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# THE RELEASE

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Kevin Sullivan – Editor

## Message from the Chair

**Kathy Moguel**

Well, this certainly is a challenging year! Your Board of Directors, and other supporting members, have worked to keep up support for the scholarships and grants that we fund, and we are holding on. Much of the credit goes to the continuing contribution of our Corporate Sponsors (listed on Page 6), and we urge you to look first to these companies when seeking services or partners in their fields.

Fortunately we were able to have two in-person dinner meetings, in September and October. Despite the COVID-19 precautions that were employed, not everyone was able to attend. The November meeting was virtual, and was well-attended. Virtual meetings do allow us to expand our reach, and we saw that some who were not from our area attended. Silver lining for our cloud!

The February meeting, this Thursday, will be a deep dive into the operations of the DuPont Yerkes Plant in Tonawanda. Much thanks to Chris Bailey, the EHS Manager, who will give a "Virtual Tour" of the site, with emphases on COVID-19 upgrades which allow them to operate safely, as well as recent Environmental upgrades. I know that this will be of wide interest – please send the invitation to others who may not get our emails!

We are delighted to report we are able to continue funding the grants and scholarship opportunities detailed in this newsletter, to support the next generation of aspiring environmental professionals and non-profits. Although last year's Envirun had to be postponed, we hope to hold it in 2021, and it will be the 30th anniversary run! The event was planned ..... (Cont'd on p. 6)

## Envirun

**Mary Padasak**

It is hard to believe that the last (29<sup>th</sup>) running of the Envirun 5K took place in April 2019, along the beautiful and majestic Niagara River. It is getting to be that time of year when thoughts turn to spring time adventures. The Envirun Committee has been hard at work designing what the much loved race will look like during this challenging year. We are exploring a few options for the event, as we missed it last year.

As soon as the decision is finalized, we will make the announcement. As always, we are looking for sponsors for the run so that we are able to continue to provide grants and opportunities for environmental groups in the region. If you are interested in sponsorships, please email me at [mpadasak@encorus.com](mailto:mpadasak@encorus.com). Keep an eye on our website (<https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/Envirun>) for other information.



**Education, Scholarships, & Grants****Peter Grasso**

**NYSDEC James G. Strickland Memorial Environmental Education Summer Camp Scholarships:** AWMA-NFS will not be accepting applications for summer camp. Since the camps were not open last year, due to COVID, last year's winners will be attending this year, if the camps are open. The NYSDEC is delaying a decision for an in-person program for summer 2021. The Department will update this [webpage](#) when a determination has been made.

**Earth Day Grants:** A&WMA-NFS will be awarding one or more Earth Day grants worth up to \$500 each to celebrate Earth Day 2021. 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 26, 2021.

**High School and College Scholarships:** A&WMA-NFS will be awarding one or more scholarships to high school seniors and undergraduate college students in amounts ranging from \$500 - \$1,000. Applications are due by April 9, 2021.

For more information on these opportunities, please visit the Education section of our website by clicking [HERE](#) or contact Education Director Peter Grasso at [awmanfs.education@gmail.com](mailto:awmanfs.education@gmail.com).

**People on the Move****Mark Hans**

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

- ⇒ Abby Snyder retired in January 2021 from the NYSDEC. Abby worked for the Department for over 36 years, the last 15 years as the Regional Director of Region 9.
- ⇒ Maurice Moore retired from the NYSDEC Buffalo office in May 2020. Maurice worked in the Division of Environmental Remediation for over 36 years
- ⇒ Chad Staniszewski is serving as the Acting Regional Director of NYSDEC Region 9 as of January 2021. Chad is the Regional Engineer for Region 9 and has been with the Department since 1998.
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If you have changed jobs, received a promotion or retired, let us know. Information can be sent to Kevin Sullivan (newsletter editor) at [ksullivan@TRCCcompanies.com](mailto:ksullivan@TRCCcompanies.com).

**Membership****Mark Hans**

Currently we have over 93 members in the Air & Waste Management's Niagara Frontier Section with roughly a 45/55 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.

\*\* Web Sponsor includes an International Membership for one person and a local affiliate membership for a second person. In addition, the corporate logo of a website sponsor will be displayed on the home page of the AWMA website.

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

**Financial Report****Paul Van Kerkhove and Dominic Buccilli**

In the table at right is a summary of our 2020-2021 Budget. The Budget loss will be covered with reserve funds. Any questions on the budget or finances for the AWMA-NFS should be directed to Dominic at [retiredominic@yahoo.com](mailto:retiredominic@yahoo.com) or Paul Van Kerkhove at [Paul.Vankerkhove@ghd.com](mailto:Paul.Vankerkhove@ghd.com).

<i>Category</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>
Administration	\$ 0	\$ 1,500
Education*	\$ 0	\$ 7,500
Environ*	TBD	TBD
Membership	\$ 7,200	\$ 3,800
Program (dinner meetings)	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,300
Seminar	TBD	TBD
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,200</b>	<b>\$ 16,100</b>

\*Education and Environ expenses include scholarships and grants that are awarded.

TBD = To Be Determined at a later date (annual event is temporarily suspended due to COVID-19).

**Monthly Meeting Announcement**

**Ryan Thomas**

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Thursday February 25, 2021

*Virtual Tour of DuPont Yerkes Site*

*Operating During COVID-19*



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**Speaker:** Christopher Baily, ASP, CSP, EHS Manager, DuPont Yerkes Plant

**Meeting Location:** Virtual Presentation via Zoom (link to be sent out via email)

**Agenda:** 6:00 - Welcome and Meeting Announcements

6:15 - Speaker Presentation with Q&A

**Cost:** \$5.00 per attendee (no PDH credit)

\$15.00 per attendee requesting PDH credit

**Reservations due no later than Wednesday, February 24, 2021**

*(No cancellations accepted after this date)*

**RESERVATIONS:** [www.awmanfs.wildapricot.org](http://www.awmanfs.wildapricot.org) [awmanfsreservations@gmail.com](mailto:awmanfsreservations@gmail.com)

\*If you have questions about reservations, please contact

Christa Bucior at (716) 969-5567 or Ryan Thomas at (313) 247-1678

## New/Returning Members

**Mark Hans**

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

- ◆ Xiaoyi Chen – SUNY @ Buffalo
- ◆ Cameron Lange - Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.
- ◆ Nancy Loster - NYSDEC
- ◆ Vincent Mascio – DOD Niagara Falls Air Force Base
- ◆ Ed Murphy – Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.
- ◆ Emily Nuding – National Fuel Gas
- ◆ Jeremy Nyitrai – Gibraltar Industries
- ◆ Nelson Schnable - NYSDEC
- ◆ Ryan Thomas - GHD

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

## Future City Competition

**Kevin Sullivan**



The New York Western Region will be participate in the 2020 - 2021 Future City Competition.

The final competition will be held on Saturday, February 27th 2021 and will be held as a virtual competition.

The theme for this year is Living on the Moon so some exciting projects will no doubt be presented.

Stay tuned for results of this years competition.

Photo, January 2020: The City that was chosen for the AWMA-NFS "Pollution Prevention Award" in January 2020 was "Oshana" - developed by Cleveland Hill Middle School. The selection was made based on the city that best exemplified this year's Future City Theme of "Clean Water - Tap into the Future",

## Website

**Mark Hans**

Website – [awmanfs.org](http://awmanfs.org)

Our website has been a huge success, as many of you have registered and paid for memberships, meetings and the seminar since we put it up over 10 years ago. If you have any questions or changes you would like to see, please contact Mark Hans at ([mjhans9@gmail.com](mailto:mjhans9@gmail.com)).

Something that you may not know about our website is that we have a page dedicated to "Information of Interest". This page contains information about regulatory updates as well as Job opportunities as well as resumes for people looking for jobs. To find this page, either [click here](#) or go to the website homepage, click on the three buttons on the right side of the blue bar and then click on Information of Interest.

**Corporate Sponsors****Mark Hans**

We would like to welcome Ed Murphy and his firm, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. to our list of Corporate Sponsors. The money provided through our prorated sponsorship program is used to help fund our various scholarships. A list of our current Corporate Sponsors follows. For contact information, please visit our [website](#).

- ⇒ Alpha Analytical – Pat Filey
- ⇒ Benchmark Environmental Engineering & Science, PLLC – Paul Werthman
- ⇒ Cadex – Wil Wilesovich
- ⇒ Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. – Ed Murphy
- ⇒ Golder Associates – Patrick Martin
- ⇒ Hodgson Russ – Michael Hecker
- ⇒ The Knoer Group – Robert Knoer
- ⇒ Linde, PLC – David Copeland
- ⇒ Modern Corporation – Michael Gullo
- ⇒ OXY Chem – Timothy Bathory
- ⇒ Phillips Lytle LLP – Luke Donigan
- ⇒ Trinity Consultants – Brian Noel
- ⇒ Watts Architecture & Engineering – Kevin Janik

**Message from the Chair (cont'd)****Kathy Moguel**

for Goat Island in 2020 and, we hope, will be there in 2021 – see Mary Padasak's article in this letter.

The Core Purpose of A&WMA is “to improve environmental knowledge and decisions by providing a neutral forum for exchanging information.” We serve a vital role in educating and supporting each other, and in helping industry and business thrive in WNY. Most importantly, YOU are the life-blood of the unparalleled free flow of information and expertise that facilitates debate and development in our discipline. Environmental leaders in our community benefit from this forum, where we enhance not only our regulatory and practical knowledge, but enrich the sense of community required to sustain our openness and camaraderie. As we grapple with the dramatic changes that have occurred due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, we must keep this mission in laser focus.

Once again, I'd like to thank you for being a part of this incredible and enduring organization, and hope to see you very soon. Please feel free to contact me at (716) 597-1022 with great ideas for safe and enriching tours and meetings!

Thank you! Be well!

Kathy Moguel

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