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Message from the Chair

Colin Casey

End of a Decade

As we wrap up another decade and reflect on our personal and professional development and set goals for the future, we look to the decade ahead in anticipation of the changes to environmental policy on both international and local scales. As environmental professionals in industry and government, we will all be affected by these changes, but also have the unique opportunity to help shape the future. Ten years from now, I hope we are able to look back on years of progress and smart leadership in our environmental stewardship goals.

The Annual Enrichment Seminar will be held on Thursday, January 23rd at Templeton Landing. We have a full slate of educational sessions on subjects ranging from brownfields to due diligence, highlighted by an update from Mark Lowery, Assistant Director of NYSDEC Office of Climate Change. Mr. Lowery's keynote address will supplement the excellent briefing on new air regulations we received at our November dinner meeting from Rob Sliwinski, Assistant Division Director of NYSDEC Division of Air Resources. Albany has set ambitious targets to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions, and we learned how these goals will impact not only our industrial activity and permitting, but our personal lives as well.

All proceeds from the Seminar help fund the environmental scholarships for local high school and college students pursuing education and a career in the environmental field. Thank you to the seminar committee and all sponsors for making this a can't-miss year in and year out.

Other highlights from the first few months of this year's program included..... (Cont'd on p. 8)

Envirun

Mike Emery and Mary Padasak

The 30th running of the Envirun 5K will take place on Saturday April 25, 2020 on Goat Island at Niagara Falls State Park along the beautiful and majestic Niagara River. We are excited to return to Goat Island after 4 years at Whirlpool State Park, while improvements were made at Goat Island. This event is put on by our A&WMA Section to raise funds for local worthwhile environmental causes. To make the run a success we depend on volunteers from

the Section and sponsors. Sponsorship opportunities are available on the [Envirun webpage](#). If you can volunteer or sponsor the race please contact Mary Padasak at mpadasak@encorus.com or (716)-592-3980 ext 144. This is a fun event on a Saturday morning to attend with family – so please mark it on your calendar and plan to attend. Registration is open and is available on our website (<https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/Envirun>).



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

NYSDEC James G. Strickland Memorial Environmental Education Summer Camp Scholarships: AWMA-NFS will be awarding up to 13 scholarships to attend a week at a DEC summer camp worth \$350 each. Successful candidates must be of age (11 to 17 years-old) by December 1, 2020 and express interest in attend camp through a one-page essay. Applications are no longer being accepted for 2020. Please stay tuned for award announcements.

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 27, 2020. See page 9 for Earth Day Grant follow-up from Wild Spirit Education.....

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 10, 2020.

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.

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People on the Move**Mark Hans**

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

- ⇒ **Jennifer Dougherty, Esq.** transferred from the Buffalo DEC Office to Schenectady DEC Office (Region 4) in January 2020.
- ⇒ **Paul Kranz** retired in May 2019 from the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning as an Associate Engineer (Environmental Compliance). Paul had worked there for 30 years.
- ⇒ **John Hood** was hired at the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning as Chief Environmental Compliance Specialist. He has similar responsibilities as Paul Kranz had.
- ⇒ **Richard Rink** retired from the NYSDEC Buffalo office in December. Rick worked in the Division of Water for over 36 years.
- ⇒ **Eric Warren** has accepted a position at Benchmark TurnKey as a Project Manager in May.
- ⇒ **Andrea Caprio** was recently promoted to Professional Engineer 2 in the Buffalo DEC Office. She will be responsible for the Division of Environmental Remediation's South Section.

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.

Seminar

Mike Hecker and Patrick Martin



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**2020
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**KEYNOTE
SPEAKER**

Mark D. Lowery
Assistant Director, NYSDEC Office of Climate Change

January 23, 2020
Templeton Landing
2 Templeton Terrace Buffalo, NY

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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 Program**Mike Hecker and Patrick Martin****2020 Annual Seminar for Environmental Professionals****NIAGARA FRONTIER
SECTION****PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

Thursday, January 23, 2020

7:30 - 8:20.....Registration/Exhibits - Continental Breakfast - Exhibits

8:20 - 8:30.....Welcome and Opening Remarks

8:30 – 9:30 **SESSION I *****"Chemical, Physical and
Cyber Security Safeguards"****Michael Spencer**, Department of Homeland Security9:30 - 10:00..... **Exhibits/Coffee Break**

Sponsored by: Hodgson Russ LLP

10:00 – 11:00 **SESSION II *****"City of Buffalo—Review of Current Brown-
field Opportunity Areas"****Christopher Baure, AICP**,
BOA Coordinator, NYSDOS**Nadine Marrero, AICP**,
Director of Planning, City of Buffalo11:00 – 12:00 **SESSION III *****"Updates to Resource Conservation and
Recovery Act (RCRA) Regulations"****Thomas Killeen, P.E.**, New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation12:00 - 12:30..... **Lunch Break**

Sponsored by: Empire Stack Testing

12:00 — 1:30 **Key Note Speaker****KEYNOTE ADDRESS *****New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation****Mark D. Lowery****Assistant Director, Office of Climate Change**

Sponsored by: GHD

1:30 – 2:30 **SESSION IV * +****"Energy Siting and Regulatory
Considerations"****Peter Ross, Esq.**,
Hodgson Russ LLP2:30 - 3:00..... **Exhibits/Coffee Break**

Sponsored by: Hodgson Russ LLP

3:00 – 4:00 **SESSION V * +****"Environmental Due Diligence Horror Sto-
ries and How to Avoid Them"****Adam Zebrowski**, Director of Environmental Due Dili-
gence, LaBella Associates, D.P.C**Mindy Zoghlin, Esq.**, The Zoghlin Group, PLLC4:00 - 5:00 **Social Hour** Sponsored by: NW Contracting

* 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**Mark Hans**

Currently we have over 114 members in the Air & Waste Management's Niagara Frontier Section with roughly a 25/75 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	* Corporate Sponsor includes an International Membership for one person and a local affiliate membership for a second person.
Local Affiliate Member [Full-Time College Student]	\$11	
International Member	\$195	** 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.
International Member [Young Professional - 35 or younger]	\$98	
International Member [Full-Time College Student]	\$35	
Corporate Sponsor*	\$325	
Web Sponsor**	\$500	

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](#).

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 2019-2020 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 retire-dominic@yahoo.com or Paul Van Kerkhove at Paul.Vankerkhove@ghd.com.

<i>Category</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>
Administration	\$ 0	\$ 4,000
Education*	\$ 0	\$ 11,450
Environ*	\$ 9,000	\$ 6,000
Membership	\$ 6,500	\$ 4,000
Program (dinner meetings)	\$ 8,400	\$ 9,400
Seminar	\$ 15,000	\$ 7,500
Total	\$ 37,600	\$ 42,600

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

William A. Faust Award

Patrick Martin

The William A. Faust Award was established in 1993 by the Air & Waste Management Association, Niagara Frontier Section, to recognize a member for distinguished service and outstanding contributions to our Section.

Our 2019 honoree was Paul Kranz. Paul has been an active contributor for over 25 years on behalf of the Niagara Frontier Section. His dedicated service began in the early 90's, and he has been a driving force for one of our cornerstone events since its inception. Paul started the Environ when he was involved in AIChE in 1991 to coincide with Earth Day. When A&WMA decided to continue sponsoring the event, Paul stuck with it and worked with A&WMA to make it the success it has been since its inception. This ongoing service is squarely in the tradition of our highly dedicated past Faust Award winners who are always ready and willing to do the hard work that goes on behind the scenes. This is what makes this organization so successful where members take a leadership role whenever called upon.

Paul grew up in western New York and received a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the University at Buffalo in 1980, and his MBA in 1986. He is also a licensed Professional Engineer in NY. He began working at Union Carbide and then took positions at West Valley and Velzy/CRA until 1989 when he joined the Erie County Department of Environment & Planning, where he remained for 30 years until his retirement earlier this year.



Paul Kranz (left) with Dominic Buccilli (right)



Paul and his wife, Diane, have been married for 35 years and have three successful, adult children. Paul has been a volunteer fireman for over 35 years and an EMT for most of that time as well.

Paul was recognized at our October 24, 2019 dinner meeting.

Current and Previous Faust Award winners (from left to right): Dominic Buccilli, Paul VanKerkhove, Paul Kranz, Patrick Filey, Robert Knoer, Hal Pierce, and David Copeland.

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:

- ◆ Michael Chevalier – ALS Environmental Labs
- ◆ Pam Cook – Sumitomo Rubber USA
- ◆ Brian Downie – Saint-Gobain
- ◆ John Hood – Erie County Department of Environment and Planning
- ◆ Gerald Kessler – Martech Controls Div. Safety Inc.
- ◆ Colin Knoer – The Knoer Group LLP
- ◆ Richard Rink – NYSDEC-Retired
- ◆ Jeffrey Stravino – Hodgson Russ LLP

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

Future City Competition**Hal Pierce**

This year's Future City competition was held on January 11. Our Judges were: Rick Allen, John Banaszak, Kathy Moguel and Hal Pierce. The City that was chosen for the AWMA-NFS "Pollution Prevention Award" 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",

The city was located in Africa in a very high-humidity jungle setting, and daily dense fog. The city hung wires, which



they called Fog Harps, which allowed condensation to be collected in reservoirs along with water from underground streams. Collected water was drained into sedimentation basins where the clean Biomass was separated and used for Fertilizer, and the Dirty Biomass was Incinerated to generate fuel.

The city featured multiple power sources including wind, solar (with an array of moveable mirrors), tidal, and wave power, and it also recycled sanitary and grey water for use in agriculture and landscaping.

Their model was very attractive and the team was extremely knowledgeable and worked together well.

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.

DECinfo Locator**Mike Emery**

DEC Launches New '[DECinfo Locator](#)' to Increase Transparency and Access to Data and Reports

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced on July 24, 2019 the launch of [DECinfo Locator](#), an interactive map that provides access to DEC documents and public data about New York's environment and outdoor recreation resources. This first-of-its-kind DEC mapping application generates results specific to locations across the state, including water and air permits, enforcement actions, recreational assets, environmental education facilities, and sites in the State Superfund and Brownfield Cleanup programs. DECinfo Locator may be an alternative to Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request.

"DEC created this platform to make information about New York's environment accessible to everyone," said Commissioner Seggos. "For the first time, the public can use [DECinfo Locator](#) to generate maps to check out both their favorite fishing location and learn about water quality. From viewing permits to searching for state land regulations, DEC's new tool provides transparency to our work and helps New Yorkers better understand the full breadth of DEC's work protecting the environment and our communities."

With more than 50 interactive data layers, [DECinfo Locator](#) lets users see and download permits, former industrial site cleanup plans, water quality reports, and more based on where they live, work, or play. Selecting a map feature can bring up links to database records for petroleum bulk storage facilities, oil wells, or permitted mines. Users can also view potential environmental justice areas and Climate Smart Communities or find out what local wastewater facilities are doing to reduce their impact on New York's waterbodies. Several information layers can be active at the same time, allowing users to see the many ways DEC is working to protect and enhance the state's environment and recreational opportunities. A list of the interactive layers with descriptions is available at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/117231.html>

The map's Near Me feature lets users narrow data results by creating an interactive list of data points within an area of up to 10 miles from a selected point. In addition to environmental quality information, users can explore new places for recreation such as hiking, cross-country skiing, or mountain biking, or look up the rules for a nearby Wildlife Management Area. The public can also download Unit Management Plans for state forests, access a web page with details about allowed uses on a nearby Conservation Easement or find a DEC campground and see photos of individual campsites (where available).

Message from the Chair (cont'd)**Colin Casey**

an update on Part 360 Revisions and a tour of North Tonawanda's Waste Water Treatment Plant. This spring, we will tour the DuPont plant, review Part 212 Air Toxics and DAR-1, and discuss the state of recycling in Erie County. We encourage all to spread the word and bring new and prospective members to keep our community growing.

On April 25, the 30th annual Envirun will make its triumphant return to the Goat Island race course in Niagara Falls. Thank you to all who have helped keep this going for thirty years.

We wish everyone a safe and sustainable decade ahead. Thank You!

Education, Scholarships, & Grants (cont'd)**Peter Grasso*****Wild Spirit Education***

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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for the generous grant funding for our Nocturnal Programming. We have recently completed the programming associated with the grant and feel that it was a great success. We couldn't have done it without the generosity of the funds you granted to our organization. We look forward to working with you again in the future.

In the spring of this year we held a crepuscular walk at Knox Farm state park where a Wild Spirit naturalist led a group of 15 people through the park at dusk to explore the wildlife getting ready for the evening business.

During the summer we held two bug nights. One was held at the Wild Spirit headquarters while the other was held on the Historic Roycroft Campus in East Aurora. We had approximately 20 people at each of these events.

Also during the summer we held an owl prowl at the Turkey Run Golf Course in Arcade. Although we had to cancel the actual prowl due to weather, we did have a program with our non-releasable owls. This was attended by 45 people.

Our final program was a saw-whet owl bird banding session which was attended by 10 people. Although we only caught one owl, everyone seemed to enjoy the evening and enjoyed learning about the owls.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Paul Fehringer
Executive Director

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