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Message from the Chair

Dave Copeland

TOP 10 REASONS WHY I GO TO AWMA-NFS DINNER MEETINGS

Lets be honest, during a busy and hectic work week one of the last things I want to do is tie up another Thursday night doing one more work related thing. So why do I do it?

While I like sitting in my chair watching my favorite TV show just as much as anyone else, here are the main reasons I go to the AWMA-NFS Dinner Meeting:

1. To see my friends.
2. To network with my peers in our profession.
3. To learn something new on a topic I know little about.
4. For those subjects that I feel I know it all, its sometimes good to confirm that I do and more often I realize, I didn't.
5. Have a good dinner at a different place.
6. Hear some bad jokes.
7. Tell some bad jokes.
8. Hear Dominic's Financial Report.
9. To be aware of other aspects of our profession we may not otherwise be exposed to in our daily jobs.
10. You never know when you may be in the hunt for a new job and you cannot wait until then to build up your network.

- Hope to see you at a meeting soon.

Annual Enrichment Seminar



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Kathleen C. Hochul, Lieutenant Governor of New York State
Buffalo's Renaissance and the Impact of the Buffalo Billion

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2016
Time: 7:30 am — 4:30 pm
Location: Templeton Landing Restaurant
2 Templeton Landing Terrace, Buffalo, NY

[Click Here for Registration Details](#)

For Enrichment Seminar Program Schedule and Details,
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UB Student Chapter**Tom Cuff**

University at Buffalo (UB) student chapter of AWMA members from left to right (with Position/Title) in photo: MaryKate Mooney (President), Rami Herzallah (Vice President), Andrew Oskowsky (Secretary), Falliou Djigal (Treasurer), William Emmett (Events Coordinator), Tom Cuff (Chapter Liaison).

UB also competes in the Garden Relax or Work (GRoW) Home challenge. This past October, UB's team and their super-efficient solar-powered home was awarded 2nd place in the United States Department of Energy's 2015 Solar Decathlon.

Membership**Timothy Bathory**

Currently we have over 100 members of Air & Waste Management's Niagara Frontier Section with roughly a 50/50 split between international and local affiliates. To check membership status please visit 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 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.

If you have any questions about becoming a member or renewing your membership please contact Tim Bathory at awmanfsmembership@gmail.com or 534-6885.

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

Annual Summary**Mark Hans****2015 – 2016 Program Year**

The 2015 – 2016 program year kicked off with our September dinner meeting at the Buffalo Transportation Pierce Arrow Museum in Buffalo, New York. The guest speaker was Thomas Gentile who gave a presentation on 6 NYCRR Part 212 – The Evaluation of Public Health & Environmental Impacts – Permitting Sources of Air Pollution from Process Operations. We had over 60 people attend this event.

The October meeting was held at the Lockport Canalside Banquet Center in Lockport, New York. Prior to the meeting, Derek Martin led us on a tour of High Tread International. High Tread processes used tires into crumb rubber.

Our November meeting was held at Portofino's Banquet Facility by Orazio's in Clarence, New York. Our guest speaker was Will Elcoate from Alpha Analytical. Will gave a presentation entitled "A Practical Review of the EPA Vapor Intrusion Guidance Update".

In December, our Holiday Social was held at the Flying Bison Brewery in Buffalo, New York. Over 30 people attended and enjoyed some good beer, an interesting tour of the facilities and spending time with their friends and associates in a casual environment.

Our [next AWMA dinner](#) meeting will be held on February 25, 2016. A presentation will be made by ALS Environmental Labs on Understanding Lab Results.

The [annual TSC meeting](#) will be held on March 16 at Salvatore's Italian Garden with a presentation on the Solar City project.

Our [April meeting](#) will be held on the 21st with a tour at University at Buffalo tentatively scheduled.

We will wrap up our 2015 – 2016 program year with the annual awards dinner on May 26. At this meeting, Tim DePriest of the NYSDEC will give us an update on the Frog Island project in the Niagara River. Click [here](#) for more details and a schedule of upcoming events.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings.

Education, Scholarships, and Grants**Eric Warren****Summer Camp**

AWMA-NFS will be sponsoring and selecting qualified candidates who sincerely want to spend a week at a NYSDEC Environmental Education Summer Camp learning about the environment. AWMA-NFS will provide the \$350 cost of the camp. Applications are due by **January 14, 2016**.

Earth Day Grants

A&WMA-NFS will be awarding one or more grants worth up to \$500 each in honor of Earth Day 2016. The purpose of the Earth Day Grant Program is to promote environmental awareness through educational activities. Applications are due by **March 1, 2016**.

School Scholarships

A&WMA-NFS will be awarding one or more scholarships to High School Seniors and College students in amounts ranging from \$500 - \$1,000. Applications are due by **April 15, 2016**.

For further information on these Scholarships and grants, please visit the [Education section of our website by clicking here](#).

Envirun**Mike Emery/Dharma Iyer****Envirun 5K - April 23, 2016 SAVE THE DATE**

The 26th Annual Envirun 5 kilometer (5K) run will be on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Whirlpool State Park, which is just north of Niagara Falls, NY along the Niagara River gorge. This is put on by the AWMA-NFS Section to raise funds for local worthwhile environmental causes. To make the event a success we depend on volunteers from the Section and sponsors. If you can volunteer or if your company would like to sponsor the race, please contact Dharma Iyer at (716) 662-4157 or Mike Emery at awmanfssecretary@gmail.com.

Registration includes a technical t-shirt and post race party with awards, food and live music. The run will be along the closed portion of the Robert Moses Parkway. For the latest information and to register for Envirun please visit our website by clicking [here](#).

People On The Move**Mark Hans**

Starting with this edition, we will be including a section in each newsletter that provides information on our members that have recently had a change in job status. 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. Recent changes that we are aware of include:

- ⇒ **John Kolaga** is now a partner at Rupp Baase Pfalzgraf Cunningham.
- ⇒ In April, **Dennis Weiss** retired from the NYSDEC after 26 years.
- ⇒ In July, **Joseph Pietro** left NRG- Huntley Power LLC to take a job with Duke Energy in Virginia.
- ⇒ In August, **Tim Bathory** left GHD to take a job with NRG – Huntley Power LLC in Tonawanda as an Environmental Specialist.
- ⇒ In October, **Paul Van Kerkhove** left Ecology and Environment to take a job with GHD.
- ⇒ In March, **Eric Warren** left Russo Development, Inc. to take a position with Nature's Way Environmental as Division Manager

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

* Professional Development Hours (PDHs) will be available for this presentation (5 PDHs available at Seminar)
+ Continuing Legal Education (CLEs) will be available for this presentation (3 CLEs available at Seminar)

7:30am - 8:30amRegistration / Exhibits / Continental Breakfast

8:30am - 8:45amWelcome & Opening Remarks

8:45am - 9:45amSESSION I*+

BUFFALO'S NEW GREEN CODE - A BLUEPRINT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Brendan R. Mehaffy, Executive Director, City of Buffalo Office of Strategic Planning

9:45am - 10:45amSESSION II*+

NEW YORK'S BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM - 2015 LEGISLATIVE REFORMS
Michael A. Lesakowski, Sr. Project Manager/Principal, Benchmark and Turnkey Companies
Steve J. Ricca, Partner, Bond Schoeneck & King, PLLC

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

11:15am - 12:15pm.....SESSION III*+

PANEL DISCUSSION: ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY - ALTERNATIVE RISK MANAGEMENT OPTIONS
Moderator: Robert Knoer, Esq., The Knoer Group
Panelists: Chris Smy, Managing Director, Global Environmental Practice Leader, Marsh USA, Inc.,
Michael Hecker, Senior Associate, Hodgson Russ, LLP

12:15pm - 1:30pm.....Lunch / Keynote

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: BUFFALO'S RENAISSANCE AND THE IMPACT OF THE BUFFALO BILLION
KATHLEEN C. HOCHUL, LEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK



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1:45pm - 2:45pm.....SESSION IV*

PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP - IT'S IMPACT ON MANUFACTURERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT
Dawn Timm, Vice Chair, New York Product Stewardship Council

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

3:00pm - 4:00pm.....SESSION V*

BETHLEHEM STEEL SITE - REMEDIATION UPDATE
Stan Radon, CPG, Geologist, New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation

4:00pm - 5:00pm.....Social Hour

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