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Kevin Sullivan – Editor

Message from the Chair

Luke Donigan

Greetings! I am thankful and privileged to be able to welcome back all of our members for the upcoming program year, and excited to serve in the role of Chair as we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times. I believe a special thanks is owed to Past Chairs Colin Casey and Kathy Moguel, who did such a wonderful job leading us through the last year and a half, despite numerous obstacles. I would also like to thank all the board directors, officers, committee chairs, other volunteers, and our entire membership base for continuing to support this organization.

I am pleased to report that our membership is steady, the board remains invested and active, our finances continue to remain strong, and we look forward to yet again organizing interesting monthly topics that are relevant and important to our lives and professions. I am pleased to be serving with Christa Bucior, who has taken on the role of Vice Chair and is leading our efforts to help deliver these programs.

As we enter this new year, we are aware of the particular challenges that COVID-19 has brought and continues to present, particularly as it relates to social gatherings, which is a key component of this organization's format. We are grateful for the technology that permits us to meet virtually, but we agree that it's not the same as being able to come together in person as we have done so often over the years. With this in mind, we ask you to please send us your thoughts and ideas on potential meeting locations, topics, speakers, and desire and willingness to attend in-person events. Regardless of the meeting format, we look forward to another great year, and consider ourselves lucky for our continued success and ability to adapt to the ever-evolving situation.

Luke Donigan

Monthly Meeting Schedule

OCTOBER DINNER MEETING

The [A&WMA-NFS](#) October dinner meeting will feature a presentation by Dave Copeland, P.E., of Linde, Inc., on

“Many Aspects of Greenhouse Gas Reporting - Linde Example”

The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at The Tewksbury Lodge, 249 Ohio Street, Buffalo, New York, and will be followed by dinner. Social hour begins at 5:30 followed by dinner and the presentation. Please check the [event registration page](#) for additional details and registration information.

[Mark Your Calendars](#) for the Upcoming Monthly Meetings and Annual Seminar:

- November 4 – Dinner Presentation of the Bethlehem Steel Remediation Site, Lackawanna, New York, beginning at 4:45 pm - Location [Ilio DiPaolo](#)
- Date TBD – Annual Seminar, Templeton Landing
- February 17, 2022 – Dinner Meeting, TBD
- April 21, 2022 – Dinner Meeting, TBD
- May 19, 2022 – Awards Dinner, TBD

Education, Scholarships, & Grants

Peter Grasso

NYSDEC James G. Strickland Memorial Environmental Education Summer Camp Scholarships: AWMA-NFS will not be accepting applications for the James G. Strickland Memorial Environmental Education Summer Camp Scholarships this year due to COVID.

Earth Day Grants: A&WMA-NFS will be awarding one or more Earth Day grants worth up to \$500 each to celebrate Earth Day 2020. 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 31, 2022.

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 8, 2022.

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.

Message from the Past Chair

Kathy Moguel

Well, wasn't this a challenging year! I have been VERY grateful for the continued support and interest in our Section during these stressful times. We have tried to bring as much value to our members as we could, using in person meetings with ventilation and COVID safeguards for the first two meetings last fall, then Zoom meetings and a virtual Annual Seminar for the rest of the year. Despite the lack of income from meetings and the twice-postponed Envirun event, and increased expenses for virtual meetings, we were able to fund student scholarships and Earth Day grants as usual. All of you deserve credit for carrying this on!

I give an enthusiastic round of applause to our 2020-21 Board of Directors, the Annual Seminar Directors, and "Board adjacent" volunteers for all of the work that the new circumstances required! Everyone did a lot of creative thinking. I feel that we did our best to honor the Core Purpose of A&WMA, "to improve environmental knowledge and decisions by providing a neutral forum for exchanging information." I am so grateful that we could continue to serve our role in educating and supporting each other, and in helping industry and business thrive in WNY.

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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 over 10 years ago. If you have any questions or changes you would like to see, please contact Mark Hans at (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.

People on the Move**Mark Hans and Mike Emery**

“People on the Move” is an article/announcement celebrating friends and members of the A&WMA who have recently been promoted, retired, or had a job status change. Changes in job status (that we are aware of) include:

- * **John Atkinson** was recently named the first Scott and Coleen Stevens Chair in Engineering Sustainability at SUNY @ Buffalo. John will focus on enhancing the educational program and growing engineering sustainability research.
- * **Anthony Lopes** retired from the DEC Environmental Remediation Program.
- * **Nancy Loster** retired from the DEC Materials Management Program.
- * **Taylor Monnin** was recently hired as an engineer at Benchmark Environmental Engineering & Science, PLLC.
- * **Stanley Radon** was promoted to the Regional Geologist in DEC’s Buffalo Office. He oversees aspects of the Regional Environmental Quality programs.
- * **Brian Sadowski** retired from the DEC Environmental Remediation Program.
- * **Paul Werthman** has retired after a long career as an engineer and owner of Benchmark Turnkey. He has worked on the former Bethlehem Steel site since 2004 and will continue to consult on activities associated with the site.
- * **Mary Padasak** has recently left Encorus Group and started a new job with General Mills.

If you have changed jobs, gotten a promotion or retired, let us know. Information can be sent to Kevin Sullivan (newsletter editor) at ksullivan@trccompanies.com.

2022 A&WMA-NFS Annual Seminar**Patrick Martin and Mike Hecker**

The 2021 Annual Seminar, cohosted by A&WMA-NFS and BAPG, was held on June 8 and 9, 2021 as a virtual event. It consisted of two half day sessions with an in-person social hour on June 9 at the Hofbräuhaus in Buffalo. Approximately 80 people registered for the event. Since the seminar was virtual, we attracted several attendees from outside WNY including registrants from New Jersey, Virginia and California.

Our keynote speaker was Brian Higgins who is the U.S. Representative of New York’s 36th Congressional District. He provided us with an overview of several issues that are of interest to those of us in WNY. The remaining presentations covered a wide-range of current topics, which were well received. The money raised from this annual event is used to fund scholarships for High School Seniors, College students, and teens attending NYSDEC Summer camps.

The seminar committee will be meeting shortly to determine the timing and format for the 2022 seminar. At this point we are planning for a late spring in-person event. Details will be finalized in the next few weeks. If you have any thoughts or feedback regarding the seminar, whether relative to last year’s event or planning for the upcoming seminar, please contact either Patrick Martin (ptmartin@golder.com) or Mike Hecker (mhecker@hodgsonruss.com).

Membership

Mark Hans

Currently we have over 90 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	\$35
Local Affiliate Member [Full-Time College Student]	\$10
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.
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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](#).

Message from the Past Chair (cont’d)

Kathy Moguel

I am delighted that we are able to hold in-person meetings again, at least for the time being! I’ve missed talking with everyone. There is no substitute for the networking and informal exchange of ideas and solutions that occur at our meetings, and I encourage you all to jump back in as soon as you can!.

Thank you, and BE WELL! Kathy Moguel



NYSDEC Regulatory Update**Mike Emery****DEC ANNOUNCES NEW REGULATIONS
TO IMPROVE FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING AND PREVENT FOOD WASTE**

Earlier in 2021, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced the adoption of final regulations to implement New York's Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law. The law and implementing regulations are a critical step in addressing contributors to climate change and assisting those in need by supporting the donation of quality food. The regulations require large generators of food scraps to donate wholesome food to the maximum extent practicable, helping New Yorkers struggling with food insecurity by increasing the amount and variety of food available through relief organizations across the State. The Law takes effect on January 1, 2022.

The regulations implement the 2019 Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law's requirements for all designated food scrap generators to donate excess edible food and send food scraps to an organics recycler if one is available within 25 miles of the generator. The resulting increase in food donation will help New Yorkers in need and create jobs to assist the not-for-profits that handle food donations. The law also requires generators to recycle food scraps by using organics recyclers (composting facilities, etc.) to reduce the amount of food scraps that would otherwise end up in landfills and ultimately produce methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Composting facilities and other organics recyclers produce beneficial organic soil conditioners that are needed to improve the quality of poor soils and reduce erosion.

DEC's regulations define a food scrap generator as an entity that generates an annual average of two tons of food scraps or more per week at a single location. These entities include, but are not limited to, supermarkets, food service businesses such as restaurants, higher education institutions, hotels, food processors, correctional facilities, and sports or entertainment venues. New York City, hospitals, nursing homes, adult care facilities, and elementary and secondary schools are exempt.

The regulations also detail requirements to donate excess food and recycle food scraps if an organics facility is available, as well as annual reporting. In addition, the regulations include a temporary waiver provision for generators that demonstrate a need to be excluded from certain requirements, such as a lack of food scraps transporters nearby. The regulations also outline requirements that apply to transporters, transfer facilities, landfills, and combustion facilities to ensure that once the food scraps are separated by the generator, they are ultimately recycled and not disposed.

The full and final regulations can be found at: www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/123537.html

Americans waste about 25 percent of the food we purchase. We waste food by not preparing it before it goes bad and by not eating all the food we do prepare. There are multiple consequences for wasting food:

- Most of our wasted food ends up in a landfill where methane gas is generated as it decomposes in the absence of air. Methane, a potent greenhouse gas, contributes to climate change.
- Wasting food wastes resources. Growing, packaging, transporting and refrigerating food uses labor, water, energy, and other inputs. When we waste food, we also waste these resources.
- In addition to the environmental impacts and the waste resources, financial resources are wasted. The value of uneaten food per US household is almost \$1000 per year.

For more information about how to reduce household food waste, go to: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/98102.html.

Monthly Meeting Announcement

Christa Bucior

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
Thursday October 7, 2021



AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
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NIAGARA FRONTIER SECTION

MANY ASPECTS OF GREENHOUSE GAS REPORTING –
LINDE EXAMPLE



Speakers: Dave Copeland PE QEP, Linde Inc.
Meeting Location: The Tewksbury Lodge, 249 Ohio Street, Buffalo

Social Hour: 5:30 - 6:30 pm Dinner & Speaker: 6:30 pm

- \$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
- \$10 – PDH Credits (pending approval)

Reservations due no later than Thursday, September 29, 2021
(No cancellations accepted after this date)

RESERVATIONS: www.awmanfs.wildapricot.org awmanfs.reservations1@gmail.com

*If you have questions about reservations, please contact Taylor Monnin at (716) 856-0635

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