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Kevin Sullivan — Editor

Message from the Chair

Tim Bathory

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a great summer and I would like to be the first to welcome you back to Air & Waste Management's – Niagara Frontier Section. We have another great year ahead of us and our board members are already working hard to make the 2018/2019 season a great success.

Please join us for the first dinner meeting of the season at The Tewksbury Lodge on Thursday September 27th (see the attached meeting announcement for additional details). We have a wonderful lineup featuring NYSDEC Regional Director Abby Snyder and newly appointed Regional Engineer Christopher LaLone. In addition, the NYSDEC Program Managers will be speaking on what's new in Region 9. This promises to be a great kickoff event.

In addition to monthly dinner meetings, planning is underway for events such as our Annual Enrichment Seminar, UB Chapter Speaker Presentations and a Young Professional Outing. Please let me know if you are interested in participating or have ideas for new events, speakers, or meeting locations. Input from our members is the key to a great schedule and quality events.

I believe the success of our organization comes from our members. We're a group of hard working professionals who take great pride in our work and our history. I look back to when I first started attending A&WMA events over 15 years ago. As a young professional, dinner meetings could be a bit overwhelming, with so many new people to meet and topics being discussed, especially after a long day of work.

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Monthly Meeting Schedule

Mike Emery

SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

The [NFS-A&WMA](#) September dinner meeting will feature a panel discussion focused on a NYSDEC Region 9 Update - Meet the newer Regional Program Managers and hear what is happening in the Region.

The meeting will be held at The Tewksbury Lodge, 249 Ohio Street, Buffalo, New York, and will be followed by dinner. We expect the meeting and presentation to begin at approximately 5:30 pm. Please check the [NFS-A&WMA Website](#) for details and registration information.

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

- October 25, 2018—Sumitomo Rubber USA Facility tour, followed by dinner at the AcQua Restaurant in Buffalo.
- November 15, 2018
- Christmas Social — December 13, 2018
- Annual Seminar — January 24, 2019

Earth Day Grants**John Atkinson**

The Air & Waste Management Association – Niagara Frontier Section (A&WMA-NFS) awarded 3 Earth Day grants this year. These grants are used to promote environmental awareness through creative and impactful educational activities and community engagement efforts. Two grants were funded at \$500 each and one grant was funded at \$1,050, for a total amount of \$2,050. For more information on each project, please visit our website at <https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/2018-Earth-Day-Grant-Winners/>

This years' awardees are:

2018 Erie County Envirothon
The Green Window City Project
The Buffalo Museum of Science

2019 A&WMA Seminar**Patrick Martin and Michael Hecker**

The Seminar Committee has already met to start planning for the 2019 Annual Seminar. This year the seminar will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at Templeton Landing. Last year, we hosted 145 attendees and 12 exhibitors and we are hoping to attract a similar crowd this year. The money raised is used to fund scholarships for High School Seniors, College students and teens attending NYSDEC Summer camps.

If you are interested in helping with the conference or if you have any ideas on presentations that you would like to see, please contact either Patrick Martin (ptmartin@golder.com) or Michael Hecker (mhecker@hodgsonruss.com).

People on the Move**Mark Hans**

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

- ♦ **Michael Emery, P.E.** was promoted to the position of Regional Air Pollution Control Engineer for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in Buffalo, NY.
- ♦ **Al Carlacci, P.E.** retired from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation this past April after 38 memorable years with the DEC.
- ♦ **Mary McIntosh, PPG** was promoted to the position of Regional Spills Engineer for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in Buffalo, NY.
- ♦ **Stanley Radon** was promoted to the position of Regional Environmental Remediation Engineer for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in Buffalo, NY.
- ♦ **Michael Hecker, Esq.** was named a partner at Hodgson Russ LLP.
- ♦ **Eric Warren** was recently named Vice President of Operations for Nature's Way Environmental.

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

Membership

Mark Hans

Currently we have over 100 members in the Air & Waste Management's Niagara Frontier Section with roughly a 50/50 split between international and local affiliates. [To check membership status, please log onto the A&WMA-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 mail. Refer to the table at right for membership categories and dues.

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
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** 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 A&WMA website.

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 Development ****

April 4 of this year, the Niagara Frontier Section of A&WMA was notified that we had been selected as one of the Best Performing Chapters in Membership Development for 2017. This award recognizes the efforts put forward by our Section to recruit new members and to provide meaningful opportunities for membership to meet and exchange ideas with other professionals in the environmental field. Congratulations to all of our members for making our Section so great!

See page 7 for a copy of the Letter of Recognition!

New Members

Mark Hans

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

- ⇒ Christopher Lalone – NYSDEC, Region 9
- ⇒ Danielle Carra – Stohl Environmental, LLC

We also have two new Corporate Sponsors:

- ◇ Sumotomo Rubber USA and
- ◇ Stohl Environmental, LLC

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

Memorial Dedication—James G. Strickland

Mark Hans

James G. Strickland Memorial NYSDEC Summer Camp Scholarship

As many of you know, James Strickland passed away last January. In his memory, the Board decided to re-name the NYSDEC Summer Camp Scholarships to the James G. Strickland Memorial NYSDEC Summer Camp Scholarship. Jim worked for the NYSDEC for over 30 years and the Board thought that this would be a good way to recognize Jim's contributions to A&WMA-NFS.

The Buffalo Office of the NYSDEC collected donations in Jim's memory to purchase memorial benches that were dedicated at the Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve & Environmental Education Center located in Depew in early August. After purchasing the benches, the NYSDEC had \$1,470 remaining, which they have donated to A&WMA-NFS to help fund future James G. Strickland Memorial NYSDEC Summer Camp Scholarships. Michael Emery accepted a check from Ken Lynch, Executive Deputy Commissioner of DEC on behalf of A&WMA-NFS.



Photos from top to bottom: Benches dedicated at the Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve & Environmental Education Center in memorial of Jim Strickland. Plaque affixed to the benches. Michael Emery accepts a check from Ken Lynch, Executive Deputy Commissioner of NYSDEC on behalf of A&WMA-NFS.

Message from the Chair (cont'd)

Tim Bathory

That being said, as a new member I was welcomed with open arms and always got something of value out of each event. That something might have been a great conversation with someone during social hour or a piece of knowledge gained from a presentation. Regardless, I always drove home with a sense of satisfaction. I hope this rings true for you and I look forward to another great year.

Thank You,

Tim Bathory

Scholarships

John Atkinson

The Air & Waste Management Association – Niagara Frontier Section (A&WMA-NFS) awarded 3 Dave Sauer High School Scholarships and 4 College Scholarships. A total of \$4,500 was awarded at the May Awards dinner.

Dave Sauer High School Scholarships

College scholarships were given to high school seniors in memory of Dave Sauer, a well-respected local environmental professional who was very active in A&WMA. This years' awardees were:

- Nathaniel Fox (\$500 Scholarship)
Nathaniel was a senior at Wilson high School. He plans on attending Clarkson University to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering or Physics.
- Keegan O'Neill (\$750 Scholarship)
Keegan is a senior at City Honors School. He plans on attending SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry to study conservation biology.
- Jude Sabato (\$500 Scholarship)
Jude is a senior at City Honors School. He plans on attending SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry to study Biochemistry.

College Scholarships

A scholarship was awarded to the following students currently enrolled in college:

- Christopher Allan (\$500 Scholarship)
Christopher is expected to graduate in 2018 from the State University of New York at Buffalo (UB) with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering.
- Kennedy Copeland (\$500 Scholarship)
Kennedy is expected to graduate in 2019 from The College at Brockport with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health.
- Audrey Filey (\$500 Scholarship)
Audrey is expected to graduate in 2019 from the State University of New York at Buffalo (UB) with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.
- Gwendolyn Webster (\$500 Scholarship)
Gwendolyn is expected to graduate from Ohio University in 2019 with a Bachelor of Science in Geography-Meteorology and Environmental Geology.



From left to right – Eric Warren, Gwendolyn Webster and John Atkinson

Envirun**Mike Emery and Dharma Iyer****28th Annual Envirun**

The 2018 Envirun was another great success! A huge thank you goes out to our sponsors, volunteers, and runners. Sponsors included Praxair, Nature's Way, Modern Corporation, Republic Services, Iyer Environmental Group PLLC, Waste Management, Covanta, Empire Stack Testing, The Knoer Group, Pinto Construction Services, Ravi Engineering, Paradigm Environmental Services, Excelsior Orthopedics, BFC Print Network, Damon & Morey LLP, James Desiderio, EP&S of Vermont, Great Lakes E&S



Consultants, SJB Services Inc., OSEA, Waste Technology Services, Watts Architecture & Engineering and Troyer Farms.

201 runners participated. The first place male was Matt Melnik of Vancouver, British Columbia with a time of 18:14 minutes. The first place female was Jennifer Liaros from Lancaster with a time of 22:22 minutes.

We are looking for worthwhile environmental organizations to consider awarding the Envirun proceeds too. Please forward any suggestions along with a recommendation and contact information to Mike Emery at awmanfssecretary@gmail.com or Dharma Iyer at ieg-pllc@aol.com.

ENVIRUN '18 is tentatively scheduled for:

Saturday, April 27, 2019 - watch [our website](#) for details.

(additional photos on P. 8)

New Name Badges for International Members**Hal Pierce**

As an added perk for International Members, all of your Name badges are being converted from the former Clip or Pin Style to a new Magnetic format. The magnets are placed in a shirt pocket and behind a blouse for easy attachment. Look for them at the next meeting.

Membership Development (cont'd)**Mark Hans**

April 4, 2018

Eric Warren, Chair
(Niagara Frontier Section of A&WMA)
Nature's Way Environmental
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Dear Eric:

We are pleased to advise you that your local unit has been selected to receive recognition as one of the Best Performing Chapters in Membership Development for 2017. We will announce this achievement at the Section and Chapters Council meeting in June and your award will appear in the A&WMA Sections and Chapters Council newsletter, the Conduit, later this year.

With this Award, your Chapter is authorized to use the Membership Recognition Award logo on your unit's website, correspondence, and other communications for calendar year 2017. Contact Membership Chair, Jim Walker (james.walker@cmsenergy.com) to get an electronic copy of the color logo in a format you prefer. Please complete the attached form and email it to Jim Walker's attention by April 25th. This will allow us to share the best practices that have been successful with your Chapter with other Sections and Chapters at the upcoming Leadership Training Academy.

The strength of A&WMA has always been the dedication of its members and volunteer leaders, and we appreciate your efforts to increase membership engagement as it benefits the entire association.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Chris Nelson
A&WMA President - 2018

cc: S. Glyptis
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Envirun (cont'd)

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