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Kevin Sullivan — Editor

Message from the Chair

Tim Bathory

Spring Thaw

Welcome to a very busy Spring! At home many of us will be swapping our snow blowers and shovels for lawn mowers and grills. Unfortunately, our work load does not cool down as the weather warms up. The first half of the year is a mixture of year-end reporting and planning new projects for the coming summer. With that in mind, I would like to thank all of the AWMA-NFS Board Members who find time in their already busy schedules to make our organization a success. Without the efforts of these individuals our organization would not be what it is today. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. Thank you to all the membership for your participation and attendance at our events and meetings. 2019 looks to be another year of growth and success within the AWMA-NFS.

Our two remaining dinner meetings will be held on Thursday April 25, 2019 at The Grapevine Restaurant ([2545 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst, NY](#)). This promises to be a great meeting as John Atkinson is presenting on his research regarding Greenhouse Gas Emissions from waste incinerators versus landfills. The AWMA-NFS Annual Awards Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2019 at [Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve and Environmental Education Center](#). Any updates for these meetings can be found at our website: <https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/>. Coming very soon is the highly successful Envirun 5K run on Saturday April 27, 2019 at Whirlpool State Park, Niagara Falls, NY. Additional information can be found at: <https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/Envirun>. There is still time to register for all these events. I hope I get a chance to talk to you or say hello to you at one of the events or meetings. **Happy Spring!**

Envirun

Mary Padasak

The 29th running of the Envirun 5K will take place on Saturday April 27, 2019 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 Mary Padasak at 716-462-9105 or mpadasak@encorus.com or Mike Emery at awmanfssecretary@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 or on the logo](#) for registration details.



Future City

Hal Pierce

2019 Awardee of the AWMA "Pollution Prevention Award"

Transit Middle School - Team 13 - "Aisling Beo"

This is the third year in a row that a team from Transit Middle School is the recipient of our Pollution Prevention Award. This year's theme for the Future City Competition was "Powering Our Future". The power sources used for their city were wind, nuclear fusion, solar panels on the tops of residential buildings, and hydro-power (rain water was channeled underground to their hydro-power plant). The team's primary transportation systems consisted of a magnetic levitation train, sky cars, and LAC (Local Aerodynamic Capsules).

For waste disposal, all of the citizens of Aisling Beo were provided with home compost bins, and all plastic was made from an easily recycled material. The city generated a catalyst that produced ozone which they sent to the upper atmosphere to plug the holes in the ozone layer. They also grew sweet potatoes in their vertical farms.

Both their City Model and the accompanying Display Board were excellent and the presentation by the students was very good. This team was also awarded 2nd Place in the overall competition.

The judges for the AWMA Pollution Prevention Award were: Rick Allen, John Banaszak, Gary LaLiberty, and Hal Pierce.



Article and Photograph by Rick Allen

Education, Scholarships, Grants

Peter Grasso

James G. Strickland Memorial NYSDEC Summer Camp Scholarships

This years' awardees are:

Adri Alvarado - Hamburg
 Conlan DeLozier - Colden
 Dakota Gambino - Avon
 David Johnson - West Seneca
 Devin Furick - Alden
 Ella Noe - Williamsville
 Griffin Schmidt - Sanborn
 James McDonnell - Lackawanna
 Jocelyn Janik - Lancaster
 Lillian Lewinski - Clarence
 Lucy Krytus - Buffalo
 Olivia Krytus - Buffalo
 Tanner Seelbinder - Williamsville
 Treyton VanDyke - Williamsville

The James G. Strickland Memorial NYSDEC Summer Camp Scholarship is named in honor of James Strickland, who was a long time member of the Air & Waste Management Association – Niagara Frontier Section (A&WMA-NFS). Jim worked as an environmental professional for over 34 years for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) promoting the Department's mission statement:

"To conserve, improve and protect New York's natural resources and environment and to prevent, abate and control water, land and air pollution, in order to enhance the health, safety and welfare of the people of the state and their overall economic and social well-being."

This year the A&WMA-NFS awarded 14 scholarships to children aged 11 to 17 to attend a NYSDEC Environmental Education Camp during the summer of 2019. The total amount awarded was \$4,200. NYSDEC's unique residential camp offers week-long adventures in conservation education and environmental stewardship.

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Seminar**Mark Hans****2019 A&WMA Annual Seminar**

The 2019 Annual Seminar was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2019 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 114 attendees and 10 exhibitors at this event and raised about \$9,000. 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 Timothy M. Kennedy, 63rd 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 this or any of the other presentations made at the seminar, please [visit our website](#).

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

sponsors:

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

Annual Conference & Exhibition**Mark Hans**

The A&WMA's 112th Annual Conference & Exhibition (2019 ACE) entitled "Winds of Change" will be held in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada on June 25-28, 2019. This is another close location to WNY and I encourage you to consider 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](#).



Education, Scholarships, and Grants (cont'd)**Peter Grasso****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 12, 2019**. Visit the [education 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 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 2019-2020 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 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 academic year.

Website**Mark Hans**

Website – <https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org>

Our website has been a huge success, as many of you have registered and paid for memberships, monthly meetings, and the annual seminar since we rolled it out over 10 years ago. With the help of Tom Morahan, Michael Emery and Kathleen Mougel, we recently updated the look of the website and we have received several favorable comments on the new look. When you get a chance, please log in and check it out. If you have any questions or changes you would like to see, please contact Mark Hans at mjhans9@gmail.com.

During April, we will be posting information for our Annual Elections on the website. Each member will receive an e-mail advising them on how to cast their vote on-line. This years' slate will consist of the following proposed candidates:

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| ♦ Chair - Colin Casey (Great Lakes Environmental Safety Consulting Inc.) | ♦ Director - Luke Donigan (Phillips Lytle LLP) |
| ♦ Vice Chair - Kathy Mougel (Durez Corporation) | ♦ Director - MaryKate Mooney (Ecology and Environment) |
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| ♦ Secretary - Michael Emery (NYSDEC) | ♦ Director - Kevin Sullivan (TRC) |

As always, you may also write in a name for a position.

Membership**Colin Casey and Mark Hans**

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

Alan Davis Modern Corporation	Kathleen Mareen Ecology & Environment	Efrat Forget NYSDEC
Rosanna Granata WTS, Inc.	Ross McCurdy GHD Services, Inc.	Nuvia Rashid SUNY @ Buffalo

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

Currently we have over 100 members in the Air & Waste Management's Niagara Frontier Section with roughly a 40/60 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
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If you have any questions about becoming a member or renewing your membership please contact Mark Hans at awmanfsmembership@gmail.com. A list of current membership can be found on the [AWMS-NFS website](#).

Membership—Name Badges**Hal Pierce****Magnetic Membership Name Badges**

The Board recently approved the conversion of all of the blue plastic membership badges from a pin attachment to a magnetic attachment. Just place the magnet inside your pocket or shirt and the badge snaps on tightly. No more pin holes in the fabric of your shirts.

Hal Pierce
The Badge Man

Monthly Meeting Announcements**Colin Casey**
MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
Thursday April 25, 2019
**Greenhouse Gas Emissions Savings
Associated with Waste-to-Energy
Facilities, Compared to Landfilling**

Presented by Dr. John Atkinson,
Environmental Engineering Assistant Professor
at the University at Buffalo

Meeting Location: The Grapevine, 2545 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst, NY 14228

Social Hour: 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Dinner & Speaker: 6:30 pm

1.0 PDH credit available for an
additional cost of \$10 (approval
pending).

**Reservations due no later than Friday,
April 19, 2019**

(No cancellations accepted after this date)

\$25 – A&WMA International Members
\$25 – Young Professional A&WMA-NFS
Members (35 or younger)
\$30 – A&WMA-NFS Local Members
\$35 – Non-Members
\$10 – Full-Time Students

RESERVATIONS: www.awmanfs.wildapricot.org awmanfsreservations@gmail.com

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

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Please contact Mark Hans or
Colin Casey (see contacts
page) for information.

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Upcoming A&WMA-NFS Events

Date	Event	Location
May 23, 2019	Awards Dinner & NYS Parks Niagara River Area of Concern Habitat Restoration Design Projects on Grand Island	Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve

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

If you would like to submit an article for the next issue of **THE RELEASE**, please contact:

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