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Peter Grasso — Editor

Message from the Chair

Peter Grasso

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday Season and was able to spend time with family and friends. What a difference a year makes! Having no snow (or blizzard) this year made for easy travel.

The first major event for our Section this year will be our Annual Enrichment Seminar on January 25th at Templeton Landing. The Seminar Committee has a great line-up prepared, so please join us on January 25th for this can't miss event.

It is that time of year when the Board begins to plan for next year. A few of our Officer positions and 3 Director positions are open for election. I encourage you to consider getting involved in the Board and help plan next year's program. We are always looking for suggestions for meeting topics or tours for new and innovative ideas to keep our members engaged and to encourage new members to join. For all you young professionals – I encourage you to get involved in AWMA. From personal experience, the benefits received from getting involved in AWMA, both professionally and personally, far outweigh the time and effort that is required. If you are an Environmental Professional in WNY – this is the organization for you!

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Monthly Meeting Schedule

JANUARY 2024 ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

The [A&WMA-NFS](#) annual enrichment seminar will be held at Templeton Landing on **Thursday, January 25, 2024**. Again this year, the seminar will be co-sponsored with the Buffalo Association of Professional Geologists.

See page 10 of this newsletter for more information.

Register [HERE](#).

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

- February 22, 2024 — Niagara Power Vista
- March 21, 2024 — Dinner Meeting, TBD
- April 25, 2024 — Dinner Meeting, TBD
- May 23, 2024 — Dinner Meeting, TBD

Please visit the website for updates on the Monthly Meeting schedule.

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

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

- ⇒ **Krysta Cione** – accepted a job at Atlantic Testing Laboratories in Hamburg, New York as a project manager, where she will be managing subsurface investigations, Phase I and II site assessments, and hazardous materials survey and abatement projects.
- ⇒ **Charlotte Clark** – has been promoted to Senior Engineer I with Roux Environmental Engineering and Geology, D.P.C.
- ⇒ **Marcia Ladiana** - retired after a successful career at the New York State DEC. She worked in the Division of Air Resources.
- ⇒ **Kevin Glaser** - retired from the New York State DEC. He was a construction inspector primarily for remedial projects.
- ⇒ **Derick Dietrich** - accepted a position with the New York State DEC's Division of Materials Management. He will support the ever-growing work with radioactive contamination and the West Valley Demonstration Project.
- ⇒ **Michael Reubens** - accepted a position with the New York State DEC's Division of Air Resources (DAR). He will be working on permits, inspections, enforcement and climate projects.
- ⇒ **Craig Taylor** - accepted a position with the New York State DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER), where he will be working on Brownfield and Superfund sites.

If you have changed jobs, gotten a promotion or retired, let us know. Information can be sent to Peter Grasso (newsletter editor) at pxgrasso@gmail.com.

Envirun 5K 2024**Mary Padasak**

The A&WMA NFS is looking forward to the 32nd running of the Envirun 5k on Saturday April 20, 2024 on Goat Island at Niagara Falls State Park. Come run with us along the beautiful Niagara River, then stay for the after-party and explore America's oldest State Park!

We are always looking for volunteers for helping with ideas, organization, and volunteering, so don't be shy. Prior experience is not required, just an interest in helping to continue to raise money for environmental grants and spread environmental awareness around WNY.

If you would like to join our planning committee, please let me know at awmaenvirun5k@gmail.com or (716) 462-9105. Also, we are looking to find a cause or program to receive a grant with some of the proceeds for this event. If you know of a worthy environmental program in the WNY area, please send some information to me and I will share with the committee. Let's keep improving the WNY environment!

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:

Christine Barton – Sumitomo Rubber USA, LLC

Bryan Cirbus – SUNY @ Buffalo; Student Representative

Charlotte Clark – Roux Environmental Engineering & Geology, D.P.C.

Amy Conley – Heritage Environmental Services

Alexander Emmerson – Buffalo Sewer Authority

Craig Jaskier - NOCO Energy Corp

John Katalinas – GHD

Diana Konik – Phillips Lytle LLP

Marcia Ladiana – NYSDEC Retired

Deborah Lakas – Chapin

Ferris Marone - Linde, PLC

Kyle Nichter – ECC/UB - Student Representative

Bryan Zurowski - NOCO Energy Corp

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

We would like to welcome **NOCO Energy Corp** as a Corporate Sponsor. We would also like to welcome back **GHD** and **Sumitomo Rubber USA, LLC** as a Corporate Sponsors.



Membership

Kathy Moguel

Currently we have over 85 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 [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 Kathy Moguel at awmanfsmembership@gmail.com.

A list of current membership can be found on the [AWMS-NFS website](#).

Recycling Corner

Mark Hans

Did you know that in 2019, NYS amended Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) Article 27 by adding a new Title 20? Under the amended law, architectural paint producers, who sell paint in New York State, need to implement a postconsumer paint collection program, either individually or cooperatively with other producers.

In January 2022, the DEC granted a conditional approval to PaintCare, Inc. to implement a New York Paint Stewardship Program Plan in New York State. As part of the plan, collection sites accept up to five gallons of paint from each customer, and some sites may accept more. Those planning to drop off paint are encouraged to call ahead to ensure the site can accept the amount and type of paint they want to recycle and confirm the site's hours of operation.

To find out more about this program, please see the PaintCare [press release](#). To find a place to drop off your paint, [click here](#).



MLK Day of Service 2024**Peter Grasso**

Monarch of Infinite Possibilities (MIP) (www.monarchofip.com) was a recipient of a \$500 AWMA-NFS 2023 Earth Day Grant. This organization, established in 2020 in Buffalo, NY connects decision makers that engage with black, brown, and indigenous people of color and the faith-based community around the environment and the arts. The grant is being used to help fund a National MLK Day of Service event in Buffalo on January 15, 2024. All interested in volunteering can sign up at www.michiganstreetbuffalo.org/mlk-sites. This is the 4th year MIP and the Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor have organized this local MLK Day of Service event.



Martin Luther King Jr.
DAY OF SERVICE
dr **2024** *jr*

Join the Monarch of Infinite Possibilities LLC and the Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor for our fourth annual MLK Day of Service!

Durham Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church
 200 E Eagle St, Buffalo, NY 14204

January 15th
 Volunteer Check-In **7:45-8am**
 Service Site Step Off **8:45am**

Compass East Parking Lot available:
 (entering from Clinton and Michigan)

FOR MORE INFORMATION
info@michiganstreetbuffalo.org

bit.ly/mlkservice2024 **REGISTER NOW**

Logos on the right side of the poster include: Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor, Air & Waste Management Association, MLK Day of Service, NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), and Monarch of Infinite Possibilities.

Three circular photos show groups of people participating in the event, and a larger circular photo of Martin Luther King Jr. is at the bottom right.

A QR code is located at the bottom right, with the text "bit.ly" below it.

Education, Scholarships & Grants**Lori Riker**

NYSDEC James G. Strickland Memorial Environmental Education Summer Camp Scholarships: This year new summer camp scholarships to attend DEC summer camps will not be offered. Scholarship winners from last year which were not able to attend camp due to limited openings (caused by staff shortages) will have an opportunity to attend camp in the summer of 2024. The NYSDEC Environmental Education Summer Camp scholarships are a \$350 value. The opportunity provides children ages 11-17 a week-long adventure learning about ecology and the environment while enjoying various outdoor activities like archery, hiking, fishing, swimming, and canoeing. Campers can attend camp at one of four beautiful camps in Allegany County, the southern Catskills, and the Adirondacks. Hopefully we will be able to offer additional scholarships in 2025.

Earth Day Grants: AWMA will be awarding up to six Earth Day grants worth \$500 each to celebrate Earth Day 2024. Successful Earth Day Grant applicants should clearly describe how their proposed activities will promote environmental awareness in the WNY community. Applications are due by **Friday, March 22, 2024** and are available at the NFS-AWMA [website](#).

High School and College Scholarships: AWMA 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 **Friday, April 5, 2024**. For more information on these opportunities, please visit the Education section of our website at the NFS-AWMA [website](#) or contact the Education Director, Lori Riker, at awmanfs.education@gmail.com.

Corporate Sponsors**Mark Hans**

We would like to thank our Corporate Sponsors for their continued support of our organization. The money provided through our corporate sponsorship program is used to help fund our various scholarships. A list of our current Corporate Sponsors follows:

- ⇒ **Alpha Analytical** (<https://alphalab.com>) is a full service analytical laboratory with offices located throughout the Northeast. The local office is in Tonawanda. For more information, please contact Pat Filey (pfiley@alphalab.com).
- ⇒ **CADEX of Western NY** (<http://cadex.net/>) supplies industrial equipment, focusing on environmental and waste issues. For more information, please contact Will Wilesovich (will@cadex.com).
- ⇒ **C&S Companies** (<https://www.cscos.com/>) is national consulting firm which offers a wide range of services. They have a local office in Buffalo. For more information, please contact Dan Riker (driker@cscos.com).
- ⇒ **Glenn Springs Holdings, Inc.** (<https://www.oxy.com/>) is part of OXY and they are responsible for maintenance of the former OXY waste sites in Western New York. For more information, please contact Timothy Bathory (timothy.bathory@oxy.com).

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Message from the Chair (Continued)**Peter Grasso**

As a member of the NYSDEC Division of Materials Management, I also encourage you to review the planning efforts the Department has recently completed. In December 2023 the 2023-2032 New York State Solid Waste Management Plan was finalized, a milestone in the State's ongoing efforts to ensure New York is at the forefront of rethinking waste. The *New York State Solid Waste Management Plan: Building the Circular Economy through Sustainable Materials Management* is a 10-year plan that describes actions to reduce the climate impact of solid waste and provides direction for New York's waste reduction, reuse, recycling, collection, transportation, and disposal investments, policies, and practices over the next decade. The Plan intends to guide actions over the next decade, from the beginning of 2023 to the end of 2032, and builds upon the State's 2010 Beyond Waste Plan.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year & hope that 2024 is a sustainable year! – Peter Grasso



Corporate Sponsors (Continued)**Mark Hans**

- ⇒ **GHD** (<https://www.ghd.com/en-us>) is a global, multidisciplinary professional services network providing clients with integrated solutions across digital, engineering, environmental, design and construction. The local office is in Niagara Falls. For more information, please contact Paul Van Kerkhove (paul.vankerkhove@ghd.com).
- ⇒ **Hodgson Russ LLP** (<https://www.hodgsonruss.com/>) is a legal firm with offices along the eastern seaboard. Their local office is in Buffalo. For more information, please contact Michael Hecker (mhecker@hodgsonruss.com).
- ⇒ **The Knoer Group** (<http://knoergroup.com/>) is a local law firm located in Buffalo. For more information, please contact Robert Knoer (rknoer@knoergroup.com).
- ⇒ **Linde, PLC** (<https://www.linde.com/>) is a leading global industrial gases and engineering company. They have a local office in Tonawanda. For more information, please contact David Copeland (dave.copeland@linde.com).
- ⇒ **The LiRo Group** (<https://www.liro.com/>) is an integrated construction, design, and technology solutions firm with offices located throughout the northeast. They have a local office in Buffalo. For more information, please contact Robert Kreuzer (kreuzerr@liro.com).
- ⇒ **Modern Corporation** (<https://www.moderncorporation.com/>) is a local waste and recycling management company. They are located in Model City. For more information, please contact Alan Davis (adavis@modern-corp.com).
- ⇒ **NOCO Energy Corp.** (<https://noco.com>) is at the forefront of energy innovation. NOCO's products and services include renewable energy and clean-air solutions, bioproducts, natural gas, electric, propane, heating oil, commercial fuels, HVAC, used oil and fluid waste recycling. They are headquartered in Tonawanda. For more information, please contact Bryan Zurowski (bzurowski@noco.com).
- ⇒ **Phillips Lytle LLP** (<https://phillipslytle.com/>) is a legal firm with offices along the eastern seaboard. Their local office is in Buffalo. For more information, please contact Lindsey Haubenreich (lhaubenreich@phillipslytle.com).
- ⇒ **Roux Environmental Engineering and Geology, D.P.C.** (<http://www.rouxinc.com/>), formerly Benchmark-TurnKey Companies, is a licensed professional engineering company that provides comprehensive civil and environmental engineering services including regulatory compliance support, site investigations, remediation and infrastructure construction, and environmental and site management services. Roux is located in Lackawanna. For more information, please contact Lori Riker (lriker@rouxinc.com).
- ⇒ **Sumitomo Rubber USA, LLC** (<https://sumitomorubber-usa.com/>) manufactures a wide range of automotive tires in the US and internationally. Their facility in Tonawanda, produces over 4 million tires annually for a variety of applications such as passenger cars, trucks, buses and motorcycles. For more information, please contact Joe Hinkle (joseph_hinkle@sumitomorubber-usa.com).
- ⇒ **Watts Architecture & Engineers** (<https://watts-ae.com/>) offers a wide range of architecture and engineering services. They are located in Buffalo. For more information, please contact Kevin Janik (kjanik@watts-ae.com).
- ⇒ **WSP** (<https://www.wsp.com/en-us>) is a worldwide, multi-sector consulting company. Their local office is in Amherst. For more information, please contact Bruce Wattle (bruce.wattle@wsp.com).

Young Professionals Outing

Taylor Monnin

On Tuesday, September 19th the AWMA-NFS Young Professionals and Phillips Lytle LLP hosted a Bison game event at Sahlen Field. A total of 18 people attended to network and enjoy the baseball game in the Phillips Lytle suite. Not a good day for the Bisons, losing 11-8 to the Norfolk Tides.



2024 A&WMA-NFS Seminar**Mark Hans and Pat Martin**

The 2024 A&WMA-NFS Seminar will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at Templeton Landing, 2 Templeton Place, Buffalo, NY 14202. The seminar is sponsored by the Air & Waste Management Association – Niagara Frontier Section and the Buffalo Association of Professional Geologist and will run from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. Registration is now open on our [website](#). We will have five presentations and we are pursuing five PDH credits for Engineers and Geologists as well as 2 CLE credits for attorneys.

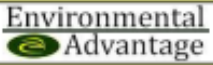
We hope to see you at the seminar. The program schedule follows:



Air & Waste Management Association
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2024 Annual Enrichment Seminar
January 25, 2024

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

TIME/EVENT	
7:30 - 8:15 Registration	Continental Breakfast & Exhibits
8:15 - 8:30 am Welcome	Welcome & Opening Remarks
PRESENTATION SCHEDULE	
8:30 - 9:30 am SESSION I *+	THE ROLE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL IN LITIGATION SUPPORT Thomas Morahan, P.G. and Jacob Zoghlin, Esq.
9:30 - 10:00 am BREAK	EXHIBITS & COFFEE BREAK Sponsor - Alliance Technical Group 
10:00 - 11:00 am SESSION II*	FOOD WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING EFFORTS IN NYS Molly Trembely, P.E., NYSDEC
11:00 - 12:00 pm SESSION III*	PFAS TREATMENT OF LANDFILL LEACHATE Will Wellsevich, CADEX
12:00 - 1:00 pm LUNCH	Lunch Sponsor: WSP USA Inc. 
1:00 - 1:30 pm KEYNOTE PANEL	CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL INDUSTRY, PRACTICE and REGULATIONS Chad Staniszewski, P.E., NYSDEC/Mike Morgante, P.E., WSP USA/Robert Knoer, Esq., The Knoer Group
1:45 - 2:45 pm SESSION IV*	WASTE TO ENERGY INCINERATORS: OPERATION, SITE OVERVIEW & RAIL-TO-INTERMODEL FACILITY Anthony Poupalos, EIT, NYSDEC
2:45 - 3:30 pm BREAK	EXHIBITS & REFRESHMENT BREAK Sponsor - Alliance Technical Group 
3:30 - 4:30 pm SESSION V*+	ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ENGINEER Henry Zomerfeld, Esq., Hodgson Russ LLP
4:30 - 5:30 pm	SOCIAL HOUR Social Hour Sponsor: HODGSON RUSS LLP 

* Professional Development Hours (PDHs) will be available for this presentation (5 PDHs available at Seminar)

+ CLE(s) will be available for this presentation. (2 CLEs available at Seminar)

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Mark Hans and Pat Martin

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