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Message from the Chair

Mark Hans

Upcoming Events - Get Involved

As the program year comes to an end, I would like to thank all of the people that made this year a success. From the Board of Directors, to the various committee members, to all of you that attend our monthly dinner meetings – Thank You! Being retired, I had the opportunity to attend nearly all of the various Board and committee meetings that the organization held this year. I knew that there were a lot of people actively involved in running this organization, but I just counted the number of people that I met at the various Board and committee meetings this year and that number was 27! For a membership that totals about 105, that means that somewhere around 25% of you are involved in some way in helping to keep this organization going. That is an amazing number. If you are interested in helping out in some way in the future, please let Eric Warren or me know.

I would also like to thank the Corporate Sponsors that support us with a financial donation. The money that they provide, along with the money that we raise at the Annual Seminar and at the EnviRun 5K Race, is used to fund the various scholarships and grants that we give out each year. We have already awarded \$7,550 this year and we anticipate awarding another \$8,000 by the end of the program year. Our Corporate Sponsors include:

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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. 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

The WNY Future Cities Competition was held on Saturday, January 21st, 2017 at Mt St. Mary Academy in Kenmore. The AWMA judges for the competition were Rick Allen, Gary LaLiberty, John Atkinson and UB graduate students Haoxin He and Jundong Liu. The Pollution Prevention Award was presented to **Transit Middle School** this year for their slogan of "Safe, Stable, Sustainable and Stunning" which was truly exemplified with their presentation, model and display board. This team had 17-passionate, professional young people with an excellent spokesperson. (City Name "Fecit TurTures")

Hal Pierce



- * Their model had elevated parks to save space;
- * They used recycled corn husks for concrete;
- * They used a process of "Electro-Dialysis" to shock the salt from ocean water for drinking water;
- * They used park trees and shrubs for filtration of waste water;
- * Their project used a plasma gasification process for handling solid waste, with the waste slag used for building materials, with organic composting and the syn-gas for energy and
- * Their project used a smog-eating paint on the roadways.

UB Student Chapter

Daniel Hamlin

The UB chapter is currently focusing on a variety of events from recycling awareness programs and community out-reach to educational and professional opportunities for students:

- ⇒ With monetary support of \$250 from Envirun funds, the UB chapter of AWMA has teamed up with the Coalition of Positively Charged People to further the battery-recycling program that is currently in place throughout both the UB North and South campuses. Students will present an interactive display, promoting battery recycling, during UB's Sustainability events in April 2017.
- ⇒ In addition, students will also introduce their display at the Envirun 5K on April 22, 2017. In further recognition of their support for the event, students will also be volunteering and running at the event.
- ⇒ Furthermore, on April 27, 2017, graduating seniors will give a presentation of their design projects at the April AWMA NFS dinner meeting, concluding their hard work from the Spring Semester and highlighting their effort throughout their college career.
- ⇒ Finally, the UB chapter's semester will conclude after student members elect and initiate a new UB chapter executive board by the first week of May.

Membership

Tim Bathory

This is typically a quiet time in terms of AWMA membership. That being said, please join me in welcoming the following new members to AWMA-NFS.

Sue Wise—Pine
Environmental

Colin Casey—Great Lakes
Environmental

Nancy Loster—NYSDEC

Amy VanKerkhove—Ecology
& Environment

Krysta Cione—
Golder Associates

Suzanne Kelley—Sienna
Environmental Technologies

Dung Le—Wendel
Companies

Jacob Kocic—SUNY at
Buffalo

Brian Murphy—
Anchor QEA

Steve Drozdowski—Sienna
Environmental Technologies

Peg Simons—Thermofisher

Austin Baker—SUNY at
Buffalo

Ester Lorence

I look forward to meeting you all at future events.

In addition, we have recently formed a membership focus group. The group's main objective is to discuss and then implement ideas to strengthen membership. If anyone is interested in participating please let me know.

To check membership status please visit our website: (<https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/>)

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 mail. Membership categories and dues are as follows :

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| 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 or 534-6885. A list of current membership can be found at [AWMS-NFS](#).

Annual Conference & Exhibition

Mark Hans

A&WMA's 110th Annual Conference & Exhibition

The A&WMA's 110th Annual Conference & Exhibition (2017ACE) entitled "Bridging Environment, Energy & Health" will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on June 5-8, 2017. This is the closest that the conference has been to WNY in several years so 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 at:

<https://www.awma.org/ace2017>

The sponsors of 2017ACE are also looking for volunteers to monitor at the various sessions. Half-day monitors receive a free, same-day registration, and full-day monitors receive a full registration for another day of their choice. For more information on being a monitor at 2017ACE, please visit the conference website at:

<https://www.awma.org/content.asp?admin=Y&contentid=256>.

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

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| Alpha Analytical 6 years | Benchmark Environmental Engineering & Science 10 years | GHD 16 years | CWM Chemical Services 22 years |
| Empire Stack Testing 16 years | Nature's Way Environmental 2 years | Golder Associates 19 years | Hodgson Russ LLP 13 years |
| Iyer Environmental Group 16 years | The Knoer Group 19 years | Modern Corporation 16 years | PeroxyChem 3 years |
| OXYChem 31 years | Watts Architecture & Engineering 11 years | Praxair 8 years | Sandstone Springs 1 year |
| | SJB Services / Empire Geo Services 18 years | Cadex 5 years | |

So, as I wrap up my term as Chair, thanks to all of you that have made this so easy for me. I look forward to seeing many of you at future events and don't be afraid to get involved. It can be very rewarding.

Elections**Mark Hans****Program Year 2017 - 2018 A&WMA-NFS Board of Director's Elections**

The Nominating Committee has proposed a slate of candidates to fill the expected vacancies on the Board of Directors for the 2017 – 2018 Program Year. The proposed slate includes:

- Chair: Eric Warren- Nature's Way Environmental
- Vice-Chair: Timothy Bathory – Occidental Chemical Corp.
- Treasurer: Dominic Buccilli - NYSDEC retired
- Secretary: Michael Emery - NYSDEC
- Directors (4 vacancies):
 - ◊ John Atkinson – SUNY @ Buffalo
 - ◊ Colin Casey – Great Lakes Environmental & Safety Consultants
 - ◊ James Strickland - NYSDEC
 - ◊ Kevin Sullivan - TRC Environmental Corp.

All current A&WMA-NFS members (International or local) may cast a ballot. The voting will be conducting on the A&WMA-NFS website and all current members will receive an e-mail when the website is ready to accept votes. The ballot will also allow you to vote for a write-in candidate.

Announcements

Kathy Moguel

Monthly AWMA-NFS Dinner Meeting Announcement

UB Senior Project Presentation

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Reservations and Information

Via Website at:

AWMA-NFS

Reservations by e-mail at:

Email



Presentation of Senior Project by UB Senior Environmental Engineering Students



Social Hour @ 5:30 PM / Buffet Dinner @ 6:30 PM

Presentation after dinner by UB Seniors on their Senior Project

Education and Grants

Mark Hans

Earth Day Grants

The Air & Waste Management Association – Niagara Frontier Section (A&WMA-NFS) awarded 7 Earth Day grants this year. These grants are used to promote environmental awareness through creative and impactful educational activities and community engagement efforts. Six grants were funded at \$500 each and one grant was funded at \$250, for a total amount of \$3,250. For more information on each project, please visit our website at <https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/2017-Earth-Day-Grant-Winners>.

This years' awardees are:

- 2017 Erie County Envirothon
- A&WMA University at Buffalo Student Chapter (funded with EnviRun funds)
- Buffalo Public School #69, Houghton Academy
- The Coalition of Positively Charged
- D'Youville College
- Erie Community College (South Campus)
- Wild Spirit Education, Inc.

NYSDEC Summer Camp Grants

The Air & Waste Management Association – Niagara Frontier Section (A&WMA-NFS) awarded 13 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 \$4,550. NYSDEC's unique residential camp offers week-long adventures in conservation education and environmental stewardship.

This years' awardees are:

- ⇒ Anna Buccilli – Michigan
- ⇒ Jake Czelusta – East Aurora, New York
- ⇒ Jocelyn and Nicole Janik – Lancaster, New York
- ⇒ David Johnson – West Seneca, New York
- ⇒ Brandon and Lucas Klimek – Lancaster, New York
- ⇒ Erin Lehnen – Derby, New York
- ⇒ Serena Pang – Bedford Hills, New York
- ⇒ Tanner Seelbinder – Williamsville, New York
- ⇒ Griffin Schmidt – Sanborn, New York
- ⇒ Kyera Silver – Canada
- ⇒ Treyton VanDyke – Williamsville, New York

Seminar**Mark Hans****2017 A&WMA Annual Seminar**

The 2017 Annual Seminar was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 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 136 attendees and 9 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 Assembly Member Sean Ryan, Assembly District 149 of New York State. He talked about several of the high profile environmental projects taking place in Western New York. If you are interested in viewing any of the presentations made at the seminar, please visit our website at:

<https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/page-1662947>

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

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| The Knoer Group PLLC | Benchmark & Turnkey Companies | Sun Environmental Group |
| Nature's Way Environmental | Eco-Rental Solutions | TREC Environmental |

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

Young Professionals**Mark Hans****February 2017 YP Event**

A curling event, hosted by the Young Professionals of A&WMA-NFS, was held on February 9 at Buffalo River-Works. 27 hearty souls (not all YP's) braved the stormy weather to attend this event. For many, this was their first chance to try their hands at curling. Although it was cold, everyone enjoyed the experience. If you have an idea for a future YP event, please contact either Timothy Bathory or myself.

A special thanks to Timothy Bathory and Laura Grassi for coordinating this event.



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

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