholarships.

- Jim will be greatly missed by all that knew him - Mark Hans and Mike Emery

Monthly Dinner Meeting**Eric Warren****MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Thursday April 26, 2018

University at Buffalo - Student Presentations**Speakers:**

- **Mr. Daniel Hamlin** - SUNY at Buffalo, SUNY
- **Mr. Christopher Allan** - SUNY at Buffalo

**Meeting Location:** Curly's, 647 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218 ([map-it](#))**Time:** Cocktails & Social Hour at 5:30 pm (cash bar): Dinner at 6:30 pm**Dinner:** Fresh house rolls with butter; Garden salad with two dressings, Seasonal vegetable; Bistro style yukon potatoes; Jerk chicken, Roast pork loin with shitake madeira sauce; Salmon with dill hollandaise & House dessert.

Cost: \$30 - A&WMA International Members
\$30 - NFS Local Members
\$35 - Non-Members
\$10 - Full-Time Students

1 PDH Credit (pending)

Reservations due no later than Friday, April 20, 2018

(No cancellations accepted after this date)

RESERVATIONS:WEBSITE: www.awmanfs.wildapricot.orgEMAIL: Awmanfsreservations@gmail.com

*If you have questions about reservations, please contact Kathleen Moguel at (716) 597-1022

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