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Kevin Sullivan — Editor

Message from the Chair

Eric Warren

Reflections and Opportunities to Get Involved

I hope everyone was able to have a nice holiday season and New Year's celebration with their loved ones and was able to at least find a couple days to relax.

As I have done for the past several years, as the 2017 year was wrapping up, I like to find time to reflect on my accomplishments and "not so much accomplishments" and learn things from each of those situations. Then I make a commitment to myself to act on the things I learned so I continue to grow, learn and improve each day both personally and professionally in the new year. I also like to think ahead in anticipation of what great and exciting opportunities that the new year will hold, I guess that is the optimistic side of me.

Speaking of great opportunities to participate in.... the main event for our A&WMA NFS organization is right around the corner, the 2018 Annual Enrichment Seminar! This event will take place on Wednesday January 24th at Templeton Landing located at 2 Templeton Terrace, Buffalo, NY. Each member of our Seminar Committee has donated a lot of their own time organizing this event. Just like last year, the committee was able to reach out and set up informative speakers to discuss a variety of topics that are on the fore front of our environmental industry. PDH and CLE credits are available for those in attendance, please see the attached seminar's information flyer. They were also able to secure various sponsorships as well as coordinate exhibitors to be able to set up informational tables to discuss the services that their respective companies offer. The seminar committee did a great job again and on

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Envirun

Mike Emery

AWMA-NFS's own 28th run/walk for the environment, 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. Last year we awarded \$5000 (proceeds from last two runs) to the Coalition of Positively

Charged People to develop an on-line module about recycling consumer batteries. To make the run 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 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 on our LOGO for registration details on our website.



Scholarship Winners—Where are They Now**Hal Pierce****Anna Czarples, Esq.**

Anna Czarples, Esq. has been selected as a "Top 10 Personal Injury Attorney Under 40" by the National Academy of Personal Injury Attorneys (NAOPIA) for the year 2017. Attorney Czarples is a 2001 graduate of Grand Island Senior High School. Her parents are Helen and James Czapla of Grand Island. NAOPIA's selection criteria is rigorous and their Board of Governors selects the final top ten in each state. Attorney Czarples has been practicing personal injury and medical malpractice law in Corning since 2009 and she is a partner at her firm Welch, Donlon & Czarples PLLC.

Anna and her sister, Cynthia Racker (nee Czapla), are both former scholarship winners and former member of the AWMA-NFS.

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 2018. 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 2, 2018.

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.

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.

UB Student Chapter**Alvin Samuel**

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 24th. At the event, many of the student members will be volunteering to make sure that the event runs smoothly. In addition, a few students have been selected and will present project posters prior to the keynote address over lunch. Registration for this event is easy, just click [here](#).

Similarly, many student members will also be volunteering at or participating in the annual [Environ on April 21st](#). See Page 1 for more details for this event.

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. Registration for this event will be open soon, please check the website by clicking [here](#).

Seminar

Mike Hecker and Patrick Martin





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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

New York State Senator

Chris Jacobs

(R, C, IP) 60th Senate District

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TODAY**

[by clicking HERE](#)

January 24, 2018

Templeton Landing

2 Templeton Terrace Buffalo, NY

**REGISTER EARLY
AND SAVE \$25.00**

This full day seminar will feature a series of presentations and discussions with a focus on today's leading edge topics in the environmental industry. PDH and CLE credits will be available. All proceeds from the seminar go towards environmental scholarships for our future professionals. We thank you for your support and look forward to your attendance.

Seminar (cont'd)**Mike Hecker and Patrick Martin****2018 Annual Seminar for Environmental Professionals****NIAGARA FRONTIER
SECTION****PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

7:30-8:30.....Registration/Exhibits - Continental Breakfast

8:30-8:45.....Welcome

8:45 – 9:45 SESSION I ***"6 NYCRR Part 360 Revisions—NYSDEC
Regulatory Update"**Rick Clarkson, Director Of Bureau Permitting, Division
of Materials Management, NYSDEC—Central Office**9:45 – 10:45 SESSION II * +****"NYS Brownfields Program – Best Practices,
Program Update & Case Study "**NYSDEC Region 9 Speakers:

Jennifer Dougherty, Esq., Assistant Regional Counsel

Chad Staniszewski, Division of Env. Remediation

Hazard Evaluations, Inc.:

Michele Wittman, Director of Site Services

10:45 -11:15..... Exhibits/Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:15 SESSION III * +**"EHS Facility Best Practices—An In-House
Perspective"**Moderator: Colin Casey, Esq., VP, Great Lakes Environmental &
Safety Consultants, Inc.Timothy Gominiak, Maintenance/Engineering Manager, Perry's
Ice Cream Co., Inc.

Matthew Kandefer, HSE Manager, Honeywell International

12:15 - 12:45.....UB Student Poster Presentations

12:45 -1:30..... Lunch/Key Note Speaker

KEYNOTE ADDRESS +**New York State Senator
Chris Jacobs
60th Senate District****1:45 – 2:45 SESSION IV *****"Beneficial Use of Dredged Material
Across the Great Lakes: Policies, Projects,
and Environmental Evaluations"**Karen G. Keil, Ph.D., Environmental Toxicologist, U.S.
Army Corps of Engineers—Buffalo District

2:45 - 3:00..... Exhibits/Coffee Break

3:00– 4:00 SESSION V ***"Emerging Contaminants and Challenges
to New York's Water Supply"**

Nikki Roy, P.G., Golder Associates, Inc.

Jim Occhialini, VP, Technical Sales, Alpha Analytical

4:00 - ?? Social Hour

* 1.0 Professional Development Hour (PDH) will be awarded for Attendees of this Presentation - Total of 5 PDHs Possible
 + 1.0 Continuing Legal Education (CLE) will be awarded for attendees of this Session (1/2 CLE expected for Keynote Address)

There will be a \$25.00 processing fee for those registering for CLE credits (except for the first 10 attorneys to register)

Membership

Colin Casey and Mark Hans

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 2018 A&WMA Annual Seminar that will be held on January 24, 2018 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 Colin Casey at (awmanfsmembership@gmail.com) or Mark Hans (mjhans9@gmail.com).

If you have any suggestions for additions, corrections or improvements to the web site, let Mark know at mjhans9@gmail.com and I'll see what I can do.

Currently there are nearly 120 members of Air & Waste Management's Niagara Frontier Section with mix of international, local, and student members. To check membership status please visit the [AWMA-NFS Website](#). Membership fees are listed in the table to the right.

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 shown in the table.

If you have any other questions about becoming a member, renewing your membership, or the benefits of membership, please contact Colin Casey at awmanfsmembership@gmail.com.

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.

Financial Report

Paul Van Kerkhove and Dominic Buccilli

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 2017-2018 Budget. Any questions on the budget or finances for the AWMA-NFS should be directed to Dominic at retiredominic@yahoo.com (yes, he is still using yahoo!) or Paul at Paul.Vankerkhove@ghd.com.

*Expenses in these categories include scholarships and/or donations.

<i>Category</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>
Administration	\$ -	\$ 4,000
Education*	\$ 2,200	\$ 11,400
Environ*	\$ 11,000	\$ 10,500
Membership	\$ 6,800	\$ 4,700
Program (dinner meetings)	\$ 8,000	\$ 9,400
Seminar	\$ 13,500	\$ 7,600
Total	\$ 41,500	\$ 47,600

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:

- ◆ Brandon Andrews – going back to College for an Engineering degree
- ◆ Christopher Allan – SUNY @ Buffalo
- ◆ Jake Betzig – SUNY @ Buffalo
- ◆ Alayna DeMarchi – C&S Engineers, Inc.
- ◆ Luke Donigan – Phillips Lytle LLP
- ◆ Ramin Ghamkhar – SUNY @ Buffalo
- ◆ Brian Hann – Orion Environmental Solutions, LLC
- ◆ Vincent Mascio – SUNY @ Buffalo
- ◆ Hannah Mason – looking for a job
- ◆ Alvin Samuel – SUNY @ Buffalo
- ◆ Mary Szustak – Nature's Way Environmental
- ◆ Sarah Wagner – SUNY @ Buffalo
- ◆ Rachel Wieclaw – SUNY @ Buffalo

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

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

behalf of the organization I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to make this event into reality.

Just like in years past, the A&WMA NFS organization funds all our environmental scholarships for our future leaders with 100% of the proceeds from this seminar. We would like to thank everyone in advance for your support and we look forward to your attendance. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

Thank you,

Eric Warren

Save the Date

Our next dinner meeting will be on Thursday February 22, 2018 starting at 5:30pm at the 33 Speak Easy Grille located at 3455 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, NY. The meeting will feature a presentation entitled **"Measuring Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Natural Gas Infrastructure"** by Thomas Ferrara, Manager, Air Quality Services, GHD Services Inc. Registration will open soon! Click on the

The logo for the Air & Waste Management Association - Niagara Frontier Section (AWMA-NFS). It consists of the text "AWMA-NFS" in a serif font, enclosed within a rectangular border.**Website****Mark Hans**

Website – 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 about 10 years ago. With the help of Tom Morahan, we will be giving the website a new look. We have a small group that will be meeting in late January or early February 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).

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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